



# The Catholic Churches

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

Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. Kgs 3:5, 7-12

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023

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*Please update the office if your phone or address changes.*

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Sunday: St. Edward: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

St. Mary: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

### PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728  
(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

### Three Saints News

#### **Mass Counts**

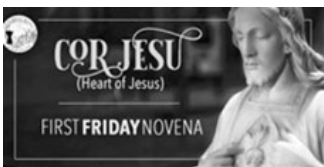
Ushers: this is the last weekend for July Mass Counts.  
Thank you! Please put completed forms in the collections basket to be returned to the Parish office.

**St. Edward Masses** The Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Francis Church and the Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Mary's Church.

**St. Edward's First Friday Adoration** will be at St. Mary's on any Thursday that you would like to join in from Noon to 9:00 p.m. Adorers for St. Edward will not be scheduled during this time but please join in with St. Mary's.

#### **Phone Information:**

If your landline phone has been disconnected please call or email us with a contact number. Thank you!



**Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena : August 4th**  
Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - an

evening of Mass, Adoration and reconciliation. Visit: [www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic - Revival](http://www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival). This is part of the Eucharistic Revival to strengthen, educate and celebrate the beauty of the Catholic Church. The next event is at Christ the King, Browerville at 6:30 p.m.



**Praise and Adoration: August 7th**  
Join the Holdingford parishes at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints - St. Mary's. There will be music and of course, **Jesus!**  
**Everyone is invited to attend!**

**Pray for us:** Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Gary Larson

### Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule


Monday 7/31		Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
No Mass		
Tuesday 8/1		Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Marcella Vos ~Family *Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday 8/2		Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Herbert Gerads *Anointing of the Sick
Thursday 8/3		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis		Thanksgiving for Margaret Carlson's 100th Birthday *Anointing of the Sick Adoration
Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary		
Friday 8/4		Saint John Vianney, Priest
9:00 a.m. St. Mary	†	Jeanette Waletzko
<b>Weekend Masses</b>		<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
Saturday 8/5		The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
10:00 a.m. Senior Living		Mass, Upsala
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†	Rita Ritter
Sunday 8/6		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary's		For the People
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	†	Donald, Elizabeth & Duane Herzog

### Faith Formation

#### **Grades 7-10 Teachers and helpers needed**

Do you feel called to teach? We have openings for Religious Ed. teachers for this upcoming year. Please let Fr. Jimmy know or call the Parish Office.

#### **23/24 Religious Education Registration**

 If you have not registered for Religious Education, please scan the QR code, fill out the registration form at the back church or visit: <https://forms.gle/wofZhaebr536sg4s6>

### Youth

#### **Youth Director**

There is an immediate opening for a Youth Director. You can fill out an application on the website, call the Parish Office or let Fr. Jimmy know.

#### **Youth Group Food Stand: Heritage Days, August 12th**

The youth group from our parishes is once again having a food stand at Upsala Heritage Days on August 12th. If anyone is willing to help us out again, it would be greatly appreciated! All proceeds will go to support those going to NCYC this fall and the youth group. Please come out after the parade at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy some great food and support our worthy cause. If you can help, please call Mike Klasen (320) 248-3600 or Chad Koopmeiners (320) 293-7092. Thanks!

#### **Vocations Paschal Challenge: August 19th**

Led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch & Seminarians 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023PaschalChallenge>. For men in 9th-12th grade.

**ST FRANCIS' NEWS****August Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida**August Bank Deposit:** Frank Koopmeiners**Saturday, August 5th- 8:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Brittany Harren

Chad Koopmeiners (C), Janelle Roerick (C)

**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt**Servers:** Volunteers**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Gail Wuebkers**Church Cleaning: August 7th**

It's that time of year again! We will be washing dishes and giving our church and shed an overall cleaning beginning at 6:00 p.m. If that doesn't work for you, please feel free to come before. A list will be available in the church basement of what needs to be done.

**St. Francis Fall Festival: August 27th**

The raffle chances and work slips for our Fall Festival are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available at the Parish Office or contact Joyce Koopmeiners (320) 573-2728.

If you have items for the silent auction (Canned pickles, jelly, craft items etc.) Call or text Carol (320) 290-9790, Jane (320) 232-3290, Rosanne (320) 249-8910 or Kathy (320) 293-7485 with questions or donations. Thank you!

**ST. EDWARD'S NEWS****Sunday, August 6th - 8:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann**Lector:** Jim Bartkowicz**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Nick Schleper**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann**Gift Bearers:** Brad & Crystal Hartung**ST MARY'S NEWS****Sunday, August 6th- 10:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Jan Kilian

Renee Scholz (C), Dave Scholz (C)

**Lector:** Tom Kilian**Servers:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger**Ushers:** Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger**Greeters:** Mary Frie**Gift Bearers:** Patrick & Lisa Zabinski**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian**Cake Walk at Heritage Days: August 12th**

Be prepared to bring your baked items to the Cake Stand that day. Thank you! Contact: Mary Frie 573-2311

**Area Church Events****Our Lady of Lourdes Bazaar: July 30th**

Join in for the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Polka /Gospel Mass by "Laverne and Friends and stay for Bingo, Live Auction, Games, and food. The "Gone Bizarre" Raffle will be at 4:00 p.m. Grand Raffle at 4:30 p.m. (203 W. Broadway, Little Falls).

**ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY****St. Edward: \$90****St. Francis: \$405****St. Mary: \$490**

You can sign up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on the website, visiting the office or contact the Parish Office to have one mailed or emailed to you. Thank you!

**WEEKEND COLLECTION July 23, 2023****St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,235, Loose: \$111 **Total: \$1,346****St. Francis:** Adult: \$725, Loose: \$122 **Total: \$847****St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,782, Loose: \$239.52, Choir: \$125**Total: \$2,146.52** Additional Votive from last week:

\$112= \$2,258.52 Total

**St. Edward's Fire Update:**

We have met with the insurance adjusters and building inspector. The pews have been removed for cleaning. The statues are being sent to a company in the cities for restoration. This is a restoration, maintenance, repair project so we won't know yet how long it will take. We need prayers and support for the people and the church. The rest will happen and is in God's hands.

**Prayers from Fr. David**

Prayers and blessings coming your way with your recent tragedy. St Edward's parishioners, please let me know if there's anything more that I can do for you. We were and are offering special prayers at our Masses in the Little Falls area. I cannot help but cherish our wonderful memories. All those Masses, Baptisms and Weddings celebrated in your beautiful little church are now more precious than ever. All for Jesus through Mary!

**Fall Marian Shrines Pilgrimage: October 8th-11th**

Join our faith communities Marian Shrine Pilgrimage to three shrines in Wisconsin, including participation in the first ever Solemnity Mass at "The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion", an official Marian Apparition site. We will also visit Holy Hill Basilica and The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. JeriCo Christian Journeys is arranging all transportation and accommodations. This is open for all parishioners of our ACC. The price \$895 per person is all-inclusive. Please join me, Deacon Dan, (Holdingford New Evangelization Coordinator) as your Spiritual Director for this amazing opportunity. Brochures are available in the back of our churches. To register contact: Colleen@jericochristianjourneys.com or 1-877-453-7426.

**Notes from Fr. Jimmy**

Brothers and Sisters,

Being the pastor for our three parishes, I am trying to get to know my parishioners even though there are challenges and struggles. But, I truly believe in the guidance and protection of the good Lord who is always with us. Lots of prayers and support are being offered to us from all around, from priests, friends, and even non-parishioners. I want to ask all of you to keep praying for each other especially for St. Edward parish family. It is time to work together, and God wants us to be positive because He is in charge. Don't hesitate to call me with your concerns and let me know your thoughts and ideas.

Our tri-parish faith formation classes will begin in September. We are in the process of getting things organized, making plans for this coming year. I want to encourage all parents to seriously consider sending your children to this program of our Church. The Faith Formation Program is the most important part of the Church and as a worshipping community it is our responsibility to help the next generation to grow in FAITH. I humbly ask you, all parents, to take this as part of your responsibility to help your children to attend and benefit this Program. My sincere thanks to all our teachers who have been working behind the scenes for many weeks already preparing for this year; to our teachers and aides; to parents who support the classroom work and faith experiences by reinforcing those lessons at home and at the Sunday Eucharist; and to all who give of their time and prayer to make this important work of the Church a reality.

Know of my prayers for you, always.

Blessings!

Fr. Jimmy