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*Saint Edward The Confessor Catholic Church*

*THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

**March 17, 2019**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues., Wed. & Thurs.:  
 9:45AM- Noon 01:00 PM – 3:30PM  
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**MASS SCHEDULE: ST EDWARD CHURCH**

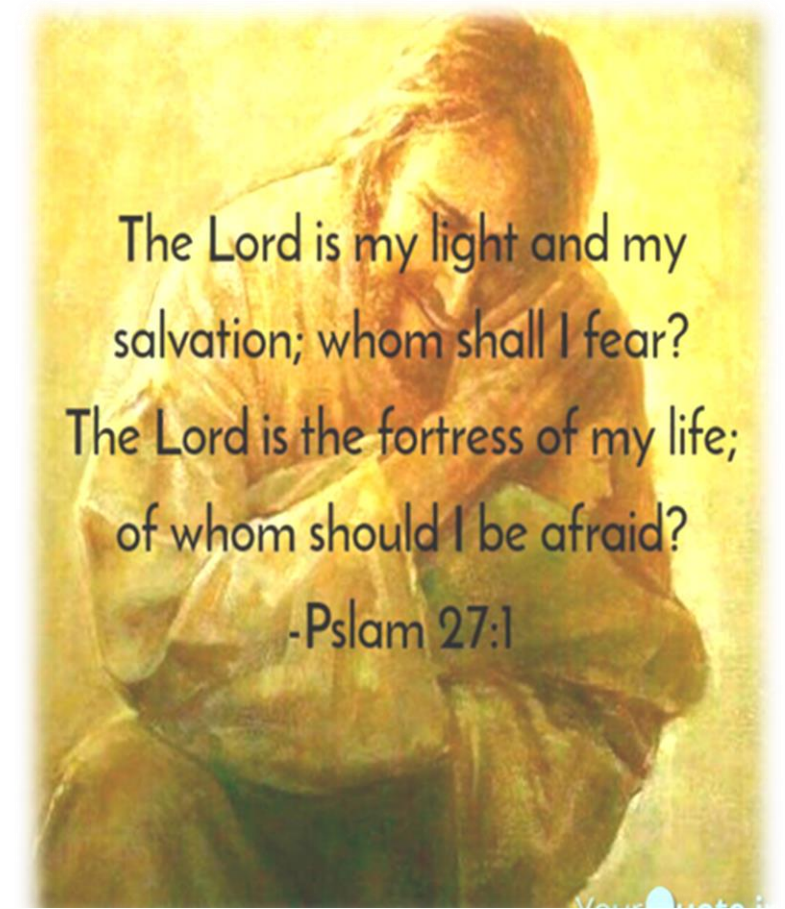
Saturday Vigil: **6:00 PM**  
 Sunday **9:45 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Thursday 6:30PM-7:30PM  
 and by appointment

**Weekday Masses:**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 9:00AM**  
**Thurs. 12:10PM**



*SACRED SCRIPTURE*

**17 SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1  
 Lk 9:28b-36

**18 MONDAY:** Lenten Weekday; St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

**19 TUESDAY: SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29  
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**20 WEDNESDAY:** Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

**21 THURSDAY:** Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

**22 FRIDAY:** Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 mt 21:33-34, 45-46

**23 SATURDAY:** Lenten Weekday; St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**24 SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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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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 and our Church



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 Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
 of the Month.



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 or EMAIL [fredia@wowway.biz](mailto:fredia@wowway.biz)



**Virtue for MARCH: Mortification**  
**The more one mortifies his natural  
 inclinations, the more he becomes capable  
 of receiving the divine inspirations, and the  
 more he gains in virtue.**

---St. Francis de Sales



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**DIocese of GRAND RAPIDS**  
Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

To prepare our hearts for Easter, the season of Lent invites us to renew our practice of penance. Penance can take many outward forms, most notably prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Yet all those varied outward forms proceed from the same inner conversion, a grace by which God gives us strength to begin anew. Accordingly, Lent calls us to entrust ourselves more completely to God's mercy, remembering the gift we first received in baptism and asking God to restore that grace through the sacrament of reconciliation.

God knows our struggles. He knows that we often fail. Yet His love never fails. No matter how many times we stumble, we find Him ready to receive us back. In the sacrament of penance, in fact, we encounter a God who does not simply wait for us but rushes out to meet us, eager to lead us into the joy of His house.

Although there are many opportunities to experience the joy of this sacrament throughout the year, our diocese provides a special opportunity each Lent through "The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance." During this event on **Wednesday, March 27**, almost every church in the diocese will be open for the sacrament of reconciliation from **5 – 8 p.m.** See the diocesan website [GRdiocese.org](http://GRdiocese.org) for locations and details.

I encourage you to join us for this special evening. It is never too late to seek the gift of God's mercy; there is no better time than now to receive the gifts of serenity and peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

**HOLY HOUR**  
9-10AM Saturday



Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him.  
*St Clare of Assisi*

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS AND MINISTERS

**Sunday, March 17: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Phyllis Helsper by Jim and Terry Decker

**Monday, March 18: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Tuesday, March 19: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Mike O'Mara by Mom

**Wednesday, March 20: 9:00AM MASS**

Parish Family

**Thursday, March 21: 12:10PM MASS**

Parish Family

**Friday, March 22: 9:00 AM MASS**

+Mike O'Mara by Bob and Judy Garber

**Bulletin Folders: Mary Sutton & Diane Tomandl**

**Saturday, March 23: 6:00 PM Vigil MASS**

Parish Family

**Greeters:** Possehn, Miller

**Lectors:** Noah, K. Sipperly

**Extr. Ministers:** Noah, Y. McCaul, M. Denda

**Servers:** R. Denda

**Sunday, March 24: 9:45 AM MASS**

+Bernard Wernette by Grief Ministry

**Greeter:** Snider Family

**Lectors:** Noah, A. Snider

**Extr. Ministers:** Noah, J. Fyan, C. Gillette

**Servers:** H. Fyan, D. Snider

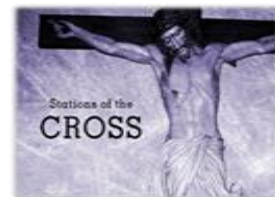
**CLOW:** Fredia & Lynn



**LENTEN CONFESSION**

(note time change for Lent)

6:00PM-7:00PM Thursdays



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Thursdays 7:00PM

MANNA'S MARKET LENTEN COLLECTION

Join the parish in Lenten almsgiving for those in need of this community. Items that we collect will be delivered to the market each week to help restock the shelves for the needy. The supplies that are most in need are peanut butter, tuna and canned fruit. Donations of new underwear and socks are always a request along with pajamas for children. Please place your donations in the bin located in the vestibule of the church. *Drivers are needed to transport the donations to Manna's Market each week. Please call the office to volunteer.*

Bishop Robert Barron's "THE MYSTERY OF GOD"

Who God Is and Why He Matters

Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God?

In *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters*, Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, he uncovers a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by "God."

Our parish has begun the *Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters*, program. You are welcome to join the series on any Friday at the Parish Library following the 9:00AM Mass.

Faith Formation Religious Education  
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[Fredia.Prysock@wowway.biz](mailto:Fredia.Prysock@wowway.biz)

Calendar Highlights

- Mar 17 – Faith Formation Class begins 11a – 12p
- Mar 24 – Faith Formation – Stations During Class
- March 31, April 7 – No Faith Formation – Spring Break
- April 14 – Faith Formation Class
- April 21 – No Faith Formation Class – Easter Sunday
- April 27 – First Communion Retreat – 9:30a – 11:30a (Church)
- April 28 – Faith Formation Class – LAST CLASS
- May 5 – First Communion Mass 9:45a
- May 19 Baccalaureate Sunday 9:45a
- June 21 – VBS 9a- 2p

**THE CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE** – \$25.00 Order one today! The Faith Formation Department will be placing an order for THE CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE soon. If you would like to give your child a special gift for Confirmation or even First Communion, please consider the youth bible. Contact the Faith Formation office to place your order.

**VBS** - Mark your calendars for our next VBS on June 21 from 9a - 2p at St. Edward. More info to come.

**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. **There will be no CLOW on March 31, April 7, and April 21.** The last date of CLOW class will be April 28.



Join the Church and pray the Rosary beginning 30 minutes before the Holy Mass. We are looking for anyone who would be interested in taking a turn leading the Rosary. If you are interested, please contact Darla Vinton at 269-367-4226 or call the office.



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

OUR PARISH OFFERING – Mar 9/10, 2019

Adults	\$	3111.00
Loose:	\$	89.00
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3200.00</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$	3500.00
<b>Overage</b>	\$ (	300.00)

July 1, 2018 – Mar 10, 2019 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collections

Year-to-Date	\$135860.00
Budgeted Year-to-Date:	\$129500.00
<b>Overage Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>\$ 6360.00</b>

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

Money Counters for weekend of March 24, 2019:

**Betsy Wieland & Bev Thelen**

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, **April 9** at 7 PM in the Family Center.

Winners of the Lucy 300 Drawing for 3/10/2019

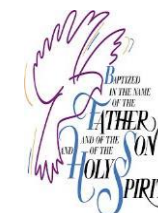
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$175	Tanner Chapin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$50	John Black
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$25	Carol Rasche

Merciful God, as we approach the Easter mysteries, purify us in mind, body, and spirit through our penitential practices. May we experience anew the reconciliation gained through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Give us faithful servants, ordained and lay, who will teach, inspire, and lead us. Amen

We especially pray for:

**David A. Jameson**

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



**BAPTISMS**

March 10, 2019  
Elle Rausch, Ava Rausch and Louis Rausch  
Parents are Kurt and Susan Rausch

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

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

- 3-20 Two Great Commandments Gary
- 3-27 Liturgical Seasons Anne
- 4-3 Paschal Mystery Gary
- 4-10 Open for reschedule or questions

**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.

**PRAYER TO SANTIFY ONE'S DAILY WORK**

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, Obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O Patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity. Amen.

**St Joseph Feast Day: March 19***Patron of all who work*

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase,

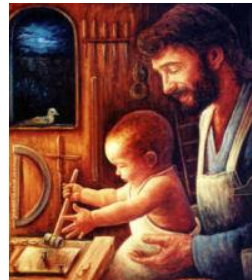
"Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture.

Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

We as a parish are proud of your accomplishments during these past years. We would love to hear what your plans are for the future. We are looking for students from the parish that are graduating from local High Schools this year. **Please call the office or Mary Gillette (374-4061) for more information.**



*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 Neal Adams, brother of Larry Adams, who passed from death to life this past week.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, may he rest in peace."*



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 **April 7 and May 5**. Feel free to show up or give us a call at 616-288-0910.

Questions email Fr. Ron Hutchinson

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Fr. Stephen Durkee at [sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

**St. Edward's Preschool Open Enrollment for 2019-20**

Our preschool is now enrolling students in our 3 and 4 year old programs for the 2019-20 school years. We believe that this age is a very important time for learning. Our preschool curriculum focuses in all areas for development: social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language. It also focuses on different content areas: literacy, math, music and the arts. We currently use Zoophonics and include ABC Music and Me. 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 children a better chance to develop socially as well as academically. If you would like more information or an enrollment application, please contact us at 616-374-7253.

*"A Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!"  
~Unknown*

Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls

**Encounter Annet**

Annet's youngest sister calls her Mom—and for good reason. Since their parents' deaths 4 years ago, 16-year-old Annet has been caring for her three siblings: Glads, 6, Irene, 8 and Emmanuel, 10.



It hasn't been easy. Ongoing violence in their home country, South Sudan, forced Annet to take her siblings and flee south to neighboring Uganda. It was a dangerous journey, but Annet kept them safe despite threats from rebel soldiers.

For more than 2 years now, Annet and her siblings have been living in Bidi Bidi, one of the world's largest refugee settlements. Formed in 2015, Bidi Bidi is home to nearly 300,000 people—many South Sudanese who, like Annet, fled for their lives to Uganda.

While Annet is happy to be away from the violence, life in Bidi Bidi is hard—especially for a young woman trying to raise her siblings. That's why CRS is building houses for families like Annet's. A place to call home means Annet can rest a little easier at night knowing her family is safe.

But that's not all. CRS is also helping people like Annet learn to farm and is giving them the tools they need to succeed. Annet was given her own plot of land to plant on so she will be able to continue providing for her siblings.

For her, that's the most important thing. While she wants her family to return to South Sudan one day, for now she knows that Bidi Bidi is the safer option. In the meantime, she encourages her siblings to go to school and does all she can to ensure they'll have a bright future.

"My hope is to raise my siblings," she says. "And I know I can do it with the help of CRS and my Catholic faith."

**BAMIA Stew (Uganda)**

Makes 4-6 servings

2 T fair trade olive oil

1 large onion, chopped

1 16 oz bag frozen cut okra

2 garlic cloves, chopped

2 t ground cumin

1 t ground cinnamon

½ t ground allspice

1 can diced tomatoes

2 c vegetable stock

Heat olive oil in large pot. Sauté onions until brown. Add okra, garlic and spices. Once okra is lightly browned, add tomatoes and vegetable stock. Simmer, uncovered, for 40 minutes or until okra is soft and stew thickens.

**Knights of Columbus Pie Sale**

March 16 & 17

The KOC pie orders are in. Please pick up your pies after the masses this weekend. Pick up in the church basement.

*All proceeds go to support the seminarians. Thank you for your support.*

**CAMP SANTA MARIA**

Looking for a fun and faith-filled place for your children or grandchildren to spend a week or two this summer? Want to help them unplug from technology and not even miss it? Look no further! Camp Sancta Maria (CSM), located in Gaylord, Michigan, provides wholesome recreation and adventure in an atmosphere of Christian faith. CSM is a Catholic camp offering one- and two-week sessions for boys and one-week sessions for girls.

Since 1933, CSM has provided countless youth with lasting memories. Activities include daily Mass and evening prayer, horseback riding, swimming, a high- and low- challenge ropes course, a fifty-foot climbing wall, crafts, archery, various sports, a trip to Mackinac Island, campfires (and s'mores!) and so much more!!! Fun, faith, and friendships included at no extra cost! Check out our website to learn more at [www.CampSanctaMaria.org](http://www.CampSanctaMaria.org) or call (248) 822-8199.

**God's Mercy Awaits You**

Are you wondering how to best prepare yourself for the Lord on Easter? Why not set aside some time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation? Join the Diocese of Grand Rapids for

**"The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance"**

**Wednesday, March 27**

**5 - 8 p.m.**

Visit [GRdiocese.org/penance](http://GRdiocese.org/penance) for locations and details

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Jesus promises we can always return home.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't get *half* the amount of celebrating for his work—and he was the "good one!"

Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.