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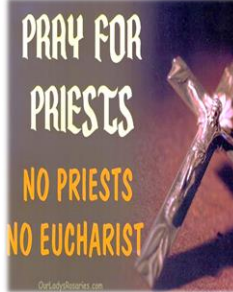


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Council #14404

Jerry Tomandl, Grand Knight  
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**Saint Edward Preschool**  
616-374-7253 ext.206



## Saint Edward Family Center

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Lake Odessa, Mi 48849

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## Virtue for November-Charity

Among all those who are included under the title of neighbor, there are none who deserve it more, in one sense, than those of our own household. They are nearest of all to us, living under the same roof and eating the same bread. we should practice in regard to them all the acts of a true charity, which ought to be founded not upon flesh and blood, or upon their good qualities, but altogether upon God.--St. Francis de Sales



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## NOVEMBER 11, 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)

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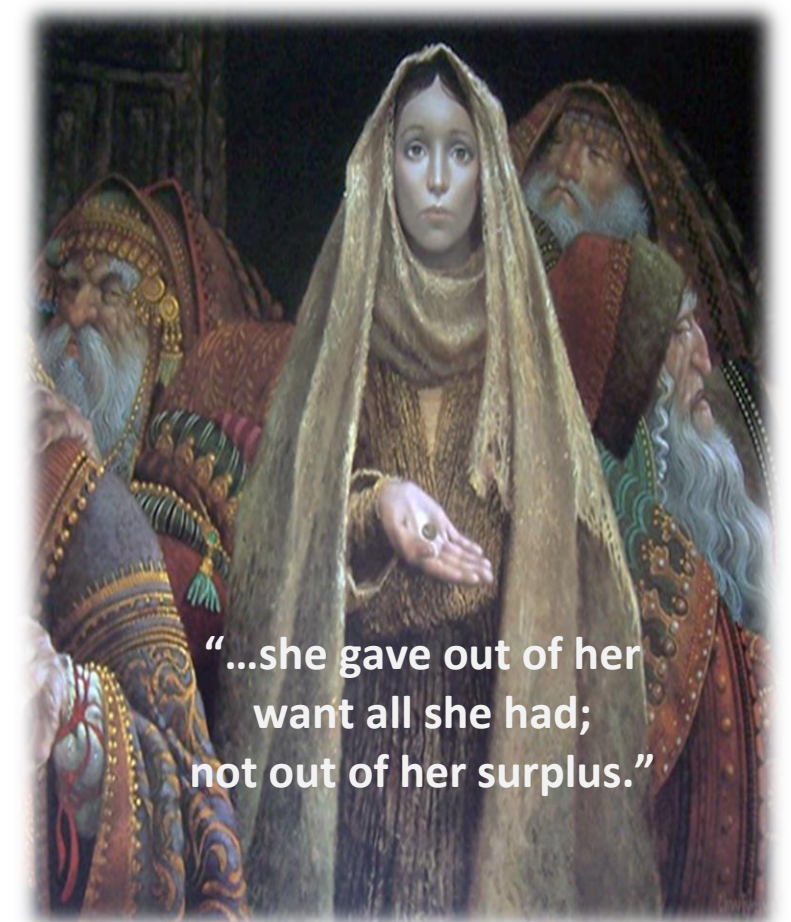
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### MISSION STATEMENT

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.



"...she gave out of her want all she had; not out of her surplus."

## SACRED SCRIPTURE

**11 SUNDAY: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:28-44

**12 MONDAY:** St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Ti 1:1-19 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6

**13 TUESDAY:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29 Lk 17:7-10

**14 WEDNESDAY:** Weekday

Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19

**15 THURSDAY:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

**16 FRIDAY:** Weekday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude;

Virgin 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

**17 SATURDAY:** St. Elizabeth of Hungry; Religious

3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

**18 SUNDAY: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 18-11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32



**DIocese of GRAND RAPIDS**

Office of the Bishop

November 10/11, 2018

My dear friends in Christ,

In this year's message for the second World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis says, "poverty cannot be summed up in a word; it becomes a cry that rises to heaven and reaches God." In the United States, an estimated 43 million people live in poverty. We should ask ourselves: Have we taken time to see our impoverished brothers and sisters and listen to their plea? Or have we ignored them and moved on with our busy lives? As we examine the issue of poverty and how we can better care for the poor, one tangible way in which we can assist is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This collection offers more permanent solutions by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. The CCHD national collection will take place in our parishes next weekend, November 17-18. This collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty and educational programs. Support of this campaign goes a long way in creating communities that are more just and welcoming to those who live trapped in a cycle of poverty. These programs help to provide lasting change in communities. In addition to making an impact nationally, 25 percent of the CCHD collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty projects. Through your generosity, nearly \$39,000 in local grants were awarded to five programs in our 11-county diocese last year alone. These include the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP!) through Muskegon's Community EnCompass, the Salvation Army's Congregational Partnership program (CPP), the St. Patrick-St. Anthony's Job Seeker's program and Catholic Charities West Michigan's Pregnancy Support and Counseling programs. The CCHD collection offers hope to those living in poverty in the United States. Thank you for your continued generous support of this important outreach of the Church. Please prayerfully consider giving this year. For more information about the CCHD collection, and the programs it supports, please visit: [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



**Holy Hour**

Saturday 9:00am

"I need nothing in this world in order to be happy. I only need to see Jesus in Heaven whom I now see and adore on the altar with the eyes of faith." ~St. Dominic Savio  
**St. Dominic became the youngest non-martyr to be canonized a Saint**

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS**

**Sunday, November 11: 9:45 AM MASS**

Bill & Tina Irrer and Family

**Monday, November 12: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Tuesday, November 13: 9:00 AM MASS**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, November 14: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Thursday, November 15: 12:10 PM MASS**

+Billy Melliush by Bob & Marsha Stadel

**Friday, November 16: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Richard Sobotta by Gene & Rosie Comero

**Bulletin Folders: Bev Thelen & Volunteer**

**Saturday, November 17: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS**

+Fredrick & Phyllis Beckhold by Nick & Leah Zurawski  
and Brody & Aurora Beckhold

**Greeter:** Sutton Family

**Lectors:** Johnathan, P. St. Amour

**Extr. Ministers:** Johnathan, M. Sutton, B. Sutton

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

**Sunday, November 18: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Teresa Marvin by Joe and Criss Hickey

**Greeter:** Ferrier Family

**Lectors:** Johnathan, K. Carnegie

**Extr. Ministers:** Johnathan, L. Ferrier, C. Gillette

**Servers:** E. Possehn, K. Possehn

**CLOW:** Lori Snider & Kristi



**Veterans Day**

Monday,  
November 11

*We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.*

*We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.*

*We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits.*

*Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.*

*Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.*

*Bless all the soldiers who served in noncombative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.*

*Give us all here present today creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Jesus, I trust in You!*

**Faith Formation Religious Education**

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

**Calendar Highlights**

Nov 11 – Faith Formation Class (7 & 8 Grade Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting 11a – 12p in the Family Center)

Nov 18 – Faith Formation Class

Nov 25 – No Faith Formation Class

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. A meeting for all parents and students will be held in the classroom on November 11 starting at 11a. We will discuss community service hours, how to choose a sponsor, and how to choose a saint name. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact the Faith Formation office.

**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.

**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.**

11-14 Commandments 4-10 Anne

11-21 No Class

11-28 Incarnation Gary

12-5 Prayer Jerry

12-12 Mary & the Communion of Saints Anne

12-19 Second Coming Gary

*"Each soul has its own secret place. Where none may enter in, Save it, and God --to them alone what goes on therein is known to it and God alone!" ~ Saint Therese*



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.



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

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Oct 27/28, 2018**

Adults	\$	3981.00
Loose:	\$	121.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4102.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3500.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>602.00</b>

**July 1, 2018 – Oct 28, 2018 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$62776.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$63000.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>( \$ 224.00)</b>

**OUR PARISH OFFERING – Nov 3/4, 2018**

Adults	\$	4712.00
Loose:	\$	187.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4899.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3500.00
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1399.00</b>

**July 1, 2018 – Nov 4, 2018 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections**

Year-to-Date	\$67675.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$66500.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 1175.00</b>

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

**Money Counters for weekend of November 18, 2018:  
Betsy Wieland & Andrew Snider**

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, **November 16** 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 **Nov. 11, 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@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

Dear God, bless your Church with love. Raise up dedicated and generous leaders to serve as priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, members of secular institutes, and lay ministers. Send your spirit to strengthen them to serve your people, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We especially pray for: **Peter Wasinski**  
**St. John Vianney College Seminary**  
**2115 Summit Ave. Mail #1763**  
**St. Paul MN 55105**





**Christmas Wreaths Pick Up**

Christmas wreath pick up for the Preschool wreath fundraiser will be November 17 & 18 at the Family Center.

**Help NEEDED! Assembly of Christmas Wreaths ... Join the fun!**

St. Edward Preschool is looking for help to attach bows, and place cones on wreaths looking at 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of November. All supplies will be provided! Call 374-7253 x206 or [fredia@wowway.biz](mailto:fredia@wowway.biz) for more information.

**Feasts and celebrations**

**Nov. 1 – All Saints Day.** A Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are required to attend Mass, we commemorate people of extraordinary virtue who have gone before us to live eternally in the presence of God.

**Nov. 2 – All Souls Day.** Today when we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

**Nov. 10 – Leo the Great (461).** A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and worked for the unity of the Church. He also protected Rome from being destroyed by Attila the Hun and later by the barbarians.

**Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623).** Born in Lithuania, St. Josaphat, the Ruthenian Archbishop of Pototsk, made the unpopular choice to bring his diocese into communion with the Catholic Church. He suffered persecution by a schismatic party and was eventually martyred by an angry mob.

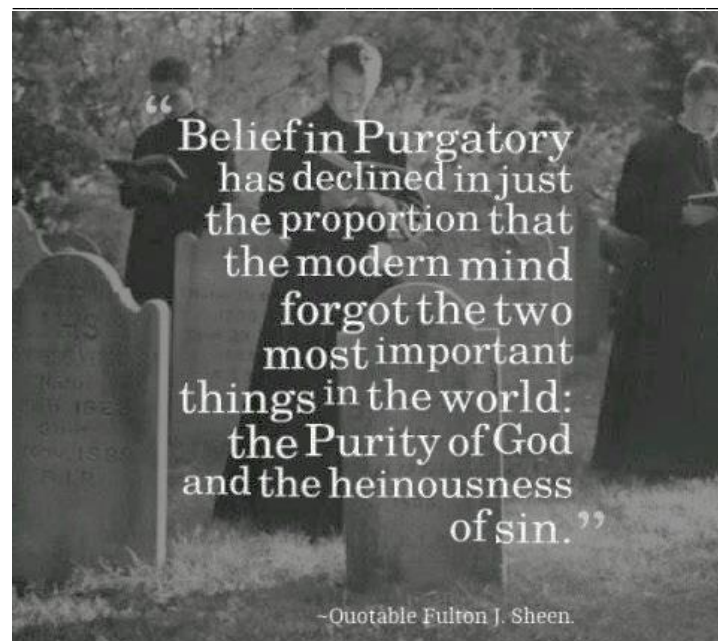
**PURSE & PRIZE BINGO**

Not just for women anymore. Bring the guys. We will have eight designer purse games and seven prize games that any guy would be happy to win. Ladies have been having so much fun & guys want in on the action.

Saturday: November 17<sup>th</sup> at St Ed's Family Center

Doors open at 5:00PM-Bingo starts 6:00PM

Purchase tickets from So Simply or call Mandy Nurenberg at 269-838-0344 with questions.



—Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.



**LAKWOOD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Dear Friends at St. Edwards Catholic Church,

Planning is under way for this year's Lakewood Community Council's Christmas Basket Program. This is accomplished through a cooperative effort of the entire community— schools, clubs, businesses, and especially the churches.

Here are some ways your church can help:

- ✓ Pray for this ministry, that hearts will be touched!
- ✓ Send monetary contributions to cover meat certificates and other purchases. Send checks to: Lakewood Community Council, c/o Kay Barcroft, 2291 E M43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058 or deliver with your other contributions.
- ✓ Send contributions of any size hats, warm winter mittens/gloves, and socks. We especially need water-resistant mittens/gloves.
- ✓ Send \$10-12 gifts wrapped and tagged for the following children--10 boys age 8, 5 girls age 1.

Send volunteers to help:

- Package, wrap and deliver baskets.
- The schedule is as follows:
  - Wednesday, December 5, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Sort food & pack boxes
  - Thursday, December 6, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Pack boxes and gift bags
  - Saturday, December 8, 9 a.m. to noon: Deliver boxes to families

Lakewood Christmas Community Baskets are looking for donations of financial gifts, mittens, hats, socks, and non-perishable packaged food products, especially protein items and fruits, or toiletries. All the physical donations should be delivered to Central United Methodist Church, 912 Fourth Ave., Lake Odessa by noon on Wednesday, December 5.

There is a tote located in the back of the church for your donations. Please contact Gayle Peacock for further information.

We would like to thank you for your congregation's generosity of gifts and service to the less fortunate in our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either of us.

Sincerely,

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As we begin the Month of November our thoughts and prayer turn to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. As we remember those gone before us, you are invited to place a picture of your loved ones before the altar during the month of November.

Stewardship is about love, not money. When you hear “stewardship,” do you think, “fundraising?” In fact, real stewardship is about love. When we practice good stewardship, we become more fulfilled, have a greater sense of purpose, and live happier lives. And while it’s not just about money, good stewards have all the money they need.



**Good stewards are motivated by love.** Strong families come together and are formed in love. Loving family stewards put the needs of members first before spending time or money on anything else, especially themselves.

In God’s family, we also come together in his love to care for each other. As stewards, we find ways to use our time and gifts to meet the needs of God’s family through our parish.

**Good stewards lend their strength.** Take stock of the gifts you have: faith, wisdom, prosperity, energy, etc. Then ask where you can put your talents and resources to work for your parish so you can take your place at God’s table. When you do, you will make God’s family stronger and healthier.

**Good stewards show gratitude.** Practicing good stewardship means understanding that God has generously given us gifts which we, in turn, use for his purpose. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give. What God wants most is our love.

*“Be not afraid”*

When someone we love is dying, we may want to help but don’t know what to do. We can feel powerless. Yet when they are transitioning from this life to the next, we can make a significant difference to our loved ones.

**Bring love.** Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes just holding a hand says more than words.

**Bring attention.** Ask him stories about his life. Let him know he has inspired you. You’ll treasure these moments after he is gone.

**Bring comfort.** Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to welcome her. Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

**Bring peace.** Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture or a favorite book.

**Bring strength.** When someone is leaving this world, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus’ words, “Be not afraid.”

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

The widow in today’s gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

“When we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus He grants us, according to the measure of our faith, the grace to practice the virtues He revealed during those sacred hours.”

— St. Angela Merici

**Roomful of friends**

Learning about the saints is a like walking into a room full of strangers. You scan the faces looking for a friendly one who beckons you over. Scan the saintly faces until you find one with whom you would like to become friends.

“Only the one who can see hope in death can also lead a life of hope.” Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *Images of Hope: Meditations on Major Feasts*

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**Q&A:**

Who are the Church Fathers?



The Church Fathers were the early Christian writers and teachers of the faith who lived after the Apostles and preserved and handed on their teachings. Jesus told his Apostles, “[The Holy Spirit] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). This collection of teachings—called Tradition—was handed on by the Apostles to their followers, the Church Fathers.

The Church Fathers include bishops, writers, thinkers, and martyrs. The most important thing the Fathers did, and why we still look to them today, is that they preserved “the written proof” of what the Apostles taught and handed it on. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, on essential points of doctrine, the Fathers agreed with each other and with the Apostles on principles such as Jesus’ divinity and humanity, Mary’s sinlessness, the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. Thanks to the Church Fathers, we can know what the Church believed—and still believes to this day.



Calling all couples who have ever been to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. We are hoping to start a share group in this area to socialize and continue the weekend experience. If you are interested or have any questions please call Chris and Darla Vinton. (269)-367-4226.