

# The Catholic Churches

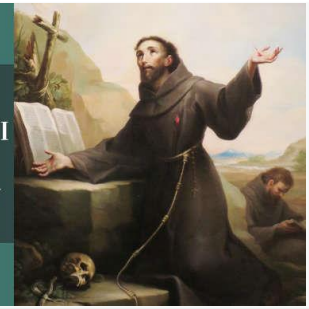
of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala

SAINT  
FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
*Pray For Us*



## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chantelle Frie, Confirmation: 320-360-4796

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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

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

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 Eiynek, Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Rodney Bartkovicz

\*\*The above prayer list will be refreshed the start of the new Liturgical Year, which is Nov. 29. All names will be cleared out. If you wish to remain on the list, call the office.\*\*

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,830.00.00; Loose \$20.00; Fall Collection \$550.00; Landscaping \$200.00 - **\$2,600.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$1,240.00; Loose \$17.00; Votive \$76.00; Fall Collection \$1,400.00 – **\$2,733.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$1,210.00; Loose \$34.85; Rent \$80.00 - **\$1,324.85**

### Boxes of Joy

Please join this wonderful ministry experience by helping poor children receive a Christmas gift this year! The Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry that is facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach.

Tamara Lange, from St. Mary's in Upsala, is the project leader and has organized this drive to take place in our Area Catholic Community. Gift boxes are provided and can be found in the back of each parish. Inside the box is a list of gift ideas for children between the ages of 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. The total expense for each box are the contents inside, as well as a \$9.00 shipping and handling fee. Complete instructions are inside each box. Boxes can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. The deadline is November 15, 2020. The children that will be blessed with a Box of Joy live in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Grenada, and the Bahamas. For some of these children, it will be the first Christmas gift they ever received. Please join Tamara in making this ministry a family event where we can show our love and compassion as well as share in the joy of Christmas...together! If you have any questions, please call Tamara at 320-573-4108.

## Mass Schedule

Oct. 5 - 11, 2020

Monday: 10/5 *Blessed St. Francis Xavier Seelos*  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 10/6 *St. Bruno*  
St. Mary 6:00pm † Gerald Roering

Wednesday: 10/7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
St. Francis 8:00am † Brady Rademacher  
- G & MJ Boeckermann

Thursday: 10/8  
St. Edward 8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday: 10/9 *St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi*

St. Mary 7:30am For the Election  
- Renee Scholz

Saturday: 10/10  
St. Edward 8:00pm People of the Parishes

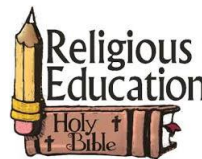
Sunday: 10/11 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
St. Francis 8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving  
St. Mary 10:00am †† Willy & Betty Boeckermann  
- C & S Boeckermann

### Religious Education

**Oct. 7:**

Grades 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm

Confirmation: Meeting 7:30 – 9pm



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (10/7)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (11/6)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. (10/13)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes



Come celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls in a different way this year! St. Cloud area Catholic homeschoolers will be presenting a "Back from the Dead" cemetery walk from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Assumption Cemetery on Oct. 28 and Nov. 1. As participants walk through the cemetery, they will encounter martyrs, saints and others who relay their stories about "The Last Things." (Recommended for ages 14 and up) For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Roseanne or Brenda at [cemeterywalkst.cloud@gmail.com](mailto:cemeterywalkst.cloud@gmail.com) or call 320-363-1077.

This is a free event!

### SCAM ALERT!!

There is a scam going around. The scammer will send an email or text using Fr. David's, or whichever priest's name asking for gift cards for a cancer friend or some other hospital bound friend. They may even call you by your name to make it seem more legit. THIS IS A SCAM! Do not buy gift cards for them or anything else. Priests will never contact individuals via text or email asking for money. Anytime there is a collection for a specific cause, it will be publicly announced in the bulletin and/or at Mass.

## THREE SAINTS NEWS

### **Church Rummage Sale**

Sponsored by Christian Women/Rosary Sodality at All Saints - St. Hedwig's Church, Holdingford, MN. Friday and Saturday, October 16th & 17th - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18th - 9:00 a.m. - Noon (Buck a Bag Morning) Face masks and social distancing required due to Covid-19

### **Children's Offerings**

As we strive to get our children more involved in the weekend Mass, know that Fr David/the priest will always be wearing a mask. Please do not have your children come forth if you are concerned for their health. Following the petitions in our all of our churches, they will be invited to come forward with their offerings. Remember even if they forgot or have nothing, still encourage them to come forth.

### **Ushers Collect Offerings**

Thank you ushers for collecting people's offerings as we did prior to the covid-19 virus. Simply bring up the collection and give them to the priest. There still cannot be any procession of bread and wine.

### **Wanted Young People**

All youth in grades 7 and older, please consider becoming a lector, greeter or usher. We need you. Jesus needs you. Clara Pflueger from St Francis did such an excellent job of reading this past summer for our cemetery Mass. Please speak to your parents about this. To become a Eucharistic Minister, you will need to be confirmed.

### **Welcome New Members Ministry**

Mary and the Saints Committee hopes to find two people from each of our parishes who can work together to brainstorm (total twelve people) how our faith community can welcome new members when they join our parishes. Please, please consider this ministry as way for you to be the voice, hands and feet of Jesus for others.

### **Youth Ministry Interviews**

This past Thursday, we interviewed two different groups interested in this ministry: Beth Lange and Niki Koopmeiners; Mitch and Brooke Lange, Kyle Lange, Sara and Matt Herzog. Please thank them for their willingness to serve in this ministry. It will be a win-win regardless which team is chosen. By this coming week, a decision will be made. Thanks to everyone for all your prayers.

### **Rosary Crusade**

At Fatima in 1917, the Blessed Mother told people to pray the rosary for world peace. On Saturday, October 10th at Noon thousands of Catholics will pray the rosary in a public place to stop America's terrible moral decay. **Our Three Saint Parishes will pray the Rosary in front of St Mary's Church in the parking lot alongside Hwy 238. Please join us (Oct 10 at 12noon) and pray for our Nation.**

### **Pro-Life Corner**

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 12-hour-a-day (Mon-Fri 7am-7pm) time period sends a powerful message to our community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility. To sign up or get more info, please call/text Marilou Sommers: 320.247.9838.

## ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

### **Saturday, October 10 – 8pm**

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

### **Mass Time Survey**

Thanks for all your input and suggestions. Sorry about not giving you sufficient time in returning your survey. Print outs are available in the entrance of church with the survey results along with most suggestions. "Lord Jesus, what is Your will for our 'Three Saint Parishes'? I know that You are inviting us to look beyond to 'Mary and the Saints' (our ACC/Holdingford area), but during this time of this pandemic, we are ever vulnerable to anxiety and impatience taking hold. Amen." We, Mary and the Saints Committee (12 members along with the two priests) met last Tuesday evening in Holdingford. Much discussion focused on Mass times. We had 14 different ideas. Survey results from our parishioners: 8pm Mass throughout the year: 5 in favor; 4pm Mass Nov-April: 16 in favor. Please, please continue to storm Heaven with your prayers as Fr David discerns God's will for our 'Three Saints Parish'.

## ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

### **Sunday, Oct. 11 – 8am**

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Greeters: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

## **Pet Blessing**

This time of year, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. St Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for St Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat! Talk with Fr David about how we can organize this for next year.

## ST. MARY'S NEWS

### **Sunday, Oct. 11 – 10am**

EM of HC: Joe Schumer

Lector: Karen Liebsch

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

### **AMAZING Landscaping!!!**

What do you think? Amazing grace with how beautiful the outside of our Church has become! Are not the landscape rocks truly out-of-this world? No doubt that + Dave Schneider is looking down upon us. This project has brought closer to God and will continue to do so for many years! Dave, was the rock collector. He passed away about a year ago unexpectedly. He had a passion for unique rocks and saved any unique rock he came across. To many farmers rocks are rocks, but it was something that meant a lot to Dave. Thanks to everyone who helped bring this about as a lot of hard work and planning went into this endeavor. In thanksgiving for Dave and all who helped to bring this about, Fr David will offer three Masses of Thanksgiving. FYI ... the project came in under budget which was less than \$1,000, but your financial gifts are still most greatly appreciated.

## NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

This weekend's reading speaks of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. God calls us to work in the vineyard, each doing our part to ensure a good harvest. We gather together each week in the Lord's name and receive Christ in the Word and the Eucharist. In our Gospel, Jesus promises the kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. We pray that we may be nourished in word and sacrament so that we may go forth to produce fruit for the kingdom.

Thank you for your prayers and support the previous week during my week of vacation. Being in Grand Rapids truly brought the peace of God back into my life. I don't know how many of you can continue to move forward without taking time away. You are amazing. My vacation allowed me an opportunity to refuel, reflect and redirect my thoughts and prayers. At times, I can get lost out in leftfield. Continue to pray for me as I pray for you. Together we will get through this pandemic and come out of this even stronger!

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. This past Tuesday, I had some appointments in St Cloud. I knew 40 Days for Life were praying before Planned Parenthood Mon-Fri 7am-7pm. I had planned to join you/the Holdingford group Thursday afternoon. However, I had another commitment. Anyway, on Tuesday I stopped by there to pray for about one hour. I happened to know the people praying there as they are from the Rockville parish. I recognized Amanda Filla. We went on a Steubenville Youth Trip to Denver some twenty plus years ago. She and her husband Nick have nine children! Her friend Amanda Meierhofer joined us which totaled fourteen children and youth holding signs and praying the rosary and the chaplet! "Mother Mary, help each one of us deepen our respect for the sanctity of human life in all stages. Amen."

Please continue to pray for our Three Saints Parish that we will find a weekend Mass schedule that will help our churches grow. Did you know that we have seventeen churches within a twenty-mile radius of Holdingford? There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is inviting Bishop Kettler and our entire diocese to rethink about how better we can live out our Catholic faith.

Thank you for your faithfulness in living out your Catholic faith. I read this weekend, Bishop Kettler's letter regarding the October 21, 2020 deadline for survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file any claims. Just seeing your presence and love in the pews speak volumes of how you practice and live out your faith during these ever-challenging times. Much like the pandemic, I pray that we will come out even stronger from this sexual abuse settlement/bankruptcy proceedings.