

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 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

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office before desired baptism date.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkowicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkowicz, family of + Dennis Koroll (SE), Paul Ampe (SM, in hospice, pancreatic cancer)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,667.00; Loose \$90.35; Votive \$22.50; Choir \$100.00 - **\$2,879.85**

St. Edward: Adult \$705.00; Loose \$20.00; Votive \$28.00; Central MN Catholic \$20.00; Cemetery Maintenance \$600.00 – **\$1,373.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,130.00; Loose \$103.00; Votive \$55.00 - **\$1,288.00**



Fasting and Abstinence

When do I ...?

Fast and Abstain:
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstain:
All Fridays during Lent

Who has to ...?

Fast: Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59, are obliged

Abstain: observed by all Catholics 14 years-old and older

What is ...?

Fast: eating one full meal, as well as two small meals that together are not equal to a full meal

Abstinence: refrain from eating meat

Note: Persons that are exempt from fasting include: the physically or mentally ill, individuals with chronic illness, and those pregnant or nursing.

Mass Schedule Feb. 15 - 21, 2021

Monday:	2/15	<i>President's Day</i>	NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tuesday:	2/16		
	St. Mary	6:00pm	† Ralph Burggraff
Wednesday:	2/17	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	All Saints (St. Mary)	7:00am	
	St. Mary	7:30am	† Joe & Irene Langner
	St. Edward	Noon	† Bev Fosler - Margaret Carlson
	St. Columbkille	Noon	(Outside, weather permitting)
	St. Mary	6:00pm	† Ty Poppenhagen
	Immaculate Conception	7:00pm	
	St. Francis	8:00pm	All Married Couples
Thursday:	2/18		
	St. Edward	8:00am	† Cindy Fleischhaker
Friday:	2/19		
	St. Mary	7:30am	† Doris Burggraff
Saturday:	2/20		
	St. Mary	4:00pm	† Marcie Selinski - Andy & Linda Langner
Sunday:	2/21	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	
	St. Edward	8:00am	People of the Parish
	St. Francis	10:00am	† Cody Babineau - Herb & Sharon Wielenberg



Religious Education

Feb. 17:

No Classes – Ash Wednesday

Religious Education at Home: The videos will remain on the website for anyone wishing to work at home.

First Reconciliation

Prayer warriors please pray for our 10 First Communicants as they come to receive Jesus for the very first time on March 6th. Fr David will hear their confessions and Fr Virgil will hear the parent's confession. It is so important that we as adults witness to the beauty of this sacrament.

Reconciliation Service for All Grades

Also, please keep all our Religious Education students in your prayers as they will receive Jesus on March 3rd during their regular class times. It is great to have our retired priests help out: Frs. Bob Harren, Virgil Helmin and Eb Scheffers.

Youth News

"Youth in grades in 8-12, might you be interested in a summer pilgrimage this summer to Steubenville, OH: June 18-20? I have taken part in these for many years and found them to be most powerful. Stay tune as we continue to discern if this is even a possibility. Please pray that God's will be done." Fr David

"Prepare your heart for Lent"

Tuesday, February 16th, 6pm is a great way to begin your Lent. This special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on FORMED.org. Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guest, Curtis Martin, Founder & CEO of FOCUS, for a Special One-Hour Episode of The Augustine Institute Show!

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

The time is near...Lent is almost here! Eucharistic Adoration beings on Thursday, February 18th from 12 noon – 9:00 pm at St. Mary's parish. Adoration will continue every Thursday through Lent. Everyone is welcome! Please come and spend some time in silence. Clarity is rooted in silence. Matthew Kelly said, "We have too many voices today. The shepherd boy never had that. He had silence and solitude. He's in the middle of no where...he hears God's voice clearly. 90% of the Old Testament prophets and kings were shepherd boys. When we have silence, we hear the voice of God in our lives."

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Ash Wednesday Ashes

The Vatican has asked priests to take special anti-COVID-19 precautions this year when distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 17, including sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's foreheads. This recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance: "Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads" (Neh 9:1). The Priest and one Eucharistic Minister will be wearing a face-covering while sprinkling of ashes which will be done in silence. Know that it is alright if you choose not to get your head sprinkled with ashes.

40 Days for Life

This a focused pro-life Spring Campaign: Feb 17 – Mar 28 with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Is there a better way to live out Lent? 7am to 7pm Monday through Friday at Planned Parenthood – 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud MN 56304 Email judy4life@meltel.net or call 320-453-7592 with any questions. The Holdingford area parishes are there Thursday afternoons.

Safe Haven Sunday

March 6 & 7 is dedicated to bringing about awareness of the negative impacts of pornography on individuals, marriages, families and society. Safe Haven Sunday weekend is set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. This is way worse of a pandemic in our world than the COVID-19. Do we truly believe that or has the Devil lulled us into believing that pornography is not so evil? Our parishes, our churches and our families need to come together to take a stand!

Board Member Needed for "Helping Hands"

"I met the previous week with about 10 neighboring pastors. This was the first time we formally met since my arrival. It is ever so important that we work together with our faith traditions. Helping Hands is an organization to help minister to area families and individuals financially and practically in time of crisis or hardship. Some donations they have given out include: dollars to those in need, money for counseling, water and heat pump, house fires, etc. Please contact me as we need someone to represent our three communities." Fr David

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Wed., Feb. 17 – 7:30am – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC, Lector, Greeter, Ushers: Volunteers

Wed., Feb. 17 – 6pm – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch *Lector:* Leonice Prokott

Greeter: Elmer Frie *Ushers:* Duane & Rosie Harren

Sat., Feb. 20 – 4pm

EM of HC: Jan Kilian *Lector:* Tom Kilian

Greeter: Jan Kilian *Ushers:* Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

The 5th Annual St. Mary's Smelt/Fish Fry and Raffle for 2021 is ON!

Friday, March 26th 4-8pm. This year, because of restrictions, the meal will be CARRY-OUT ONLY. Cash raffle at 7:30pm. (Winners will be announced on Facebook and our church website 238catholic.org). We will have 250 raffle tickets for sale at the price of \$100 each. Raffle tickets will be available at the St. Mary's parish office, Nelson Insurance, and also from DJ Prom. We will also have a table set up in the back of church after weekend Masses for people to pick up or purchase raffle tickets. Please keep in mind that this is the main fundraising event for St. Mary's Catholic Church each year. It would be great if each family sold or purchased one ticket. We ALL need to get involved and help make it a success!

Library Committee

So what are you thinking? Do you have some books that you would like to donate to our church/library? Might the Good Lord be calling you to help bring about this reality? Please contact the parish office if you are interested or if you know of someone who would be great in this ministry.

Finance Committee Member Found!

Thanks to Tom Killian for expressing interest in this ministry. It is so wonderful how he and many others step forward in various ways for our church! Thanks to JoAnne Prom for her great dedication and service she provided in this most important ministry the past few years.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Wed., Feb. 17 – Noon – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC, Lector, Greeter, Ushers: Volunteers

Sun., Feb. 21 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck *Lector:* Jeff Czech

Greeter: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Newly Baptized

Blessings and welcome to Declan James Reece, the son of Wade and Samantha. His older sister is Dakota Reese and he is the grandson of Scott and Karla Van Wiene. He will be baptized this coming weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. May his godparents Dylan Wan Wiene and Decorah Iverson be great examples for our Catholic faith.

Cemetery Maintenance

In addition to the road and ribboning, the shrine will also need to be refurbished. Would it not look beautiful to have a statue of Our Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St Edward or another such statues? This is your cemetery. You and/or your family could donate towards such statues and put a plaque in memory.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Wed., Feb. 17 – 8pm – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Greeter: Dan Lange

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Men's Group/CUF Meeting

There will be a meeting Mon. Feb. 15 at 8pm to discuss the CUF Matching Grant Breakfast.

Sun., Feb. 21 – 10am

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Greeter: Rita Lange

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Greeter: Rita Lange

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

After a lot of thought and prayers, the "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" production for this spring has been canceled. We will meet in January of 2022 and start working together to make it happen again.

Prayers for Kelly and Jeron

Blessings to Jeron Wiechman, son of Mark and Bev from St Rose Parish and Kelly Schmitz, daughter of Isadore and Bev from our parish will be united in the Sacrament of Marriage May 22! Pray also that more and more couples from our parishes will choose to get married here. What can we do to help our young people consider getting married in God's House?

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We gather every weekend as the Body of Christ. Jesus called us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This Valentine's Day, we commit ourselves to nurturing that love for God and love for our neighbor. Let the Body and Blood we receive in the Eucharist bring us the strength and courage to truly become the body of Christ in the world today.

Lent is upon us. Lent is an opportunity to refocus our attention on things that are truly important. After all, we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return and that we are called to repent and believe in the gospel. In our Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus instructs His disciples to do the three things that our faith should inspire us to do regularly: pray, fast, and give alms.

With our four Masses being offered, there is no better prayer or way to begin these 40 days than the Holy Mass. Remember ashes will be sprinkled on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's foreheads. Due to COVID-19, the touching of foreheads with the marking of ashes could make us more vulnerable to this virus as the Bishop asks all parishes to take the necessary precautions. If you choose not to have ashes sprinkled on your head, simply don't come forward. For those coming forth, the priest or eucharistic minister will sprinkle just a few ashes in silence.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: "Gifts Offered by Human Hands." This appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Did you know that each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith? Bishop Kettler stated: "Your generosity makes it possible for these ministries to provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16-county diocese. For this I, I say, "Thank you." These ministries couldn't happen without you." Last year, each of our parishes gave significantly less than what was asked of us. I plan to use my stimulus check which means \$200 given to the Appeal on behalf of each of our three parishes. Please do what you can to help our parishes do our part.

Thanks for all your kind thoughts and prayers during my vacation with my Mom in Mesa, AZ. I am so blessed to have an opportunity for some rest and relaxation for one week. I feel guilty as I know that many of you are unable to take vacations throughout the year or have not been on vacations for years. Especially during these challenging times economically many people are stressed from day to day as to what tomorrow may bring.

I received my first vaccine shot last Saturday at Mother of Mercy in Albany. I pray that I will be able to get into Nursing Homes, Care Facilities, Hospitals and people's homes more easily once I am fully vaccinated.