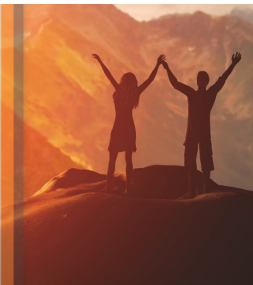


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward St. Francis of Assisi St. Mary
Elmdale St. Francis Upsala

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave
his father and mother and
be joined to his wife,
and the two shall
become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis— 7:15-7:45pm

Sunday: St. Edward —7:15-7:45am, St. Mary— 9:15-9:45am

Tuesday: St. Mary —5:00-5:45pm

PRAYER LINE

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(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

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Mary and the Saints/ACC Meeting: Oct 28

Our group will be meeting at St Edward's in Elmdale at 7pm. We hope that all the members will be able to join as we work on our bylaws. Brenda Kresky (Director of Pastoral Planning for our Diocese) will be joining us. Thanks to our members: Matt Herzog & Alice Westrich (SF), Peggy Frieler & Megan Wensman (SE) and Jim Koczur & Carol Lange (SM). Please note, we will be looking for new members on this ever-important council.

Next Weekend Free Books

"Dan Burke who spoke to us Sept 23 in Holdingford has a wonderful book on prayer: Into the Deep: Finding Peace through Prayer Prayer—it's mysterious, challenging, frustrating . . . and life-changing. Discover why growing in prayer, which sometimes can be compared to a battle, is worth every ounce of effort you give it. Using a simple approach to prayer, you'll learn how even ten minutes a day can change your life. I want to give a gift to you. After all the Masses, there will be eight free books in each of our parishes." Fr David

Remember in prayer those in need of the Lord's healing and strength:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs, Jason Zwilling (pneumonia, sister of Kari Hartung, SM), Brayden Harren, (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (nephew of Theresa Larson (SE, moved to rehab), Fr. Jerry Mischke (rehab), Bev Johnson (Gethsemane, cancer), Gerald Vornbrock (SM Covid, Pneumonia) Marlene Vornbrock (SM, back home!) Anna Schulte (SM, Memory Care in Melrose), Sr. Mary Peters (Poor Clare Nun, Sauk Rapids) family of † Phillis Vornbrock, family of † Jeremy Phillip, family of † Betty Kane.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS Sept. 26, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,635.00 Loose: \$62.00 Catholic Charities: \$5.00 Votive: \$37.50 **\$1739.50**

St. Francis: Adult: \$940.00 Loose: \$151.00 Votive: \$184.07 **\$1275.07**

St. Mary Adult: \$1,923.00 Loose: \$84.00 Catholic Charities: \$50.00 **\$2,057.00**

Mass & Devotions Schedule October 5th-October 10th

Tuesday 10/5 *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
No Mass-Clergy Workshop

Wednesday 10/6 *Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

No Mass-Clergy Workshop

Adoration with Benediction SM 12-4 pm

Thursday 10/7 *Our Lady of the Rosary ~Memorial*

St. Edward 8:00am † George Casazza

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 10/8

St. Mary 7:30am For the people of our parishes

Saturday 10/9 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Francis 8:00pm † Ed Fuchs ~ Dan and Rita Lange

Sunday 10/10

St. Edward 8:00am In memory of † Elmer & Emma Langner ~ Shari Binek

St. Mary 10:00am † Leo and Katherine Hartung ~ Kari & Ervin Hartung

Faith Formation

Youth Choir (Grades 7-12) Sign-up

Thanks to Rachel Prom (630-8599) who will be coordinating two practices before the December 8th at 7pm Mass. She writes, "this will be an amazing opportunity for the kids to both participate in the Mass and grow in their relationship with God in a new way." Any question, please call her or the parish office.

Grades K-6 Meet: Oct 6th from 6-7pm

"You've Got Mail" is our theme. Thanks to our teachers who give of their time. Thanks to our parents who will be meeting during that time in the Church at St Mary's. Come if you can for a light dinner 5:15-5:45pm. Thanks to Alice Westrich and all who help to bring about these monthly meals.

Grades 7-10 Class: Oct 13

We will not be meeting this week. Class resumes the following week 7:30-8:40pm. Our young people are engaged and interested in deepening their walk with Jesus. Tamara Lange spends the last ten minutes of class with them with a few words along music. Pray that the Holy Spirit would descend upon them like never before!

Youth News

Mass Server Practices

All children and youth grade 3 and older, are encouraged to come to one of our practices. You need not attend the practice in your parish as another time may work better for you. Parents, please consider encouraging your family to be open to this ministry. Since the pandemic, we have only a few interested in this ever-important ministry: Oct 14 at 7pm in St Francis; Oct 15 at 7pm in St Edward's; Oct 16 at 10:30am in St Mary's or Oct 17 following the 10am Mass. Boys and girls and all youth simply come to a practice and give it a try!

Three Saints News

Thanks Fr Virgil Helmin

"Each Tuesday afternoon, the two of us get together to go over the upcoming Sunday readings and reflect on possible topics to preach about. With the first reading and the Gospel's strong emphasis on marriage and divorce, he planned to speak on the annulment process (he had Masses at St Paul's in Sauk Centre). I am grateful that he allowed me to read his homily." Fr David

40 Days for Life: Sept 22 - Oct 31

Come and join fellow Christians praying for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers and father as well as for the conversion of all who promote or participate in the abortion industry. The Holdingford area parishes will be there Thursday afternoons anytime 1-7pm. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers 320-247-9838. In Holdingford, we will also have a prayer vigil held in support of 40 Days for Life at All Saints/St Mary's on Tuesdays from 4-5pm. Join for prayer with either the outdoor vigil or indoor prayer service.

Public Square/Fatima Rosary: Oct 16 @ 12noon

St Louis de Montfort: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Last year we had more people than ever join us for our outdoor rosary. Please join us and invite others as we pray for our country, our church and our families. Contact Karen Liebsch or Mary Jane Boeckermann for more information.

Religious Items For Purchase: Oct 30/31

"We are John and Ann Miesen from Lake George, MN. We have been married since 1983 and are blessed with two children and four grandchildren. Selling Olivewood to support several Christian families living in the Holy Land has been a family passion for years." **There will be religious items made in the Holy Land available before and after our 8pm Mass on October 30th at St. Francis and our 10am Mass on October 31st at St Mary.** Please help spread the news as 20% of all sales will go toward the parish. Checks can be made to the church.

Box of Joy: Children in Central America

Just a reminder that our parishes will be participating in the Box of Joy Christmas ministry again this year. Boxes will be available in October, so please start collecting gifts like...toys, toothbrushes, school supplies, hygiene products, apparel, rosaries, candy, etc. Let's bless the children in Central America with a box full of love and Christmas blessings! More information will be available in the weeks to come. Please call Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688 with any questions.

Finance Committee: Oct 11/12

We will be having our quarterly meeting 7pm Monday evening for St Mary's. Tuesday evening at 6:30pm for St Edward's and 8pm for St Francis. Remember to thank our trustees along with those on each respective committee: Colleen Harren & Mark MacArthur (SF), Theresa Larson & Ted Lewandowski (SE) and Mikel Nelson, Cindy Koehn & Tom Killian.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Oct. 10- 8:00am

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Dennis Biniek

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Greeter: Sally Schleper **Server:** Isaac Harren

Gift Bearers: Brian & Lisa Wensmann

St. Edwards Day: Oct 17

Due to concerns of spreading COVID-19, it has been decided that we will not be gathering for a meal and fellowship. St Edward's Feast Day is October 13, so we will have a special Mass October 14. Did you know he became King of England in 1042? Having made a vow of chastity, he accepted marriage for the sake of his kingdom, but lived with his queen in celibacy, as brother and sister.

Thank you

The family of Bernetta Czech would like to thank the choir, those helping with the food and all who attended the visitation and Mass.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Oct. 9th - 8:00pm

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt **Lector:** Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Brian & Jessica Donabauer

"Thank you for inviting me to your parish celebration Aug. 22. Thanks for the free meal ticket. My main reason for coming to the bazaar has always been the delicious meal. This was also true again. Thank you." ~Sr. Marguerite Ostendorf

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., Oct. 10 - 10:00am

EM of HC: Jan Kilian **Lector:** Kim Koehn

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeter: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Servers: Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger

Gift Bearers: Nathan and Laura Ripplinger

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Notes from Fr David

The Holy Spirit draws us each weekend to these holy places. We gather together as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. We pray that we may be made worthy of the call we received in baptism to witness to God's saving power in what we say and what we do. As we hear from the author of Hebrews, we have been consecrated in the Lord, and in fact have been made the Lord's brothers and sisters. Let us raise our voices in song and prayer as sisters and brothers of our Savior.

Bishop Donald Kettler will celebrate Mass for those attending Diocesan Ministry Day, set for Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. John's University in Collegeville. Come join us at Saint John's Abbey and University. To register call our parish office or go online. The day will gather the people from across the Diocese of Saint Cloud to celebrate who we are as a diocese and to share with one another the gifts each of our Area Catholic Communities offers.

I am off to Alexandria for a 4-day clergy workshop (Oct 3-6). Tuesday evening, we have the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for many of our retired priests followed by a nice social and banquet honoring all priests and deacons who retired the past three years. The workshop ends Wednesday with reports from the various diocesan offices, talk by Bishop Kettler and concluding with Holy Mass. We celebrate the Eucharist daily, pray our breviary as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Know of my prayers for you and your loved ones. Please know that in case of emergency I am available by way of my cell phone for any sick calls, funerals, etc.

Lastly, I am ever so excited to share the great news! After a summer long search, please welcome Jessie Johnson as part time secretary from St Anna's parish as well as Randi Klasen from St Mary's as part time bookkeeper. Throughout the summer months, there was little to no interest in these positions. Perhaps that was due in part to the good many other positions available in the private sector. Yet with these two ladies coming forth, I am really looking forward to what the Good Lord will be bringing about. I feel very confident as I believe that they will work well together. Jessie has been filling in temporary the past few weeks and I greatly appreciate her professionalism and her caring heart. Randi and her husband Mike approached me two Sundays ago following the Mass stating how she was interested in helping us out. In time, you will get to know them better. A special thanks to Janice Wuebkers for her many years of service and especially the last couple of months. She has gone above and beyond in helping train each of these ladies. She was busy with her new job, and yet she made time to help us! Lord only knows our office would have been in a world of hurt without her faithfully doing all that she did for us.