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| <b>St. Edward</b> | <b>St. Francis of Assisi</b> | <b>St. Mary</b> |
| <b>Elmdale</b>    | <b>St. Francis</b>           | <b>Upsala</b>   |



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

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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.

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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

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).

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

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

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 Minnesota.

**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 104<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 matter.

**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 questions.

**Notes from Fr David**

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 all of us.

In one week, following the Sunday Masses I will be en-route to Arrowwood in Alexandria for the 45<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> graders); Rachel Prom (8<sup>th</sup> graders); Fr David and Mary Hollenkamp (9<sup>th</sup> graders); Marvin Wensman and MJ Blonigen-sub (10<sup>th</sup> graders); and Chantelle Frie (11<sup>th</sup> graders/Confirmation).