

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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How appropriate it is to celebrate Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday on the same day! Many of us are fortunate to have mothers who have cared for us, comforted us, and protected us, much as the shepherds do for their flocks. A mothers' love is an example of the Good Shepherd's love for each of us. Let us give thanks for all those who have mothered us and shepherded us throughout our lives.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (5/12)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (5/13)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (The Allasio Family)
Wed. (5/14)	6:00 PM	Mother/Daughter Banquet
Thurs. (5/15)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Deceased Members of the Ochami Family (Irene Goodlaw)
Sat. (5/17)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	3:35 PM	Rosary
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Byron Moser (The Klein Family)
Sun. (5/18)	9:05 AM	Rosary
	9:30 AM	Mass For the People

WORD OF LIFE

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.”

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“Radical Solidarity”.....

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Nest week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ORDINATION

Please pray for Deacon Paul Thuantho, diocesan seminarian, who will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 31st, 2025 at St. Augustine Cathedral.
Learn more about Deacon Paul and all the diocesan seminarians by visiting diokzoo.org/vocations

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025.... Thank you to the 19 families who have pledged to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal so far. If you have not as yet completed your pledge, we need you! As disciples of Jesus Christ, all of us share in the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo. Remember, no gift is too small or too large.
If you would prefer to give online, the online giving website for the appeal is:
<https://www.osvhub.com/diocesefofkalamazooappeal/giving/funds>

Next Week's:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (5/17)	Ed Culp	Bob/Kathy Spence
Sun. (5/18)	George/Rita Phillip	George/Rita Phillip

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 9:30 AM
Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM

LIVESTREAMING...9:30 AM Mass is Livestreamed weekly and available for viewing at www.stedwardmendon.org or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page.

Happy Mother's Day!

The Altar Society will be offering carnations this weekend, May 10 and 11, after both Masses. A donation of \$1 or more per carnation is appreciated. All proceeds will benefit Citizens for Life of SW Michigan to help educate our fellow citizens on the sanctity of life. We thank you your support!

ROSARY RECITED DURING MONTH OF MAY

We will be reciting the Rosary before Masses during the month of May. A sign-up sheet is posted in the entrance of the church if you would be willing to help lead the Rosary.

Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick
Or Have Special Needs

Terry Collins Phil Kramer Oliver Ray Pat Kramer
Jane Evans Patti Watters Tim Ocasek

ALTAR SOCIETY

Wednesday, May 14 – We will hold our Mother/Daughter Banquet at 6:00 p.m. on the lower level. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to pass for all to enjoy! After dinner, we will crown our Mother of the Year! Please sign up (sheet is posted in the church entrance) by next Sunday, May 11th, so we have enough meat and seating. If you prefer, please call Sue at 269-365-2250 to sign up by the 11th. If you would like to nominate a lady* of our parish to be our 2025 Mother of the Year, please contact Sue at 269-365-2250 by Monday, May 12. *Must be able to attend the banquet to be recognized and crowned. We hope you can join us!

GRADUATING?.....A special Graduation Mass for our High School Seniors will be held on Sunday, June 1st. If you are graduating from high school this spring, please call the parish office so we can honor you at this Mass. Also, the Diocese of Kalamazoo partners with Newman Connection, which will connect your college/university's Catholic ministry team to provide you with information with ways you can embrace your Catholic faith while away from home (i.e. Mass times, young adult groups, getting involved in service outreaches, etc.). For more information, check out www.newmanministry.com.

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM

Hazel Grace Cupp
daughter of Parker and Grace Cupp
who was baptized here on May 3, 2025!!!

Collection: May 3-4, 2025	50 Env.	
Weekly:	\$3,444/\$3,135	
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 141,075.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 144,042.47
Surplus		\$ 2,967.47
Ascension		\$ 260.00
Religious Education		\$ 140.00
Preservation		\$ 121.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$ 260.00