



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
~Lk 14:1

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Edward~ 7:15-7:45 p.m.,
Sunday: St. Francis~ 7:30-7:45 a.m., & St. Mary ~ 9:30-9:45 a.m.

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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 BANNIS I

Matthew James Herzog & Anna Jane Lehner
October 22, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi



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!

St. Michael Prayer

I was asked by a parishioner if, at the end of Mass, we could begin saying the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel that is widely used by Catholics. This is the prayer that asks Saint Michael to "defend us in battle," and to protect us from Satan's snares. I checked with Fr. David on this, and we both feel it might be better to let him work with that when he comes back to the parishes. It's a wonderful prayer, but I think that something that would be a significant addition to the liturgy is best left to the pastor for his discernment. Hopefully this is acceptable for us at this time. Fr. David Maciej

Coming Soon

September 21-October 30 – 40 Days For Life Fall Campaign
View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

Please call the Central Office if you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list. 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)

Mass, Devotions & Events

<u>Tuesday 8/30</u>	
6 pm St. Mary	No Mass
<u>Wednesday 8/31</u>	
8 am St. Francis	No Mass
<u>Thursday 9/1</u>	
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	
8 am St. Edward	No Mass
<u>Friday 9/2</u>	
First Friday	
9 am St. Mary	No Mass
Weekend Masses	
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<u>Saturday 9/3</u>	
8 pm St. Edward	† Ken Heisick
<u>Sunday 9/4</u>	
8 am St. Francis	† Mike Schiller
10 am St. Mary	For the People

Fr David's Private Masses Offered for this week

8/30 + Brian Boeckermann, 8/31 +Marcellus & Frances Theisen, 9/1 +Leonard Czech, 9/2 + Frank & Katherine 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!

Faith Formation

Our new year is about to begin! There will be a kick-off Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's on Sunday, September 18th with coffee and rolls to follow.

Youth



*All are invited to
Praise & Worship Adoration
All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford
September 5th at 7:00 p.m.*

EPIC Youth Nights: September 21

Students from any parish in Grades 6-12 can join in on Wednesday nights at 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's in Holdingford for Mega-Fun games & Faith Filled Friendship!
For more information contact Kyle VanOverbeke at youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com.

5 Ways For Catholic Teachers To Prepare For This Year

1. Take care of your own spiritual life. Go on a retreat. Spend time in prayer daily. Read Scripture.
2. Pray and intercede for your students and their families that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to what He has in store for them.
3. Take some time to grow professionally. Read a book that will help you grow as a teacher or attend a good workshop.
4. Engage in true leisure! Relax by the pool, spend time with friends and family and take a vacation if possible.
5. Lesson plan with intentionality. Invite the Holy Spirit into this process. Take your call to spread the Gospel to your students seriously.

Our Lord has big plans for you and your students this next year. Trust in that and abandon yourself to His care.

~catholic-link.org

Prayer For the New School Year

Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers that this new year will be filled with guidance from the Holy Spirit to open hearts to learning about our faith.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, September 3 - 8:00 p. m.

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Ted Lewandowski

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jackie Wolbeck

Apples

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

Mark your Calendar

Due to a wedding, Adoration for St. Edward's will change from Friday, October 7th to Friday, October 14th. Thank you!

There will be a 5:00 p.m. Mass instead of the usual 8:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday October 15th with a celebration for the feast of St. Edward to follow. Father will hear Confessions at 4:15 p.m. before Mass.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, September 4 -10:00 a.m.

September Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

EM of HC: Syl Tschida

Lector: Barb Moorman

Server: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Lloyd & Judy Lashinski

BAZAAR NOTES:

Please turn in your raffle tickets by Saturday to help with last minute paperwork.

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

Our annual festival weekend is here! We ask everyone 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

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, September 4 - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Renee Scholz **Lector:** Kim Koehn

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Follow-up Funeral Lunch Meeting: Tuesday, August 30

Please join us for this update on St. Mary's Funeral Lunch program.

Albany Pioneer Days: Sept. 15-18

Remember the good old days? Bring the whole family and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the 48th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany on September 15, 16, 17 & 18. This year is a four day show and we are featuring Ford and Fordson tractors, vehicles land related equipment and Cushman Gas Engines. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in-between!! Check the website www.albanypioneerdayss.com for details or call 320-249-0331

St. John the Baptist Church, Swanville– Oct. 1

If you would like to have a booth to display your crafts at our 38th Craft/Raffle event from 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. contact Charee 573-4271 or cpelzer@leadstone.com

WEEKEND COLLECTION August 21, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$905 Loose: \$79, Assumption \$10

Total: \$994

St. Francis: Adult: \$575, Loose: \$90, Assumption \$ 20

Total: \$685

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,583, Loose: \$150, Assumption: \$85

Total: \$1,818

Area Church Events

St. Rose Fall Festival: Sept. 4

10:00 a.m. Polka Mass followed by Food, Quilt Auction, Bean Bag Tournament, Music by Steve Mages and Crystal Breeze & Cash Raffle with over \$9,000 in prizes!

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 for more information.

The Eucharist and the Four Pillars of Stewardship Retreat:

Sept. 16th, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Seven Dolores Church, Albany. Join in for a day of reflection on God's presence in our lives and to listen for what He is calling us to do. This retreat will include inspiring talks by Fr. Michael Troha, time for quiet reflection, small-group discussion, lunch and Mass. Cost: FREE (*includes lunch*) Contact Anna Kampa at 258-7654

email AKampa@gw.stcdio.org.

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. Cost: \$35. For more information: <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-womens-conference-2022/>.

Grow in your Faith

St. John the Baptist—August 29th

Throughout history, the institution of marriage has not been lived out as God intended and those who stand up for marriage are often punished for their boldness. This is not only true in our day in age, but it is the story of John the Baptist as well. Telling King Herod that his marriage to Herodias was unlawful led to John's imprisonment and martyrdom but his role in salvation history is crucial. He was stunned when his cousin Jesus waded into the Jordan River for baptism, but he must have understood the impact of this moment. By submersion in the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is publicly seen as one in need of repentance, although, in actuality, he has no need of it. In this act, Jesus is already identifying himself with sinners and foreshadowing the saving acts of His death and resurrection. Of Jesus, St. John the Baptist said, *"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."* From the Gospel of Mark, NRSV

A Note from Father

The virtue of humility is described in various way in today's readings. Jesus especially makes the point that one who humbles him or herself will be exalted. He also tells us that part of humility is reaching out to those who are poor or afflicted. They cannot repay us, but our reward will be a heavenly one, far greater than anything that earth can offer. May the Lord show us the path to humility, and may we be willing to travel along it.

Everyone is invited to the parish bazaar at St. Francis today. Come and join fellow parishioners and visitors in a day of fun and sharing. May God bless our time together, and may He reward those who have planned long and hard for this event.

Fr. David Maciej