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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, St. Edward's Parish, joyfully experience life in Christ through the celebration of the sacraments and dedicate ourselves to faith formation. Our parish is devoted to inspiring youth to become active followers of Christ. We live to promote love within the church and community according to the Gospel.



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Council #14404  
 Joe Hickey, Grand Knight  
 Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

**SAINT EDWARD FAMILY CENTER**

741 Washington Blvd.  
 Lake Odessa, MI 48849

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*Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*  
*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



**April 13, 2025**

Saint Edward Church  
 531 Jordan Lake St.  
 Lake Odessa, MI 48849

**Pastor:** Father Tom Brown  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 8 AM-2 PM

Closed Tuesdays & Fridays

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:45 AM
<b>Weekday Masses:</b>	
Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	9:00 AM
Thursday	12:10 PM
Friday	9:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 Thursday 6:30 -7:30 pm  
 or by appointment

**13 Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11  
 Lk 22:14—23:56

**14 Monday: Monday of Holy Week**

Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

**15 Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week**

Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-28

**16 Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week**

Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

**17 Thursday: Holy Thursday**

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

**18 Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 Jn 18:1—19:42

**19 Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Gn 1:1-2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c  
 Ex 14:15--15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4  
 Ps 19:8-11 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23  
 Lk 24:1-12

**20 Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23  
 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

We are all made in the image of God. This also means that we should follow his example, to try to be as much like him as we can. In his great love, before he came here, our Lord gave us St. John the Baptist to preach forgiveness of sins. St. John was preceded by many prophets who said the same things. And when Jesus came, He repeatedly told people to “Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Jesus would heal, both physically and mentally. He readily and eagerly forgave them of their sins. He told them parables illustrating his focus on forgiveness. From those who left deliberately as in the Prodigal Son to those who were simply lost as in the Man with a 100 sheep, Jesus not only called for their return but he went in search of them. Even just one. When he still had 99, he left them in search of just one. He crossed valleys and thickets, climbed mountains and spent hours and hours looking for the lost. When he finally found it, he didn’t chastise it. He didn’t drive it back with rough blows. He gently picked it up, placed it on his own shoulders and carried it back to the flock with great joy.

Let us look carefully at this. The sheep is more than just a sheep. The shepherd is more than just a shepherd. They speak to us of our lives. We should not look on the lost, deliberately or accidentally, as beyond hope. We should not abandon them when they are in danger or be slow to come to their aid. When they turn away from the right path, we must search them out and bring them back. Rejoice at their return and welcome them back into the family. Help them to change, to become holy, to lead good and productive lives.

Brotherly love, which Jesus calls us to live, lies in love of friends and enemies. Especially enemies. We are called to be like our Lord, always gentle, meek and full of peace. Jesus was “led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before the shearers, he kept silent. Even more, he prayed for them saying “Father, forgive them.” Is there any gentleness, any love, lacking in this prayer? Even more, Jesus made excuses for them. “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing!” They are sinners who are attacking Him but they have little judgment, therefore forgive them. They are nailing Him to the cross but they don’t know who it is they are nailing, therefore forgive them. They think it is an imposter, a seducer of people claiming to be God. They don’t recognize Him so forgive them.

If one seeks to love himself, he must not allow himself to be corrupted by indulging his sinful nature. If he wishes to overcome his sinfulness, he must enlarge the whole horizon of his love to contemplate the loving gentleness of our Lord. To savor brotherly love, he must extend it even to his enemies.

Let us keep the eyes of our souls always fixed on the serene patience and love of Jesus Christ.

God bless you,

Fr. Tom

### MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

Sunday, April 13, 9:45 am

+ Living & Deceased Members  
of the Walliczek Family

Monday, April 14, 9:00 am

+ Virginia Vipond (Greif Support Group)

Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 am

Saint Edward Parish

Wednesday, April 16, 9:00 am

All Priest

Thursday, April 17

**No Mass**

Friday, April 18, 3:00 pm

**Good Friday Service**

Saturday, April 19, 6:00 pm

**No Mass**

Sunday, April 20, 9:45 am

Saint Edward Parish



## Easter Sunday

#### Saints Peter and Paul Triduum Schedule

**Thursday April 17** – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Super 7pm

**Friday April 18**- Friday Services at 12 pm and 7pm (Spanish)

**Saturday April 19** – Easter Vigil 9 pm

#### **Adoration**

Thursday Evenings - 6 to 8 pm in the Church.  
April 3,10, & 24



**No Adoration on Thursday April 17**  
Adorers Schedule for April 24

6-7 pm Fredia Wernette / OPEN  
7-8 pm Anne Adams/ OPEN

Are you looking for something to do with the family for Lent? Sign up to be an adorer. Open times are 7- 8 pm on the first, third, fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month and 6-7 pm on the fourth and fifth Thursday. Prayerfully ponder, spending **one hour** a month in adoration of our Lord. Contact Suzanne King at 269-271-6406 for more information.

#### **Cor Men’s Group-**

Cor is a men’s group that meets on the second Saturday of every month at 8 am in the church basement. If you’re a Catholic man seeking to deepen your prayer life, your knowledge of the faith, and brotherhood with your fellow Catholic men, join us for a time of fellowship and prayer. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Group will **not** meet in June, July or August. If you cannot make May’s meeting, mark your calendar for September 13.

Contact Andrew Coates with questions (269) 838-4418.

#### **A Family Perspective**

**by Bud Ozar**

Today Jesus tells us “I am among you as one who serves.” In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as “one who serves.” Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

#### **Please Pray for:**

Robert Rasche, Randy Armstrong, Manuel Rodriguez, Julie Sutton VanLiew, Bill Sutton & those who have asked for our prayers.

*If you want to add a name, please call or contact the office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or the family member.*



#### **Grief Support Group**

The next meeting will be on May 1 at 1:00 pm, in the library. For more information, please call Marsha at (269)367-4403.

#### **ST. EDWARD’S PRESCHOOL**

##### **Open Enrollment for 2025-26**

Saint Edward’s Preschool is now planning for the 2025-26 preschool year. We are accepting applications from families who would like their child to attend our program this Fall. While looking forward to another exciting school year, we believe that our current curriculum will allow your child to learn while also contributing to the development of the whole child - cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and language. We are committed to challenging, fun and formative activities that will teach each child that they are a unique gift from God and to help them develop in their educational growth. We use Zoophonics and include ABC Music and Me in the classroom. Our preschool gives children plenty of hands-on opportunities to explore their world while in a Christian environment. Class size is small, which provides your child a better chance to develop socially as well as academically.

If you would like more information, please contact us at 616-374-7253 x4, email fredia@wowway.biz, or stop by the St. Edward Family Center. Enrollment applications are located in the south entrance of the church.

Blessings,

Ms. Fredia / Program Director of St. Edward’s Preschool

#### **K-12 FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

Faith Formation will be at 11 am on Sunday. Contact Fredia if you have any questions.

#### April

13 Faith Formation Class

20 **No Faith Formation** - Easter

27 Faith Formation Class **-Last class!**

#### **OCIA (RCIA) 2024-2025**

O.C.I.A. is for Baptized adults who haven’t received all the Sacraments, spouses of Catholics who would like to enter the Church, or any adult who wants to learn about Catholicism & all it offers. We meet in an informal atmosphere from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at 753 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

4-16 Wind up and questions Alan

Please call Ann with questions at 616-374-8340.

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group-**

If you have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience in the past, we would like to invite you to join our sharing group. We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month, at 7 pm in the church basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

#### **Offerings will be updated in the next bulletin.**

*Please note that "Our Parish offering" reflects the income from Sunday and Holy Day offertory only.*

Your weekly offering envelopes can be dropped off at the office, placed in the locked black mailbox beside the office door, or sent through the mail to: St. Edward Church

531 Jordan Lake St.

Lake Odessa, MI, 48849

*Thank you for your continued support of the church.*

**Counter April 20: Greg Zuver & Mike Hickey**



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on

**Tuesday, May 12**

#### Men of the Eucharist

**Strengthen by CHRIST- Responding with Joy**



Andrew R. Whipple  
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Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps. Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others. May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will.

Strengthen their prayer life so that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions. --Give them courage and perseverance in their studies.

May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest.

We ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen.

#### **Final Exploring Priesthood Discernment Opportunity for 2025**

May 4 12:30-1:30 p.m.

St. Luke University Parish

10144 42nd Ave., Georgetown Twp. MI 49428

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to the final meeting of the 2024-25 school year to gather and discern God’s will for your life. Feel free to just show up or email to let us know you are coming at preynolds@grdiocese.org. You may also contact the Director of Priestly Vocations Fr. Rob Mulderink at frob@lukespot.com if you have questions.

#### **Televised Sunday Mass:**

Join us each week for the live broadcast of Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Watch on TV on FOX 17, or online at grdiocese.org or the diocesan Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids/)