The

Catholic Churches

of

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



Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

James 5:4

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

Pastor: Fr. David Grundman (320) 309-4174 (cell)

Email: frdpgrund@gmail.com

Sister Mary Pat Burger -St. Francis Rectory (320) 573-2203

CENTRAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 249, Upsala MN 56384

Phone: (320) 573-2132 Fax: (320) 573-9133

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chantelle Frie-Confirmation 360-4796 chantellfrie@gmail.com
Reba Leither, Family Formation, Gr. K-6 leitherreba@gmail.com
Tamara Lange, Gr. 7-10 250-4688 tlange44@yahoo.com

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis-7:15-7:45 p.m.

Sunday: St. Edward -7:15-7:45 a.m., St. Mary- 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: St. Mary -5:00-5:45 p.m.

PRAYER LINE

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363 (SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728 (SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

Holy Mass/Anointing of Sick Cancelled

Both sacraments will be cancelled Oct 5 and Oct 6. We hope that you can receiving Anointing of the Sick Oct 1 or Oct 7. If unable, please contact Fr. David.



Over 80 Blessings! (October) Gene Lashinski (10/12) SF Frank Gerads (10/19) SF Connie Harren (10/2) SM Alvina Buchhert (10/10) SM Rose Burg (10/14) SM

Youth News

Heritage Day Food Stand: August 14

Thanks to Chad and Niki Koopmeiners from St Francis for bringing a 5-star restaurant to the park! Was it not just the best ever? We brought in a net profit of \$2,306.08! Is that not truly amazing? The previous year we netted \$1,482.29. Thanks to all the people working to help bring this about as well as all who help support us. All proceeds went to our youth group and NCYC (trip to Indianapolis in November).

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, 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, Jason Zwilling (pneumonia, sister of Kari Hartung, SM), Brayden Harren,(SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (nephew of Theresa Larson SE)-moved to rehab, Fr. Jerry Mischke (facial pain), Bev Johnson (Gethsemane, cancer), Gerald Vornbrock SM (Covid, Pneumonia) Marlene Vornbrock SM (Hospitalized with COVID-19) family of † Phillis Vornbrock, family † Rodney Bartkowicz

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS Sept. 12, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$ 460.00 Loose/CCHD: \$206.00

Catholic Charities: \$4.00 \$670.00

St. Francis: Adult: \$390.00 Loose/CCHD: \$70.00 Haiti: \$20.00

\$480.00

St. Mary Adult: \$1,487.00 Loose/CCHD: \$127.00 **\$1,614.00**

Mass & Devotions Schedule September 28th-October 3rd

<u>Tuesday 9/28</u> Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

St. Mary 6:00 p.m. † Scott Keppers ~Jane Keppers

<u>Wednesday 9/29</u> Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels **Feast**

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. Greg Hartung ~Gerald & Bernice Hartung

Thursday 9/30 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Memorial

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. † Rodney Bartkowicz

First Friday 10/1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Memorial *Anointing of the Sick*

St. Mary 7:30 a.m. † Marcia Osberg

St. Mary 3:00 p.m. Wedding Bailey Eiynck & Derek Dolan

Saturday 10/2

St. Francis 8:00 p.m. Living and deceased members of the St. Francis Men's Society

<u>Sunday 10/3</u> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. † Delilah Fussy ~Jerome Fussy

St. Mary 10:00 a.m. † Ty Poppenhagen & Katy Panek

Area Church Gatherings

Church Bazaar in Sobieski: September 26 Polka Mass at 10am with Polish Dinner (11am-1:30pm) at Sobieski Community Center with all the trimmings including: Gorka's chicken, polish sausage, haluski, homemade pies and ice-cream! Cash raffle, quilt raffle, silent auction, kid's games and much more.

West Union/St. Alexius Sausage Supper: Oct.3 Smoked sausage, sauerkraut and spare ribs, headcheese, mashed potatoes and desserts from 12 noon to 6pm. in the handicapped accessible dining room. Drive-thru and takeout available. Event includes live music, bingo, refreshments, televised Vikings game, kettle korn, pull tabs, country store, wagon of pumpkins, gourds and squash for sale. To order linked sausage, fresh seasoned ground pork, headcheese or sauerkraut to take home, call: 612-888-2690

Three Saints News

October Mass Count

Diocesan Planning Office: "Twice a year, in July and October, the Diocese of Saint Cloud requests Parish Mass counts from parishes in the Diocese. We use these numbers regularly for planning purposes. As you know, this is becoming more important as demographics change and our Area Catholic Communities use these numbers to plan for the future." Ushers thank you for all you do and recording the number of people in attendance. Know that you can mark down time and a half on your time sheets this month!!!

your time sheets this month!!!

The Knights of Columbus Family Picnic
will be on Oct 3 at the Bowlus Community Park

beginning with activities throughout the afternoon and a Potluck supper at 4:30 p.m.

Jeff Czech, Grand Knight

First Friday Home Visits: Sept 30 or Oct 1
If you would like receive the sacraments at home along with a visit from Fr David, please call him or the parish office.

Three Saints News continued

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Sept 22 - Oct 31

During this time, you will have an opportunity to be the voice, hands and feet of the unborn! Holdingford area parishes will be praying before Planned Parenthood in St. Cloud Thursdays from 1-7pm. Stop by even if you have only a few minutes. Monday through Friday from 7am-7pm, there will be people from other parishes and denominations peacefully praying and giving witness that Jesus is the answer and not abortion. For more information, please call Marilou Sommers 320-247-9838. In Holdingford, they will also have a prayer vigil held at All Saints/St Mary's on Tuesdays beginning Sept 28 from 4-5pm. Join for prayer with either the outdoor vigil or indoor prayer service.

Family and Friends of Rya Rudolph: October 2 Thanks for sending your donation/checks to the Stearns Bank in Holdingford. Checks can be made payable: Rya Rudolph Fund. Come to Rudolph's Redneck Roost in Holdingford 1-4pm Fun Run, 4-8pm Pulled Pork Supper and 8-11pm Street Dance. Rya was diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing treatment at Children's

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Thank you for your kindness last week as our three parishes gave \$403.00. This collection reflects Catholic teaching's emphasis on the sacredness and dignity of human life. For over 50 years, CCHD has supported community anti-poverty initiatives across our country,

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Oct. 3-8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Dorene Czech Lector: Adeline Molus Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott Greeter: Raymond Kokett Server: Isaac Harren

Gift Bearers: Scott & Karla VanWienen St. Edward's Day: October 17th

After prayer and talking with others, due to COVID-19 we will cancel this celebration. Let's err on the side of safety Fr. David

Family of Bruce Wolters We want to thank everyone for their continued prayers and well-wishes. Bruce has been moved to rehab after 5 months in the hospital. His spirit and determination continue to prevail.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., Sept. 26 - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke Lector: Tom Kilian Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeter: Elmer Fris & Jan Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

† Phyllis Vornbrock Went Home to Jesus

Amongst pneumonia and COVID-19 and other complications, Phyllis has gone Home this past Sunday morning. Please remember to keep Gerald in your prayers as well as her entire family. Other family members including Gerald and their daughter Marlene has the COVID. Funeral is pending as the family needs to regain their health.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Oct. 2nd – 8:00 p.m.
EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier

Fall Festival Report about to be published!

Did you hear that this year was the best in the last fifteen years? Even amidst the COVID-19 and rain coming in the late afternoon we brought in \$50,190! We still have one outstanding bill. Thank you for all your hard work and prayers! No doubt this is a sign no matter how discouraging things may look, when we step out in faith GOD is never outdone!

After Church Festival Meeting Please come and join us on September 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. We would love to hear your ideas or suggestions on how we could make our Fall Festival even better!

Brayden Harren Benefit St. Francis parish is planning to host a benefit for Brayden Harren, possibly on October 31. All those with ideas on what to do are asked to come to a planning meeting on Monday, September 27 at 7:30pm in the basement at St. Francis Church. Thank you!

Three Saints News continued

Public Square Fatima Rosary Crusade: October 16 As you can see, our world is at a crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's request to "stop offending God". Did you know that this is the 104th Anniversary of publicly praying the rosary? Come to St. Mary's in Upsala at 12noon as we pray in our parking lot beside Hwy 238. Contact Mary Jane Boeckermann or Karen Liebsch for more information.

Mary and Saints/ACC Meeting: September 16 Thanks for your prayers as we met the previous week at St Wendell along with Brenda Kresky (Director of Pastoral Planning for our Diocese). We are working on developing a Constitution and Bylaws for our new six parish Holdingford area Pastoral Council. These will be the guiding documents to help reflect our goals. She will be accompanying us for our next meeting: October 28th at 7pm in Elmdale.

Catholic Mutual Insurance Adjustors

Due to the recent storm, inspectors will be coming to our three parishes to see if there are any damages. Thanks to Duane Harren and Bob Theisen for assisting in this mat-Help Bless Children in Central America Our parishes will be participating in the Box of Joy

Christmas ministry again this year. Boxes will be available in October, so please start collecting gifts. Please call Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688 with any questions.

Faith Formation News

Grades 7-10 Meet this Wednesday Next week we will be meeting 7:30-8:40pm. The last 10 minutes of class will be spent in the Church praying the Jesus will strengthen our youth. Please contact Tamara Lange (250-4688) if you have not registered or have any

Notes from Fr David

questions.

We gather this weekend to listen to God's word and to share in the Eucharist. In our first reading, we hear the story of two of Moses's friends Eldad and Medad, who missed the gathering when the Lord bestowed the spirit of prophesy on all the elders. Yet the spirit of the Lord came to rest on them as well. Let us keep in mind all those who are not with us this weekend, for whatever reason, and pray that the Holy Spirit may bear fruit in them as well as

In one week, following the Sunday Masses I will be enroute to Arrowwood in Alexandria for the 45th Annual Workshop for Clergy (Oct 3-6). Due to COVID-19, we had not met the past two years, so it will be wonderful to once again see one another. All priests, deacons along with Bishop Kettler will gather to pray and listen to three presentations from Bishop Mark Seitz of the El Paso Diocese in Texas. Various socials with dining together, golfing, playing cards, etc. are vitally important as it seems throughout the year, we are too busy to come together. In case of funerals or other emergencies please call my cell phone. I hate to be so forward, but it would wonderful if you could just wait a few more days before you go Home to Jesus!!!

We need to have more Mass servers for the weekends. Might you consider encouraging your children and young people to be open to this ministry? Come and check out a practice or even serve a few times to see if this is something they may want to do on a regular basis. Many of our servers chose not to return following COVID-19. St Francis and St. Edward's have only one server...thanks Carter and Isaac! Next week, we will have dates and times for our practices. Remember that those in 3rd grade and older can serve. If we fail to have more interest, perhaps we need to involve adults in this ministry? I am really not too excited about doing this as it seems to send the message to our young people that they are not needed.

Lastly, as you know our religious education/faith formation year has begun. Again, thanks to the Finance Committees from each of parishes that each of our parishes will be covering the cost this year! We are counting on your prayers that God will bless us teachers and students this year like never before! Remember to thank our teachers: Jerry and Joan Theisen (7th graders); Rachel Prom (8th graders); Fr David and Mary Hollenkamp (9th graders); Marvin Wensman and MJ Blonigen-sub (10th graders); and Chantelle Frie (11th graders/Confirmation).