

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contemporary phenomenon is analogous to Jesus' words today about getting into heaven. Jesus says people will come from every direction but must pass through a narrow gate to enter. Let us accept this challenge, patiently following that narrow path.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (8/25)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (8/26)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Joshua Klein (Gary & Sandy Klein)
Thurs. (8/28)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Dennis Komarck (The Komarck Family)
Sat. (8/30)	2:30-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession Mass ☩ Vincent Klein (St. Monica Catholic School 8 th Grade Class of 2021)
Sun. (8/31)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People

WORD OF LIFE

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.”

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Witness of the Good Samaritan:
Palliative Care and Hospice”.....

UPCOMING CIRCLE OF FRIENDS MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2025

This gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner.
We gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month (exceptions are November and December, which will be the 3rd Wednesday because of holidays) from **6:00 - 7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Center at St. Catherine of Siena, 1150 W. Centre Street, Portage, MI.
Next meeting dates are: August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, and December 17, 2025
Contact Veronica Rodriguez by phone 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240, or vrodriguez@diokzoo.org for more information, or, to RSVP.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for students entering grades K-8 in the 2025-26 school year begins in September! Registration packets have been mailed to student families who were enrolled last year. If you have a child entering Kindergarten, or who a child who was not enrolled last year, please contact the parish office for information!

Next Week’s:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (8/30)	Gary Klein	Cliff/Mary Lou Jepsen
Sun. (8/31)	George/Rita Phillip	Jack/Cindy Vander Klein

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



*Happy 100th
Birthday,
Mercedes Beebe!!!*

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

Terry Collins Phil Kramer Oliver Ray
Pat Kramer Lyn Wilson Jane Evans

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FROM THE HOLY LAND

Religious Articles on Sale from the Holy Land: On August 30th and 31st, Land of Peace, invites you to a special event. Following all Masses, Noel Alshomali from Land of Peace, a not-for-profit organization will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference. Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance. Please help to support this meaningful cause. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND,
AUGUST 30-31

In light of the catastrophic conditions and humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Bishop Edward M. Lohse, in accord with canon 1266 and along with The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has requested a second collection during the weekend of August 30/31st to assist with emergency humanitarian relief aid for the Gaza region. Monies collected will be divided equally to support the on-the-ground efforts of The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Checks should be made out to the parish with a notation written in the reference line for “Gaza Relief Fund”. Funds collected will be sent to the Diocese for forwarding to the USCCB. You may also give directly to Catholic Relief Services at crs.org. The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. To expedite this process, all funds from the collection are due to the Diocese of Kalamazoo September 12, so we can get funds quickly to Gaza relief and save lives.

Collection: August 16-17, 2025	51 Env.
Weekly: \$3,596/\$3,193	
Y-T-D Needed:	\$ 25,511.00
Y-T-D Collected:	\$ 28,109.00
Surplus	\$ 2,565.00
The Annunciation	\$ 1,027.00

Altar Servers

Luke & Corinne Wilson/Megan Cupp