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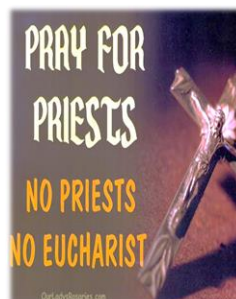
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**Virtue for December -Union with God**

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# Saint Edward The Confessor Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues., Wed. & Thurs.:

9:45AM- Noon 01:00 PM – 3:30PM

Preschool: Fredia Prysock 616.374.7253 x 206

Please call during office hours to request information, or leave a message after hours.

**MASS SCHEDULE: ST EDWARD CHURCH**

Saturday Vigil: **6:00 PM**

Sunday **9:45 AM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: **Thursday 6:30PM-7:30PM and by appointment**

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon., Tues., Wed., &-Fri. **9:00AM**

Thurs. **12:10PM**

SS Peter and Paul, Ionia  
616.527.3610

**Sunday Mass Schedule: Ss Peter & Paul, Ionia**

Saturday Vigil: **4:00PM**

Sunday: **8:00AM, 11:30AM & 1:00PM** (en español)

Connie Goble, Business Manager 616-374-7253

Dan Shields, Bookkeeper

DRE: Vanessa Booth 616-374-7253 ext. 205

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Prayer Chain: Gayle Peacock 616-350-5751

Carol Fust [prayertree2@gmail.com](mailto:prayertree2@gmail.com)

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**Financial Council:** Andrew Snider, Adam Fyan, Robin Michalski, Jerry Tomandl, Allan Hamp, Diane Updyke, Bev Thelen

**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.

Walking  
the  
Road  
to  
Bethlehem



*SACRED SCRIPTURE*

**2 SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

**3 MONDAY: St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

**4 TUESDAY: Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13 Lk 10:21-24

**5 WEDNESDAY: Advent Weekday**

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-31

**6 THURSDAY: Advent Weekday; Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

Is 26:1-6 PS 118:8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**7 FRIDAY: St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31

**8 SATURDAY: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

**9 SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



**DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS**

Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.” This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



**HOLY HOUR**

Saturday 9:00AM

This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist.

St John Paul II

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, December 2: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Richard Sabota by Rosie Comero

**Monday, December 3: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Tuesday, December 4: 9:00 AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Wednesday, December 5: 9:00AM MASS**

+Richard Kimble

**Thursday, December 6: 12:10 PM MASS**

Members of the Walliczek Family

**Friday, December 7: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Donald Lobsinger by Dick & Gayle Peacock

**Bulletin Folders: Pat Drake & Marcia Bettinghouse**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Feast of Mary’s Immaculate Conception, December 8, is the Paternal Feast Day of the United States and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Father has scheduled a Friday vigil mass and a Saturday morning mass to cover this feast. This mass does not fulfill your Sunday mass obligation.



**Vigil Mass-Friday, December 7: 7:00PM**

Parish Family

**Saturday, December 8: 10:00AM**

Betsy Hoort by Anne Adams

**Saturday, December 8: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS**

+ Eliel Gomez by Gomez Family

**Greeter:** Sutton Family

**Lectors:** A. Haskin

**Extr. Ministers:** Y. McCaul, B. Sutton, M. Sutton

**Servers:** E. Tidd, M. Tidd

**Sunday, December 9: 9:45 AM MASS**

Father Thomas Hack by Mic & Jill VanDeVelde

**Greeter:** Ferrier Family

**Lectors:** J. Black, K. Carnegie

**Extr. Ministers:** C. Mayhew, D. Brinningstaul, L. Ferrier

**Servers:** G. Zuver

**CLOW:** Lynn McClure & Julie

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long-standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. Intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion.

To schedule a Mass intention, call or visit the parish office.

Faith Formation Religious Education

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Fredia Prysock [Fredia@wowway.biz](mailto:Fredia@wowway.biz)

**Calendar Highlights**

Dec 2, 9, & 16- Faith Formation Classes

**Confirmation**

Is your child entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Please contact the Faith Formation office by email or phone 374-7253 for more information on how you can get your child enrolled.

**CLOW** - All children between the ages of 4-10 are invited to join us during the Sunday morning Masses for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. This is a wonderful outreach ministry that allows children to have a worship experience geared especially for them. It mirrors the worship experience of the larger community, with a style that is engaging and interactive. Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word in this way is an empowering experience, giving children a foundation for understanding and appreciating Scripture.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If you have not already done so, PLEASE sign up to receive text notifications for class cancellations and other important notifications on the REMIND APP.

The code for St Edwards Faith Formation is @ae6ch9

**RCIA - An Invitation to Come and See!**

RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. RCIA is an opportunity for those who have not been baptized those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic religion those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office for more information. (616-374-7253)

**RCIA Schedule-Wed. night at 7:00 at 753 5th Ave. L.O.**

12-5 Prayer Jerry

12-12 Mary & the Communion of Saints Anne

12-19 Second Coming Gary



PLEASE PRAY for the Celia Gomez, Marian Gillette, Randy Armstrong, Dee Kinney, Genevieve Dobija and Betty Hines, and Carole Heinze .



“May the angels welcome you into paradise. May the martyrs greet you on your way. May you see the face of the Lord this day.”

Please pray for the soul of Richard Kimble, who passed from death to life this past week.

“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, may he rest in peace.”

**Anticipate Advent**

A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ’s coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance, and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32).

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Nov 24/25, 2018**

Adults	\$	3529.00
Loose:	\$	176.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3705.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3500.00
<b>Overall</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>205.00</b>

**July 1, 2018 – Nov 25, 2018 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$78563.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$77000.00
<b>Overall Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 1563.00</b>

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

**Money Counters for weekend of December 9, 2018:**

**Kathy Sipperly & Mike Hickey**

Please **only** find a sub from **the list of counters** if you are unable to count on your scheduled day.



Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, **December 11** at 7 PM in the Family Center.

**Grief Support Group** will meet the first Thursday of the month at 12:45 in the Family Center. If you would like more information call Marsha Stadel at 269-367-4403

Gifted and called is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16-35) are invited to gather and discern God’s will for their lives.



Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cathedral Square Center from 4-5PM. Upcoming dates are **Dec. 9, Jan 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7 and May 5**. Feel free to show up or give us a call at 616-288-0910. Questions email Fr. Ron Hutchinson [rhutchinson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:rhutchinson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) or Fr. Stephen Durkee at [sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapoids.org](mailto:sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapoids.org)

Loving God,  
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We especially pray for:  
**Deacon Andrew Ayers**

**University of St. Mary of the Lakes  
Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Ave.  
Mundelein, IL 60060**



**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

At this time of the year, we are very conscious of our family as we prepare for Christmas. Today’s gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent, appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



## Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed  
 be the hour and moment in which  
 the Son of God was born  
 of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
 at midnight, in Bethlehem,  
 in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God!  
 to hear my prayer and grant my desires  
 (mention your intentions here),  
 through the merits of  
 Our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and of His Blessed Mother.  
 Amen.

*theloveliesthour.com*



### Honor the spirit of St. Nick

St. Nicholas is one icon of the holiday season that has meaning in both the secular and spiritual celebrations of Christmas. We know that St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. His parents died when he was young and left him well off. His uncle, the archbishop of Myra (southeast of Turkey), ordained him

and upon his uncle's death, Nicholas served as bishop until his own death. Throughout he suffered imprisonment and persecution. One legend involving St. Nicholas concerns a desperate man on the verge of selling his daughters into slavery to pay his debts. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window (some say down the chimney) in the man's house to stop him. Our present-day Santa Claus stems from the legends of St. Nicholas, but in the Church he is a saint, a confessor of the faith, and a holy bishop. We can learn from his generosity to the poor, and imitate his acts of kindness to others.

### December Birthdays

- 12/1 Mike Rodriquez
- 12/4 Spencer Schuiling
- 12/6 Stephanie Shields
- 12/7 Katie Possehn, Paul Nagi, Aiden Terry
- 12/8 Becky Haskin
- 12/9 Alexander Burns
- 12/11 Jerry Licari, Mea McClure
- 12/13 Stephanie Tidd
- 12/15 Yvonne McCaul, MacKenzie Prysock, Anna Zuver
- 12/16 Nuala Williams
- 12/17 Tim Spitzley
- 12/19 Sarah Jones, Karen Halanski, Manda Lafler
- 12/20 Virginia Vipond
- 12/24 Manuel Rodriguez, Patrick Nurenberg
- 12/25 Marsha Stadel
- 12/26 John Black
- 12/30 Betsy Hibbs
- 12/31 Don Radamacher

#### Happy Anniversary

- Bruce & Janice Fyan 37 years on 12/4*
- Bill & Mary Sutton 55 years on 12/7*
- Jim & Terri Decker 28 years on 12/15*
- Andrew & Emily Spitzley 6 years on 12/28*



**LAKWOOD  
 COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Volunteers needed to help: Package, wrap and deliver baskets.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 5,** 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Sort food & pack boxes  
**Thursday, Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Pack boxes and gift bags  
**Saturday, Dec. 8,** 9 a.m. to noon: Deliver boxes to Families

Please contact Gayle Peacock for more information.  
 Sincerely,  
 Saint Edward's LWCC representative

### December Change for Charity



Freedom Acres Christmas Committee will make Christmas a little brighter for many children with special needs, who attend Freedom Acres and those who have been mainstreamed into the public schools in Ionia County.

Each year the committee seeks donations from the community so they can provide a nice gift, a bag of goodies, luncheon, and entertainment for the children. The Change for Charity collection for December will be donated to the children's Christmas Party.

The public is welcome to attend this celebration and experience the joy as the children celebrate. This year's party will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 9-2p.m. at the school. Please drop in for a time and see the wonderful reception you receive from the kids.

Thank you for your support.



### ADVENT SCHEDULE 2018

- December 1 & 2- First Sunday of Advent
- December 6- Confession 6:30PM
- December 8- Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
 (Holy Day of Obligation) Friday Vigil Mass  
 7:00PM Saturday Mass 10AM
- December 8 & 9- Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 9- Confessions 2-4 PM
- Dec. 13- Confession 6:30PM
- December 15 & 16- Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 20- Confession 6:30PM
- December 22 & 23- Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 23- Confessions 2-4 PM
- Christmas Eve 6:00PM VIGIL MASS
- Christmas Day 9:00AM MASS

Mailboxes in the vestibule of the Church are gathering letters and cards from our parishioners. Please check your mailbox more frequently to keep in contact with others and informed about parish events