

# The Catholic Churches

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala

## The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE  
Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,  
Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:30-7:45am, & St. Mary ~ 9:30-9:45 am  
PRAYER LINES  
(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
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ADORATION  
St. Edward's –monthly, the 1st Friday of the Month, 12-9pm  
St. Francis– monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7am-7pm  
St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday 12-9pm

### Three Saints News

#### Marriage BANNS I I I

Mathias John Braun & Marie Elizabeth Blonigen  
October 8, 2022 at St. Edward, Elmdale



#### Cake Walk Fundraiser

Thank you to all who organized, volunteered or contributed to the St. Mary's cake walk fundraiser at Heritage Days. Thanks to those who bought items to support our church!

#### Youth Group Food Stand

Many thanks to everyone who worked in the Youth Group food stand at Heritage Days. Also, to all those who came out and supported us. Blessings to you all!"

It takes so many hands to make these events happen! Your willingness to serve not only supports the Church but also the whole community! Thank you!



#### Please pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Bruce Wolters, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek (SE), Linda Mader (SF), Marlene Vornbrock (SM), Roger Thell (SF) Helen Heisick (SE)

Family of + Donald Herzog (SF)



*I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning!* ~Luke 12:49,51

## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 8/23</u>	<i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>
6 pm St. Mary	No Mass
<u>Wednesday 8/24</u>	<i>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
8 am St. Francis	No Mass
<u>Thursday 8/25</u>	<i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>
8 am St. Edward	No Mass
<u>Friday 8/26</u>	
9 am St. Mary	No Mass
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<u>Saturday 8/27</u>	
4 pm St. Francis 8 pm St. Edward	† Irene Harren † Deceased members of the Jane Keppers Family
<u>Sunday 8/28</u>	
8 am St. Mary 10 am St. Francis	† Roger & Agnes Notch ~ Jim & Mary Koczur For the People

#### St. Francis Fall Festival: Aug 28

The Festival begins with Mass at 10:00 a.m. Music is by Laverne and the Starlites followed by a Chicken & Ham Dinner, Kid's games, Bingo, Pull-Tabs, Straw Stand, Cake Walk, Country Store, Food, Fancy work, and more music by the Slewfoot Family Band. Grand Raffle 7:30 p.m. with over 100 prizes. Don't miss this event!

#### Fr David's Private Masses Offered for this week

8/23 + Edna Boeckermann, 8/24 +Heather Hennek, 8/25 Dennis Koroll, 8/26 + Special Intentions of Dave & Renee Scholz

#### Spiritual Bouquets for Fr. David

Spiritual Bouquet forms that can be filled with prayers for Fr. David are in the back of our churches. You can drop yours off in the collection basket or at the Central Office. They will be mailed to Fr. David to give him encouragement. Thank you!



Stanley Czech would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes for his 96th birthday on August 16th!

#### Eucharistic Revival

Check out the newly updated webpage at [stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/](http://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/). Here you will find news, resources, events and happenings, adoration times and locations and information about the people involved in this initiative. Contact us with ideas and questions at [eucharisticrevivalstcloud@gmail.com](mailto:eucharisticrevivalstcloud@gmail.com).



#### Praise and Adoration: Sept. 5

Join in with the Holdingford parishes at 7 pm at All Saints-St. Mary's.

There will be music and of course,

**Jesus!**

Spend an hour with Him!

#### Holdingford Job Opportunities

##### Confirmation Director & Assistant Confirmation Director

(two positions) Class meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**New Evangelization Coordinator** This position assists the pastor in ministering to and evangelizing in our three parishes. A degree in Theology or extensive Evangelization experience is preferred.

Call the Holdingford Central Office 228-0105 if interested.

These are paid positions.

**ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Saturday, August 27th - 8:00 p. m.**

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

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett

**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Lora Bartkowicz

**Apples**

The apple tree at the parish house is full of apples. Help yourself before they fall to the ground.

**ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Saturday, August 27th– 4:00 p.m.**

Volunteers needed

**Sunday, August 28th– 10:00 a.m.**

**August Ushers:** Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

**EM of HC:** Brittany Harren

**Lector:** Jane Keppers

**Server:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Rita Lange

**BAZAAR NOTES:**

-cucumbers and tomatoes are needed. Please bring them to the church by Friday 1:00pm.

-please turn in your raffle tickets on Friday or Saturday to help with last minute paperwork.

-Like in the past, workers are asked to park on the west side of church to keep room in the front available for our visitors.

-As our annual festival weekend is coming quick, we ask every-one to work together as God's children, and enjoy each other's company. Many people come from great distances to enjoy what decades of hard work has given us a reputation for one of the best bazaars around. Let's make our Father proud, as surely he is smiling down on us as we do this very charitable act of love. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us! -Bazaar Committee

**Silent Auction**

Items needed. If you would like help with creative ideas for the auction, please contact Rosanne Voss at 320-248-8910, Kathy Thell at 320-293-7485, Evelyn Locnikar at 320-573-2628, or Jane Keppers at 320-232-3290.

**Raffle**

The raffle and quilt chances are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Raffle or Quilt chance tickets can be purchased in the office or call Joyce Koopmeiners (Raffle) 232-0592 or Kathy Thell (Quilts) 573-2509.

**ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday, August 28– 8:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn **Lector:** Chantelle Frie

**Servers:** Emily Ripplinger

**Ushers:** Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger

**Greeters:** Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Jan Kilian

**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian

**Thank you**

The family of Donald Herzog would like to thank everyone for the food sent & kind words of sympathy and messages sent in the passing of Dad. A Big thank you to Father Dan Walz, Karen Becker, the choir and for anyone who helped with the beautiful mass. Also for the great lunch & anyone who helped prepare, serve and clean up - you are all appreciated. Also a Big thank you to Bob Theisen for all the extra efforts for the wake and funeral service and to anyone who helped in anyway, Thank You!! God Bless you all!

The Family of Donald Herzog

**WEEKEND COLLECTION August 14, 2022**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1735 Loose: \$117, Votive: \$ 41.25, Assumption \$135 **Total: \$2,028.25**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$585, Loose: \$113, Assumption \$ 174 **Total: \$872**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,158, Loose: \$163, Monstrance: \$100, Assumption: \$5 **Total: \$2,426**

**Cake Walk:** \$439.75 **Youth Food Booth:** \$ 6,585

**Area Church Events**

**Upsala Blood Drive: Sept. 9**

The Community Covenant Church will host a Blood Drive from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Contact: Linda: 573-2381. Additional information can be found at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Engaged Couples Retreat: Sept. 10**

Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. See our website for more details: <https://stcdio.org/engaged-couple-marriage-preparation/> or call (320) 252-4721 with questions.

**St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party: Sept. 10**

All are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral's Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 10th. Join us for 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral followed by music, food, and fun. Fr. Brady Keller and Kevin Carlson will share their musical talent at 5:00 pm. Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos will entertain us from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Other events include a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Wine Wall, Beer Garden, Bingo and kids' games. All are welcome to this free event. Visit [stmarystcloud.org](http://stmarystcloud.org) for more information.

**No Finer Time to Be a Catholic: Sept. 13**

*Knowing our Faith and Living it with Joy in a Secular Age*– led by Fred Blonigen on Tuesdays from Sept. 13th through Nov. 8th at 7:00 -8:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud. Join in for one or all!

**Catholic Women's Conference: Sept. 17**

This event will be held at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year's theme is *Eucharist – God's Greatest Gift* and our keynote speakers are Marge Steinhage Fenelon and Leah Jacobson. Join women of all ages and walks of life for a "faith lift". There will be opportunities for additional breakout sessions, Mass with the bishop, reconciliation, display tables and vendors along with lunch and refreshments. For more information: <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-womens-conference-2022/>.

**A Note from Father**

The question that Jesus is asked in today's Gospel is a sobering one: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" It would be comforting if Jesus responded with something like, "No, many will be saved," or even better: "Everyone will be saved." But He voices this troubling response: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." With that, we may be tempted to say what the listeners said in Luke 18:26: "Who, then, can be saved?"

The Catholic Church does not try to guess how many people will be saved. Rather, She teaches us the fundamental things that are necessary for our own salvation: faith in Jesus Christ, and doing God's will. We place our faith in Jesus as God's own Son, the Savior of the world. And we strive to do God's will by loving Him above all and loving our neighbor as ourselves. If we persevere in these, while being truly repentant of our sins, we can trust that salvation will be our gift when our earthly life is complete.

Fr. David Maciej

**Update from Fr David**

"Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your prayers, kind words and love! I'm eternally grateful. You have simply been unbelievable! Your care and concern has been most humbling. I don't know how I can ever repay you. The past two weeks have been filled with much grace and peace. I know that it's your prayers and so many others storming Heaven which brings me great strength. Thanks also for the b-day wishes. I am doing fine. I find myself living more and more in the present/today than initially when I fell into the trap of deliberating about the past and/or anxious and worried about the future. It looks like I'll not be joining you for the Fall Festival in St Francis. I pray that more blessings than ever would come upon our parish gathering! Know of my daily prayers for each of our parishes. I know that every one of us will come out of this stronger and it is because of our faith."