

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God's infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbor. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (2/16)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (2/17)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Wed. (2/18)	Ash Wednesday	
	9:00 AM	Mass For the People
	6:30-7:30 PM	Distribution of Ashes and Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Thurs. (2/19)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Elizabeth Watson (Merce Beebe)
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Benediction and Soup Supper
Sat. (2/21)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Terry Collins (Mike & Lyn Wilson)
Sun. (2/22)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:35-11:45 AM	Religious Education

WORD OF LIFE

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility.....

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT
Men's Lenten retreat will be on March 7, 2026, from 8:30- to 3:30 by Fr. Ken Schmidt. A suggested donation of \$10 for the retreat with coffee, donuts and lunch to be provided. This is open to all men of the parishes of St. Edward and St. Martin and is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 13305.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

To add a name or intention to our parish prayer line, please contact DiAnne Riley at (269)279-6004 or (616)560-5457.

Monsignor Tom and the St. Edward's Parishioners:

It has been 6 months since the unexpected death of our mother Shirley. The Sedlarik family offers a heartfelt “thank you” for being a friend to our Mother. We moved to Mendon in 1972. For over 50 years, some or all of our family attended St. Edward's church.

During Mom's funeral service, it was very sad to know it was the last time she would be in her church home, a place she loved, participating in the groups she loved, being with the people she loved. We cannot thank you enough for all of the support and companionship you gave her when our Dad died. Thank you all for the meals you provided our family at both of our parents' deaths. Our mother was strong, constant, loving, and generous. We miss her smile, laugh, love, and wisdom. We know she is with the Lord, and with our Dad, making her nutty rolls while dad does another art project. We are fortunate to have had your fellowship through all these years. Thank you!

Shelly, Valerie, Teresa, and Jeff

Next Week's:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (2/21)	Bonnie Heflin-Moyer	J. Zubryd/K. Wesoloski
Sun. (2/22)	Rel. Ed. Students	Jack/Cindy VanderKley

MASS SCHEDULE

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

LIVESTREAMING... Sunday Mass is Livestreamed weekly and alternates between St. Edward at 9:30 AM and the 8:00 or 11:00AM Mass at St. Martin of Tours. Viewing is available at www.stedwardmendon.org or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page

*Religious Education and Altar Server training
after Mass today*

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Deacon Dave will provide an altar server refresher training after Mass on Sunday February 22nd for all current servers.

STUDENT-LED MASS

Next Sunday, our Religious Education students will take an active part of our Mass! They will be our readers, gift-bearers, and participate in choir.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins Wednesday, February 18th. We will have the following opportunities for Mass, Adoration, and distribution of ashes:

- 6:00 AM Mass at St. Martin
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Edward and St. Martin
- 6:00 PM Mass at St. Martin
- 6:30-7:30 PM Adoration and distribution of ashes

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

Phil Kramer Oliver Ray Pat Kramer Margie Klein

ADORATION DURING LENT

Beginning February 18th, we will be having Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 PM; all Wednesdays are at St. Martin, except Wednesday, February 18th and March 4th, which will be at St. Edward . All are welcome at both parishes!

We will again have Stations of the Cross & Benediction followed by a Soup Supper on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted if anyone can bring a pot of soup for one of the suppers. Thank you very much!

FATHER/SON BREAKFAST

All men and boys are invited to the Father/Son Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, after Mass. If you don't have a son or he can't attend, you are a son and should join us! Don't forget the grandpas too! A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church to aid in planning. Please sign-up or call Sue Opalewski (269)365-2250 by Sunday, February 22. We hope you can join us!

**ST. MARTIN LENTEN LECTURE SERIES
FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 24, 2026**

Our 5 Week Lenten Lecture Series focuses on “Why Do Catholics Do That?” Have you ever thought about why we do something or the meaning behind a Catholic Practice? This program series will answer your questions! Lenten Tuesdays start with dinner at 5:30 pm and then a speaker lecture at 6:15pm in the parish hall. A poster with topics and a sign-up sheet are in the church entrance to plan for dinner. Please RSVP for the events you plan to attend.

OLD PALMS NEEDED

Please bring your old palms to the basket in the vestibule. They will be burned for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Collection: Feb 7-8 , 2026	56 Env.	
Weekly: \$5,004/\$3,193		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 105,369.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 118,504.64
Surplus		\$ 13,135.64
Preservation		\$ 135.00
Religious Education		\$ 55.00
Three Churches Collection		\$ 255.00

Altar Servers

Owen Klinger/Stanley & Evelyn Mroczek