

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



"To what shall
we compare
the kingdom
of God...?"

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

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, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Cody Pappenfus (SE, at home recovering), Brayden Harren (SF, chemo begins June 14), Bruce Wolters (still sedated in hospital, 5 weeks since accident, Bowls, 2nd & 3rd degree burns, nephew of Gary & Theresa Larson, SE), Robert Maciej (SM, at home recovering), Rodney Bartkowicz (SE, stage four cancer)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,459; Loose \$62.19; Mission (Muranga Diocese) \$100; Peter's Pence \$50; Religious Education \$100; Online \$430 - **\$2,201.19**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,075; Loose \$214; Votive \$26; Online \$290 - **\$1,605.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,195; Loose \$154; Online \$255 - **\$1,604.00**



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (7/7)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (7/2)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (7/13)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes



Schedule for Cemetery Masses

June 23 – St. Francis at 7:30pm

July 7 – St. Mary at 6pm

July 14 – St. Edward at 7pm

July 28 – St. Francis at 7:30pm

Aug. 4 – St. Mary at 6pm

Bring
your
lawn
chairs!

Home Scriptural Rosary

Fr. David will come to your home and pray the rosary with you. To schedule a time, please call Fr. David. The following dates are available:

July 6, 13, August 18

Mass & Devotions Schedule

June 14 - 20, 2021

Monday: 6/14 *St. Methodius*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 6/15 *St. Germaine Cousin*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Scott Keppers
- Jane Keppers

Wednesday: 6/16 *St. John Francis Regis*
St. Francis 8:00am † Tony & AnnMarie Hartung
- G & MJ Boeckermann

Thursday: 6/17 *St. Harvey*
St. Edward 8:00am † Steve & Ken Heisick
- Jerry & Joan Theisen

Friday: 6/18 *St. Gregory Barbarigo*
St. Mary 9:00am † Cindy Fleischhaker

Saturday: 6/19 *St. Romuald*
St. Mary 4:00pm † Delores Eiynek

Sunday: 6/20 *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Edward 8:00am † Rita & Jerry Fasen
- Joan Berg

St. Francis 10:00am People of the Parishes

Fr. David on Retreat

Fr. David will be on retreat June 14 – 18. In case of emergency call Fr. Virgil Helmin, (320)293-6220.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on June 17 & 18, so the bulletin will be printed early. Please have any announcements for the bulletin in by 2pm on Tues., June 15. Janice will be on retreat in South Dakota June 17 – 20.

Mass Times Change

Starting July 3 & 4, weekend Mass times will be as follows:

Sunday St. Francis – Saturday at 8pm
Obligation also St. Edward – Sunday at 8am
reinstated! St. Mary – Sunday at 10am

Youth News

Totus Tuus/Vacation Bible School

To date, we have two families interested in hosting an evening meal for the four young people July 18-22. They would be need to eat around 5:15pm as their evening with our teens begin at 7pm. We'd greatly appreciate if you would consider helping out in this area. Please call the office if you can help out.

Area Church Gatherings

St Anna Bazaar: June 27

Please consider joining the Church of Immaculate Conception from 11am to 5pm. There will be a 10am Mass. There will be a quilt, cash and gun raffle. The raffle ticket prices are \$3 each. The Grand Raffle and Gun Raffle will take place at 5pm. Come help support our neighboring parish as proceeds help finance a good portion of their parish needs.

Bowlus Fun Day

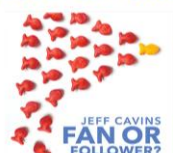
Come join in July 4th 5K Fun Walk/Run Sunday morning, please call 320.345.1702 for more information. There will be an Outdoor Polka Mass at 10am and parade at 11:15am. There will be music and dancing. Join us for a full day of fun. Fireworks display at dusk.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?



THREE SAINTS NEWS

Update on Brayden Harren

Brittany Harren/June 3rd Caring Bridge: "The doctor was amazed at his progress and that he returned to school. Many children do not. Today we had his follow-up with his neurosurgeon, who agreed he is doing amazing and everything has healed great, an MRI (first one since March 22nd) and lumbar puncture (first one since his shunt surgery March 2nd), and an appt with Hemocology/Oncology. I'm learning that with MRIs and LP come lots of anxiety and waiting. Praying everything comes back clear. Otherwise, he is enjoying being home and playing with Emmalyn and Carter, riding bike and four-wheeler and soon to swimming! Next up chemotherapy starting June 14th!" Great news as the tests have come back clean! Praise God! Continue to storm Heaven with your prayers!

Reinstate Sunday Obligation

All our Bishops from MN have decided that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Diocese of St. Cloud and all MN dioceses will be reinstated on the weekend of July 3-4. Please go online to our webpage as the letter from Bishop Kettler to all pastors as well as an interesting information from Minnesota Catholic Conference from all the MN Bishops. It addresses questions: Why is attending Mass in-person so important? Does this mean there will no longer be a dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligations? Next week in Fr David's column, he will list the reasons people can be excused or dispensed from attending these Masses.

June Outdoor Masses

It was great to have so many people join us last Sunday at our 10am Mass in St Francis. It had to be well over 100 people! Is this Outdoor Mass something to continue during the summer months? With the Mass times changing July 3-4 weekend, where best could this take place? Holy Spirit speak to our parishioners as we desire Your will.

Mass Server's Practice

Did you miss out on our practices last week? Please give Fr David a call if you are interested in this ever-important ministry. We are hoping that beginning in July, we can have a schedule with two servers for each weekend Mass.

Parishioners in Military?

We are still looking for someone or a few individuals interested in informing our parish office on the status of our parishioners who are currently in the military. I know that you are too busy already, but surely this is the least we can do for our men and women along with their families who sacrifice daily so much for us. Please keep Emily Press (National Guard) in your prayers during her summer training at Fort Leonard Wood. By the way, Tyler Wensman is a member of the National Guard and he is still here in the State.

July Mass Count

Thank you ushers for all that you have done throughout this time of the pandemic. The Diocese asks that for all weekend Masses that you take count those are attending our Masses. Would it not be great to have more people helping out in this ministry?

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat., June 19 – 4pm

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie *Lector:* Tom Kilian

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Remodeled Confessional

Thanks to Charlie Gunderson for his great craftsmanship. Please remember to extend thanks to him. We still have to make some final touches. We are thinking about installing a coin deposit, so the larger sins, the more coins. It could work somewhat like the carwash at Lange Oil. No worries the max sin amount would be no more than \$5! 😊

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., June 20 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck *Lector:* Adeline Molus

Greeter: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Dennis Biniek & Nick Schleper

New Child of God

Please welcome our new little baby sister to our faith community: Kaylee Marie Hartung, daughter of Brad and Crystal. She was born May 9th. Blessings to her godparents: Kurt and Chelsea Kolstad for undertaking this huge responsibility. She will be baptized this weekend.

Cemetery History

"I have noticed this saying on one of our headstones. Might you know for whom it is? 'It Is A Holy And Wholesome Thing To Pray For The Dead'. This really struck my soul. How can we better pray for our dead? Also, do you know how many priest/s do we have buried in our St Edward's Cemetery?" Fr David

Angel/s of St Francis Shrine

No doubt St Francis of Assisi is loving on the angel/s who recently planted flowers, replaced the mulch around our shrine, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! It is so great seeing people come forward and getting more involved. No doubt the family of + Karen Kulla for whose memory this shrine is memorialized greatly appreciates this. The plaque reads: "IN MEMORY OF KAREN KULLA 10 – 1989".

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., June 20 – 10am

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Group Chairs & Co-Chairs

Please drop off binders in the back of church so they can be updated. Thank you!

Corpus Christi Procession

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all who helped to make this a most special day in the life of our parishes. About 50 people were able to stay and processed throughout the parish grounds. Thank you for being the "Eucharistic People" you are called to be.

Last Sunday's Mass

It is most interesting as it seems people have a desire to have Mass outside. It was so wonderful to see some of our elders who were able to join us: Evelyn Locnikar, Arnold and Donna Scholz. There had to be well over 100 in attendance at Mass.

Cemetery Mass

We hope that you will join us next week (June 23 @ 7:30pm) for our Outdoor Mass. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the church. Mass intention will be for all those buried in our cemetery since 2019.

Fall Festival: August 22

How best can we work together to help make this gathering most successful? It seems that we have fewer and fewer people able to help out like we had in year's past. Might people not just from St Edward's and St Mary's but also the Holdingford area parishioners be interested in volunteering on Saturday and/or Sunday?

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

One tiny seed of faith was planted in you. Perhaps your parents planted it when you were just a baby. Perhaps a friend planted it during a traumatic time in your life. Perhaps it was a priest or sister or layperson who witnessed to their faith at just the right time for it to resonate within you. Every day brings an opportunity for that faith to grow. As we pray with our faith communities, listen to God's word, receive the Lord in the Eucharist, and go forth energized for the Christian mission, may our faith be increased, exercised, and strengthened for our life's journey.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Diocese of St. Cloud and all MN dioceses will be reinstated on the weekend of July 3-4. "The COVID-19 pandemic has been a painful time of separation that necessitated, for a short while, suspension of public Masses and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass," the statement from all the Bishops from MN said. "Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are lifted, it is time to gather as the Body of Christ once again." Attending the in-person celebration of Sunday Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist are core practices of the Catholic faith, the MCC statement noted.

"I ask that you use these next few weeks as a time of invitation and outreach to those who have been away from parish life — some perhaps for as long as a year," Bishop Kettler said in his June 3rd letter to pastors. "It is with great joy that we welcome them back to the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. At the same time, please be sensitive to those who are still not able to return to Mass and ensure that their pastoral needs continue to be met." Although the general dispensation will no longer be available, persons in certain circumstances will be excused from observing the obligation.

Know that I will be gone on my Priest's Retreat at Steubenville, OH this coming week (June 14-18). The Franciscan University is a wonderful Catholic Institute that is filled with the Holy Spirit. It is so beautiful to see how their daily Masses are filled with young people deepening their faith. I have known a number of young people who chose to attend this University and there were no regrets. If I would be so bold as to ask that you keep me in your prayers. Know that I will be praying for you and your family. The first three days of the retreat, I will offer Masses for you and your parishes beginning with St Edward's, then St Francis and conclude with St Mary's on Wednesday. I and another priest from our diocese will be taking part in this retreat. In year's past, I have attended this retreat and found them to be most uplifting. Fr Virgil Helmin (320.293.6220) will be taking the daily Masses along with being available in case of emergency.