

# The Catholic Churches

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done as it is in heaven...

## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2022

## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE  
 Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,  
 Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:30-7:45am, & St. Mary ~ 9:30-9:45 am  
PRAYER LINES  
 (SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
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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-7 pm  
 St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday beginning August 4 (hours to be determined).

<u>Tuesday 7/26</u>		<i>Saints Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
6 pm St. Mary		No Mass
<u>Wednesday 7/27</u>		
8 am St. Francis		No Mass
<u>Thursday 7/28</u>		
8 am St. Edward		No Mass
<u>Friday 7/29</u>		<i>Saint Martha</i>
9 am St. Mary		No Mass
<b>Weekend Masses</b>		<b>The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<u>Saturday 7/30</u>		
8 pm St. Edward	†	Katy Lynn Panek
<u>Sunday 7/31</u>		
8 am St. Francis	†	Edmund & Delores Roerick ~ Roerick Family
10 am St. Mary	†	Frank Theis

The Holy Spirit spoke to Fr David when he was feeling sad about having to cancel weekday Masses. The thought placed on his heart was that he will still offer a personal/private daily Mass. For the time being (Tuesday – Friday), he will offer the Mass intention which had been scheduled. However, he will not accept the \$10 stipend. Instead, your \$10 stipend/offering will be sent to foreign missions/St Cloud Mission Office. Thus, two Masses will then be offered for your deceased loved one/s or for your particular need. Also, the sacrifice of you not being able to attend the given Mass means more graces will be going heavenward! We are sorry about this inconvenience. We hope that you are able to attend weekday Masses in neighboring parishes.

### Fr David's Private Masses Offered for this week

7/26: For deceased relatives of the Charles Boeckermann family;  
 7/27: + Gilbert Schmitz; 7/28: + Ken & Steve Heisick and  
 7/29: + Alvina Theis.

### Faith Formation

Registration forms can be found on our website or the back of our churches. Our Coordinators this year are Chantelle Frie, Reba Leither and Roseanne Throener. High School Seniors are welcome to come on Wednesday Evenings. Stay strong in your Faith and be an inspiration to your younger brothers and sisters!

### Youth News Paschal Challenge: August 13

This is a Vocation Event (for 9th – 12th grade) at the Church of St. Paul 300 Sinclair Lewis Ave. in Sauk Centre 8:30 – 9 a.m. registration, Mass at 5 p.m. Find more information and to register at: <https://stcadio.org/vocations/vocationevents/>.

### Area Church Events

#### Called and Gifted Workshop

You are invited to begin a journey of discovering your gifts and calling at the Called and Gifted workshop. This dynamic and interactive two-part workshop will take place on August 3rd and 10th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Benedict's in Avon. To register, please contact Kristin Molitor: [evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com). Please call to register to ensure that you receive your materials in time for the workshop.



**Praise and Adoration: Aug. 1**  
 Join in with the Holdingford parishes at 7 pm at All Saints-St. Mary's. There will be music and of course, **Jesus!** Spend an hour with Him!

### Three Saints News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Donald Herzog of St. Francis. He passed on July 15, 2022. Funeral was Wednesday, July 20, 2022

### Adorers Still Needed for New Weekly Adoration

On Aug. 4 St. Mary's will begin weekly adoration on Thursdays. There are still some hours open to reach our goal of two adorers every hour. Open hours include: Twice a month at 1:00 pm, Twice a month at 5:00 pm, and weekly in the evenings. Please call 320-229-2898 to be put on the schedule to regularly adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

### Gratitude from Fr David's Mom

"I love you all so much! Thanks so much for all your prayers. After surgery, I no longer have any back pain! And thank you for all those b-day cards. I can't wait to come and visit your churches. I love my new apartment: Westview Assisted Living, 240 6th Ave N Apt 9, Osakis 56360. I put all three parishes on my prayer list." Marilyn Grundman.

### Thank you Knights of Columbus!

The Knights of Columbus have donated wheelchairs to our parishes. Thank you for this and all the ways you minister to our churches and help us grow in our faith!

### 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 Binek (SE, recovery from colon cancer), Donald Herzog (SF, Pine Villa-Melrose), Collin Prom (SM, Summer missionary in Colorado), Linda Mader (SF, heart complications), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, rehab), Roger Thell (SF) Helen Heisick (SE, Rehab at home)

Family of + LeRoy Harren, Family of +Donald Herzog

**ST EDWARD'S NEWS****Sat., July 31 - 8:00pm****EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Jim Bartkowicz**Server:** Isaac Harren**Ushers:** Nick Schleper**Greeters:** Sally Schleper**Gift Bearers:** Scott & Jen Wensmann**ST FRANCIS' NEWS****Sun., July 31 - 8:00am****EM of HC:** Judy Theisen**Lector:** Clara Pflueger**Server:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Brittany Harren**Annual Church Cleaning**

Our Annual Church Cleaning for the Bazaar will be Aug. 1 at 6 pm. If this doesn't work for you, you can come before that date. The slip will be downstairs for what needs to be done. Thank you!

**Silent Auction**

Items needed. If you would like help with creative ideas for the auction, please contact Rosanne Voss at 320-248-8910, Kathy Thell at 320-293-7485, Evelyn Locnikar at 320-573-2628, or Jane Keppers at 320-232-3290.

**Raffle**

The raffle and quilt chances are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Raffle or Quilt chance tickets can be purchased in the office or call Joyce Koopmeiners (Raffle) 232-0592 or Kathy Thell (Quilts) 573-2509.

**ST MARY'S NEWS****Sun., July 31 - 10:00am****EM of HC:** Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Leonice Prokott**Servers:** Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson**Greeters:** Volunteers**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Linda Langner**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann**Rural Life Celebration August 14**

Please join us and our hosts at St. Louis Bertrand Parish along with the Four Pillars in Faith ACC, beginning at 10am at the David Trunk farm south of Foreston (address: 4383 120th Ave, Princeton MN). The day includes an outdoor Mass with Bishop Kettler, and will be followed by food and family friendly activities. The event is free and open to all. Bring your blanket, lawn chair, family and friends, and come celebrate our rural diocese and God's beautiful creation!

**Heritage Day Food Stand**

Help is needed at the Food Stand for the Youth Group on Saturday, August 13 for Heritage Days in Upsala. Sign up sheets coming soon. Contact Chad Koopmeiners for questions: (320) 293-7092

**Little Falls Pancake Breakfast/Bargain Bin Sale: Aug 2 8 am** –noon at the Little Falls Senior Center. Adults \$8, Kids \$4 and under 5 FREE.

**Rachel's Vineyard: Aug. 5**

Rachel's Vineyard offers a Catholic retreat for those seeking healing after abortion starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 5p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. The cost is \$180 per person, which includes room, all retreat materials, meals and snacks. Financial assistance is available for those unable to pay. Registrations are kept in strictest confidence and privacy. For more information, contact Nancy at rachels@rviyardmn.org, call her at 763-250-9313 or visit www.rviyardmn.org.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION July 17, 2022****St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,121, Loose: \$92.53, **Total: \$1,213.53****St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,360 Loose: \$82, Votive: \$ 126.95**Total: \$1,568.95****St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,724, Loose: \$194, **Total: \$1,918****Source and Summit Tour: Aug. 4**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women hosts the Source and Summit Tour 2022, a eucharistic pilgrimage in the diocese starting at St. Louis Bertrand in Foreston with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. stop at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti and 2:30 p.m stop at St. Andrew in Elk River. Each stop includes a message from the pastor, tour of the church and adoration chapel, and time for prayer and adoration. Lunch is served in Isanti — pre-registration is required. Call Jean Zwilling at 320-492-7069 for lunch reservations. For more information: Source and Summit Tour Event flyer (PDF) at <https://stcdio.org/source-and-summit-flyer>.

**Retrouvaille Weekend Experience: Aug 5**

A Retrouvaille weekend experience for couples in troubled marriages starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel (3450 Washington Dr.) in Eagan. Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry that teaches communication skills and offers a support community to couples experiencing pain and disappointment in their marriage. Couples who attend learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. For more information, call 800-470-2230 or email [info@tcr-mn.org](mailto:info@tcr-mn.org). To register, go to <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

**Grow in your Faith****The Precious Blood of Christ**

The devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ begins with the Crucifixion, and July was officially declared the month of its feast by Pope Pius IX in 1849. Catholics prayerfully contemplate Jesus' shedding his Precious Blood at every Mass for the salvation of all humanity, and when we take the cup as part of the Eucharistic celebration, we solemnly obey the command Jesus gave at the last supper. Here is one of the many prayers we can offer our Lord that we can pronounce with hope because the promises of God are true!

*O God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through our lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Admitted to your sacred table, O Lord, we have with joy drawn water from the fountains of the Savior: O may his blood, we beseech thee, become within us a fountain of water springing up to eternal life. ~Aleteia*

**St. Martha's Feast Day: July 29**

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of **Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus** into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on **July 29**. ~USCCB

**To the Parishioners of St. Edward, St. Francis and St. Mary:**

I'm asking for God's guidance and strength, and also for your prayers as I begin my time with you during these days. As you have heard, Bishop Kettler asked me to become administrator for your parishes during Fr. David's time away, and I am glad that I'm able to do so. I certainly will need your prayers and patience as I try to learn what I need to know, and to try to learn your names and to recognize you when I see you. My memory is certainly not what it used to be, so again please be patient and understanding as I become a member of these parish families.

I also ask you to keep Fr. David, your pastor, in your prayers. He is a wonderful, dedicated priest, and—obviously—this is a difficult time for him, as it is for you. I have him in my prayers, and all of you as well, asking the Lord to guide and strengthen all of us for the responsibilities that we have. I am also hoping to re-connect with some people from back in my high school days. I am a graduate of Upsala High, back in 1967, and currently live in Little Falls. I retired from pastoring parishes a couple of years ago at age 70.

With these thoughts, perhaps we can let the words of Jesus from today's Gospel enter deeply into our minds and hearts: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." May Jesus Himself be the treasure that we seek, and that we will receive him when we open our hearts to his presence and his love.

Fr. David Maciej