

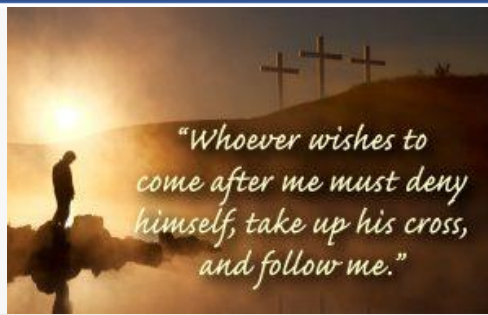
# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

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### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

### PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

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### MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the office before desired baptism date.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please stop in or call the Office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled with the exception of Tues. evening.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiyk

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,078.00; Loose \$89.00, Fall Collection \$200.00; Assumption \$25.00 - **\$1,392.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$1,195.00; Loose \$53.00; Votive \$18.85 – **\$1,266.85**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$2,730.00; Loose \$85.00 - **\$2,815.00**

## Mass Schedule

Aug. 31 – Sept. 6, 2020

Monday: 8/31

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 9/1

*\*Mass at St. Francis Cemetery – Bring your lawn chairs\**

St. Francis 6:00pm † Edna Boeckermann, Josephine Roering, Paul Keppers, Audrey Pflueger, Norbert Roering

Wednesday: 9/2

St. Francis 8:00am † Denis Notch  
- Don & Eileen Stiller

Thursday: 9/3 *St. Gregory the Great*

St. Edward 8:00am † Jeffery Kalis

Friday: 9/4

St. Mary 7:30am † Janet Hartung  
- G & MJ Boeckermann

Saturday: 9/5 *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

St. Edward 8:00pm † Ken Heisick  
- Jerry & Joan Theisen

Sunday: 9/6 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Francis 8:00am People of the Parishes

St. Mary 10:00am † Diane Lange

### FUTURE HAPPENINGS

August 29/30 Bishop's Letter (re: Ch. 11 Case) to be read at Mass

September 1 Cemetery Mass 6pm @ St. Francis Cemetery

2 Adoration @ St. Mary 12-4pm

2 ACC Mtg, 7pm in Holdingford *\*Note date change\**

4 Adoration @ St. Edward 12-4pm

9 Religious Ed. Opening Mass/Reg./Parent Mtg

12/13 Good Friday Collection

16 Religious Education begins

19 Wensmann & Bruder Wedding @ St. Edward

20 Confirmation Mass w/ Fr. Rolfes, 10am

@ St. Mary, Upsala

21-28 Fr David on vacation & Fr Virgil Helmin fills in

Please continue to watch Fr. Gregory Mastey's Facebook page for updated Mass times in the Holdingford, St. Anna, and St. Wendel areas.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (9/2)

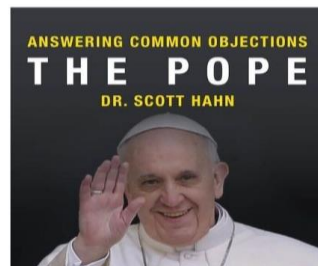
St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (9/4)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm Second Tues. (9/8)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



### The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

[www.238catholic.formed.org](http://www.238catholic.formed.org) (Google Chrome)

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Justin Wensmann & Anna Bruder Sept. 19 @ St. Edward  
I – Casey Weber & Kristin Wuebkers Sept. 19 @ St. Paul's,  
Sauk Centre

## THREE SAINTS NEWS

### **Sacrament of Anointing**

The first of month is fast approaching. For the weekday Masses this coming week with the exception of our Mass in the Cemetery September 1, you will have an opportunity to be anointed. If you have a serious illness or our elderly, it is important that you get anointed monthly. Please contact Fr David if you need to schedule another time be anointed.

### **Pro-Life Ministry**

The number of abortions in Minnesota leveled off at 9,922 in 2019. Are there people interested in becoming more involved in standing up for life? Please contact Fr David.

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

This week and next, our parishes will have opportunities for you to come to Jesus. It is great if your schedule allows you to spend one hour. Jesus knows the stressors of your schedule even better than you. Even if you have only 5 minutes, God will bless you any moment you spend with Him.

### **Tuesday Night Cemetery Mass**

Our final cemetery Mass will take place this Tuesday evening at 6pm in St Francis. Thanks to all who joined us last week in St Edward's. We had about 25 people in attendance. Thanks to Bob and Ione Brezinka for serving some drinks afterward. People commented afterwards as how grace-filled and peaceful it is to have Mass in the cemetery.

### **Mary and The Saints (ACC) Meeting**

Please note there was a misprint in last week's bulletin. Our meeting will take place September 2 at 7pm in St Mary's of Holdingford. Agenda items will include: Day to day operations now that we are in COVID; recap from last meetings before COVID; Look at our goals and putting them into action with a timeline; What are we doing together. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

### **Holy Land Special Collection**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic concerns in many countries during Holy Week, Pope Francis approved a proposal to move the Collection for the Holy Land for the year 2020 from Good Friday to take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 15). Checks can be written out to your parish. You can either mail it to our Parish Office or on the weekend, there will be second box at the entrance of our churches.

### **Bishop Kettler's Letter**

"Thanks for your understanding and your receptiveness regarding Bishop Donald asking all parishes to have this letter read at weekend Masses. It will be read once again the weekend of October 3-4. There is more information posted in the entrance of our churches. Please help spread the word to all survivors of clergy sexual abuse that there is a deadline of October 21, 2020 to file any claims. This is difficult for everyone, but when we come together in faith, we know that God will not abandon us. Please contact me if you want to discuss this or anything else." Fr David

## ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

### **Saturday, September 5 – 8pm**

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Jeff Czech

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Jeff Czech, Dennis Biniek, Nick Schleper

**Thank you!** I would like to extend many thanks for the cards and small tokens that I received for my birthday! God bless everyone!  
- Stanley Czech

## ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

### **Sunday, Sept. 6– 8am**

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Greeters: Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann

**Missing chairs??** There was some lawn chairs left after the outdoor Mass at St. Francis. They are in the back of church.

### **Special Blessing to Our Organist**

Thanks to Karen Becker who played twice the previous Sunday, that is, for our 8am Mass and 2pm Outdoor Mass. She was not expected to play for our morning Mass, yet her kindness and sense of duty drew her forth to share her gifts and talents! Thanks to the Slew Family Band for the beautiful music for Mass as well as after Mass. It is so special to see their family singing and playing their instruments.

**THANK YOU!!** A huge thank you to everyone who came out for the outdoor Mass last weekend and everyone who supported the Fall Festival Raffle! Thank you to all the businesses and parishioners who sold tickets. Thank you to Fr. David for the Outdoor Mass and the Slewfoot Family Band for providing the wonderful music! Thank you to everyone who set up and took down – it was a lot easier this year, but still a lot of work! 3,432 tickets were sold for a total of \$17,160.00!! The free will offering for beverages totaled \$130.25. Net figures will be coming out as the invoices for advertising have not come in yet. Congratulations to the raffle winners! The list of winners is hanging in the back of church and is posted on the website. All prizes have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please call the office.

## ST. MARY'S NEWS

### **Sunday, Sept. 6 – 10am**

EM of HC: Brian Lange Lector: Michelle Fleischhacker

Greeters: Jamie & Jenny Leners

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian, Robert Maciej

### **Landscaping/Shrubbery**

Thanks to Mitch Lange and others who have worked so hard to remove the existing shrubbery. In light of this, there now exists another very serious problem! The window in Fr David's office is no longer obstructed by the bushes, so now people are noticing that he naps most of the day! 😊

## NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

This weekend, we heard Jesus tell His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, where He will suffer and be killed and that – guess what? – whoever comes after Him must take up his cross and follow Him. It must have been quite a shock! This is the first time Jesus told them this. We know what happened nearly two thousand years ago, but the challenge is new for each generation of disciples. Are we willing to take up our crosses? Will we follow? Let our sharing in the Eucharist strengthen us as we take up the cross and follow Jesus.

You continually amaze me how so many people came forward for our Parish Raffle/Outdoor Mass held at St Francis. It truly touched my heart seeing parishioners from all three of our parishes. No doubt you are becoming more "our parishes" rather than "my parishes". We didn't sell all 4,000 tickets, however about 3,300 were sold. Thanks to the people of St Francis for being innovative in deciding to have this raffle. Our parishes need to come up with new ways to help ensure that financially we will remain viable.

Especially in light of the Bishop's Directives to implement Area Catholic Communities (ACC). As we begin working more closely with the Holdingford area parishes, in time we will also see this new configuration as "our parishes" and not "my three parishes". Words from Bishop Kettler in his August 25<sup>th</sup> letter: "We may not be able to do ministry the way we always have, but we shouldn't be doing less. The work of DREs, catechists and youth ministers are crucial right now. We need to be innovative, creative and adaptable. Pastors and parish staff must support one another. Within your ACCs and regions, please work together, collaborate and share resources whenever possible. Brainstorm new and effective ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with your parishioners."

Please be open to joining us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am in St Mary's with the Vicar General Fr Robert Rolfes. Our young people having been preparing to become soldiers for Jesus. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit will be unleashed upon them as they become adults in our Church. Thanks to all the teachers who have taught them these past eleven years. Confirmation sponsors, your willingness to step forth and play an integral role in guiding these young people in the ways of faith is to be commended. A special thanks to their parents in giving them models to follow. It is not easy in this day and age to be Catholic. Thank you for your faithfulness and helping to do your part.

Between now and then, please, please pray by name daily to the Holy Spirit that there would be a new Pentecost coming upon these young people like never before. Here follows the list of those to be confirmed: Zachary Bartkovicz, Paige Binek, Anna Blonigen, Anthony Boeckermann, Austin Breth, Shanna Dobmeier, Nicholas Herzog, Katerina Jensen, Carter Johnson, Gavin Koetter, Emma Kremers, Wil Leners, Matthew Pundsack, Austin Wensman and Dylan Yurczyk.

