

# The Catholic Churches of

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



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 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 – 5:45pm

**PRAYER LINE**  
Karen Liebsch (SM): 573-4127 Kathy Koehn (SM): 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

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting a date.

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

## Mass & Devotions Schedule Aug 31-Sept 5, 2021

Tuesday:	8/31	
St. Mary	6:00pm	† Frank & Alvina Theis
Wednesday:	9/1	
St. Francis	8:00am	† Lennie & Nancy Holmer
*Anointing of the Sick*		-Joyce Koopmeiners
St. Mary	12pm-4pm	– Adoration
Thursday:	9/2	
St. Edward	8:00am	† Don Maciej
*Anointing of the Sick*		
Friday:	9/3	<i>St. Gregory the Great</i>
St. Mary	7:30am	† Virgil Burg
*Note Time Change*		
*Anointing of the Sick*		
St. Edward	12pm-4pm	– Adoration
Saturday:	9/4	<i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
St. Francis	8:00pm	† Florence Voss
Sunday:	9/5	
St. Edward	8:00am	† Doug Wood
		-Dennis Biniek
St. Mary	10:00am	People of Our Parishes

**Office Hours: Please be patient in this time of transition. This week the office will be open from 5pm-7pm on Wed & Thurs. Please leave a message or note under the door at other times.**

**Over 80 Blessings! (September)**

Jerome Stich (9/3) SM  
Eileen Stiller (9/5) SF  
Linus Lehner (9/20) SM  
Marietta Mueller (9/21) SM  
Elmer Frie (9/23) SM  
Donna Scholz (9/26) SF  
Bernadette Voss (9/29) SF

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### St Francis Thanks You!

Thank you, thank you, thank you St Edward's and St Mary's for helping to make our Fall Festival most blessed! You were incredible by volunteering to help out, joining us that day, buying raffle tickets (you bought 13 books following your Masses last weekend) and most importantly praying that our day would bring forth many blessings. Let's continue to work together as Bishop Kettler spoke of this at his homily last Sunday. Gross from our Fall Festival was \$68,014! Amazing what Our Good Lord can bring about through us!

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9/11

Come and join us as we honor First Responders as well as commemorate the lives of those lost September 11, 2001. Bishop Kettler will have Mass: Saturday, September 11 at 4pm in St Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

#### Area Church Gatherings

##### St. Rosa Parish Festival--September 5

Outdoor Polka Mass-10am  
Games, Food Stands, Music  
Bean Bag Tournament—12:30pm  
Quilt Auction—2pm  
Grand Raffle & Cash Raffle Drawings—7pm

##### Holy Cross Church Bazaar, Harding—September 5

##### Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Grey Eagle--September 12

All you can eat breakfast at St Joseph's Catholic Church. Serving from 9am-12:30pm. Free will offering. Proceeds for Religious Education Program.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs, Brayden Harren (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns), Rodney Bartkovicz (SE, stage four pancreatic cancer), family of +Katy Panek, family of +Heather Hennek, family of +Don Maciej, family of +Deacon Gerald Theis

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,311; Loose \$71; Votive \$27; Online \$310 - **\$1,719**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$612; Loose \$120.25; Votive \$84.50; Assumption of Mary \$5; Online \$305 - **\$1,126.75**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$540; Loose \$353; Votive \$192.68; Assumption of Mary \$20; Online \$210 - **\$1,315.68**

### Faith Formation News

#### Confirmation 2022 Date Set

For all High School Juniors, Sponsors and Parents, please mark your calendars: March 20 at 2pm. Fr Robert Rolfes will be the celebrant in place of Bishop Kettler. This will take place at All Saints Parish in Holdingford.

Look for a letter with a schedule and more info from Chantelle coming soon. The first class will be Wed. Sept. 15 at 7:30pm.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/s Found!

Praise the Lord! Amazing how the grace of God works when we are open to His blessings. A list of our teachers will be forthcoming. Thanks to every one of our teachers! Know that we greatly, greatly appreciate all that you teachers do for Jesus.

### THREE SAINTS NEWS continued

#### **Rodney Bartkowicz Benefit!**

We hope that you can join us September 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm at the Royalton American Legion. Rodney, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer, continues to undergo treatment. A member of the National Guard for 30 years, please join in honoring him and showing him our appreciation for the sacrifices he and his family have made. There is a silent auction (from 1-4pm), live auction at 5pm and limited number of \$100 raffle tickets sold for a Polaris Side-by-Side.

#### **Special Collection for Haiti: September 11/12**

The president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, has issued a statement asking for our prayers and financial support for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck on Saturday. Bishop's Office: "Once again, to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering, Bishop Kettler is asking that every parish of the Diocese of Saint Cloud take up a special collection on a weekend in September."

#### **Fr Jeremy Theis' Dad Went Home to Jesus**

+ Deacon Gerald Theis, 72, was a deacon of the Diocese of Saint Cloud for 13 years. His funeral was this past week. Fr Jeremy preached the funeral homily while Bishop presided at the Mass. Please send a note of sympathy to your former pastor as no doubt he would love to hear from you: 304 Sinclair Lewis Ave, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

#### **Sat., Sept. 4 – 8pm**

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt  
Lector: Chad Koopmeiners  
Servers: Carter Roerick  
Gift Bearers: Chad & Niki Koopmeiners

#### **Top Raffle Winners**

The top cash prize winners: James Gerads, Jerome Stich, Bill Trettel and Kenny Schmitz \$500 each; Kevin Roerick \$300; Kathy Thell, Janet Huls, June Schwieters, Eli Roerick, Pat Blonigen and Emily Tschida \$250 each; and Linda Tobroxen \$200. Congrats to Jacob Roerick who won the three-hour motorcycle ride with Fr David. Thanks to everyone who made fund raising most successful.

**A full list of Grand Raffle winners is posted in the back of the church.**

**A big thanks to everyone who came out to St Francis Fall festival last Sunday!** Thanks to all the parishioners who helped over the course of the weekend and also to those volunteers who made a big difference helping too! Also many thanks to everybody who donated raffle prizes, food, auction items, and anything else that helped to make our fall festival a huge success! Many thanks to all of you and God bless you all! - St. Francis Festival Committee

#### **Thank-you to St Francis of Assisi**

Pastor Fr Jimmie Joseph of St James in Randall writes: "Thanks for the use of the train for our August Fest. Know that it was greatly appreciated. The children loved riding in it!" They sent along a \$50 donation.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

#### **Sun., Sept. 5 – 8am**

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lectors: Dennis Biniek  
Greeter: Sally Schleper  
Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett  
Servers: Isaac Harren  
Gift Bearers: Dennis & Diana Trettel

#### **+ Heather Hennek Went Home to Jesus**

As she was laid to rest in our parish cemetery, please remember to keep her parents Gerry and Kathy Hennek in your prayers. Words from a father who lost a child: "The pain rips you open, heart and soul. It comes from a deep place within and it can't actually be described. It is felt physically as well, it felt like my heart was being ripped through my chest, it still does."

#### **Thank you**

The family of Don Maciej would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, and assistance during our time of loss. Thank you, Fr. Grundman, for your visits and prayers of comfort; you made the final goodbye special. Thank you to the choir for the beautiful music and, of course, those that made the luncheon easy for us. All your kind gestures are appreciated.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### **Sun., Sept. 5 – 10am**

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn Lector: Michelle Fleischaker  
Greeter: Rosemary Mehr & Rosie Harren  
Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian  
Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen  
Gift Bearers: Elmer, Mary, & Lorraine Frie  
Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

#### **Welcome New Parishioner**

Did you hear the great news that Bernie Waldorf recently joined our parish? She just celebrated her b-day last week (August 23)! She lives in the patio homes on West Walnut Avenue. She will be helping out with the 'Ministry of Greeters' as well as Christian Women.

#### **Welcome Elliette Joy Kingston**

A new little sister was baptized into our faith! Congrats to her older sister Skylar Marie and her parents Brooke and Mitchell. No doubt her godparents Eric Lampert and Brittany Sogge will be wonderful teachers of our faith. Remind family, friends, and parishioners of the importance of the sacrament of baptism.

#### **NOTES FROM FR. DAVID**

The greatest gift each of us has ever received was the gift of life itself. That gift was given to us most directly by our parents, whose life in turn was given to them by their parents, and so on. But ultimately the Author of life, the giver of every great gift, is God. We come together this weekend in thanksgiving for that precious gift, which led to the gift of eternal life, promised by God's Son to all who follow Him.

Thanks to Janice Wuebkers for going above and beyond by helping us ever so faithfully. She is now employed at the Newman Center Church in St Cloud as Office Manager as well as works at the Holdingford Office one day a week. Thanks to Chantelle Frie who has been filling in this past month. No doubt without all their hard work and dedication working on the weekly bulletin, paying our bills and day-to-day responsibilities would not have taken place. Thanks also to Laura Horvath-Douvier who has been learning from Janice the necessary bookkeeping skills. She has recently committed to helping us out also as the secretary while the search continues to find a new Office Manager. Laura currently works parttime at the Post Office in Upsala. She will be posting the hours in which she will be in our office. We are looking at having some evening hours. Please stop by and greet Laura. Thanks for your patience during this time as we know it will be inconvenient for you. Thanks for your prayers during this time. Please contact me if you are able to help out in our office.

With the Delta variant along with the coronavirus, we are reminded that we still are not out of the woods. Bishop's August 18<sup>th</sup> letter to Catholic School Principals and Pastors has a number of applicable points for us as well: "It is very important that we work with our families through the frustrations and divisions we have experienced in this pandemic. We must regularly remind one another of the love of God and the joy of the Gospel as the reasons we are called together. The changing conditions with the coronavirus require us to be vigilant in both our safety practices and in the hospitality of our hearts. We must model love and respect through our actions, particularly in being consistent and steady in what we require of our families.

I want to be clear in my support of three key prevention measures: 1. COVID-19 vaccination. This is the most effective way in which we can slow transmission of the virus and provide safe places of learning. I do not require vaccinations, but urge eligible people to receive them. 2. Face masks for unvaccinated persons. This is especially important when there are high levels of transmission surrounding parish and school communities. While not required across all diocese schools, I strongly encourage the practice to protect all who are not yet eligible for vaccination. 3. Quarantines for close contact exposures. These are required, and they protect against potential spread from confirmed cases.

We know that there will be further developments with the virus in the weeks and months ahead. As your bishop, I ask you to be open to new ways to respond to the needs of our students, families and employees. As you listen to them and journey with them, share your wisdom with other leaders and pastors. Learn from them, too. Together, let us meet these challenges with hope and confidence in the promises of our loving God." Bishop Donald J. Kettler