

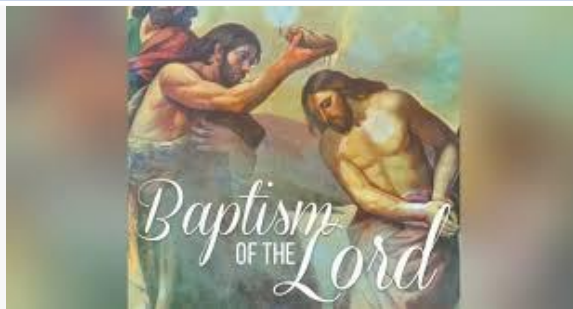
The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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

Sister Mary Pat Burger St. Francis Rectory 573-2203

CENTRAL OFFICE PO Box 249 Upsala, MN 56384

Office Hours 8am – 3:30pm

Mon. – Thurs. – Fri. *Modified*

Janice Wuebkers Office Manager

Tuesday at Royalton Church Office

Wednesday at Holdingford Church Office

Central Office 320-573-2132

FAX: 320-573-9133

Central Office email: 238catholic@sytekcom.com

Web site: www.238catholic.org

Diocesan web site: www.stclouddiocese.org

Elevate (Birthline) Hotline: 1-800-786-0200

St. Cloud Chancery: 320-251-2340

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (No classes until at least Feb. 1)

Chantelle Frie, Confirmation: 320-360-4796

Beth Lange, St. Mary/St. Edward, Gr 1-10: 320-630-8390

Niki Koopmeiners, St. Francis, Gr 1 - 10: 320-248-7553

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

Karen Liebsch (SM): 573-4127 Kathy Koehn (SM): 573-2363

Judy Theisen (SF): 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners (SF): 573-2728

Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

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 the priest nine months in advance and must call the Pastor before setting a date.

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

Mass Schedule

Jan. 11 - 17, 2021

Monday: 1/11 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 1/12
St. Mary 6:00pm † Marie Atkinson

Wednesday: 1/13 St. Hilary
St. Francis 8:00am Special Intentions

Thursday: 1/14
St. Edward 8:00am † Ken Heisick
- Jerry & Joan Theisen

Friday: 1/15
St. Mary 7:30am †† Lawrence & Regina Dobmeier
- Arnie Dobmeier

Saturday: 1/16
St. Mary 4:00pm † Francis 'Sunny' Zwilling
- Kari & Ervin Hartung

Sunday: 1/17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Edward 8:00am People of the Parishes
St. Francis 10:00am †† Denis & Irene Notch
- Don & Eileen Stiller

THANK YOU!

Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who so generously made donations to the churches in 2020!! Contribution statements were mailed Jan. 4. If you did not get one, but should have, or if there is a problem with your statement, please call the office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (1/13)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (2/5)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (1/12)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

YOUTH NEWS

Virtual Middle School Youth Rally

The rally is being planned for youth in grades 6-8 on January 31. Parish leaders in collaboration with CEM are working on finalizing the details. The theme is 'Christ Among Us'. Watch our website for more information.

Religious Education

Wed., Jan. 13th will be a pick up night for class assignments. Parents should watch Remind messages and pick up assignments at the location their kids attend class during class times.

Want to read, understand and get more from the Bible? Try Ascension's The Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Read or just listen to the entire Bible in a year with some help from Fr. Mike. Go to: www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkovicz, family of †Ty Poppenhagen, family of †Irene Stern, family of †Cindy Fleischhacker

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,822.00; Loose \$103.00; Christmas \$1,025.00; Solemnity of Mary \$551.00; Choir \$100.00 - **\$4,601.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$775.00; Loose \$70.00; Votive \$39.40; Christmas \$600.00; Flowers \$10.00; Solemnity of Mary \$435.00 - **\$1,929.40**

St. Francis: Adult \$10,485.00; Loose \$88.85; Funeral Lunch \$45.00; Solemnity of Mary \$175.00; Christmas \$1,065.00; Fall Festival \$650.00 - **\$12,508.85**

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 10, 2021

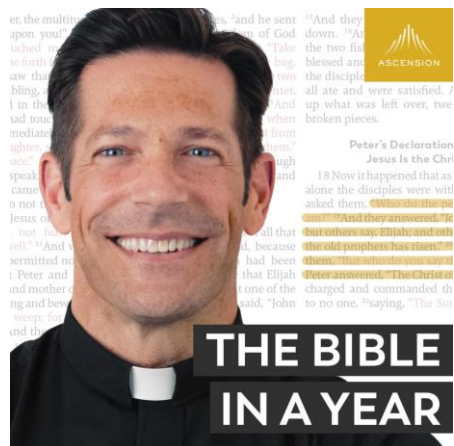
REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



WATCH

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



THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Vespers for Life

Bishop Kettler will preside on January 17 at Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St N, St Cloud. Rosary at 3:30pm and Vespers at 4pm Bishop Donald Kettler will preside at the Vespers service. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the over 61 million children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. <http://stclouddiocese.com/event/vespers-for-life-2021/>.

March for Life

Due to current health concerns, the Diocese of St. Cloud will not be coordinating buses to St. Paul. The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is hosting a March for Life Youth & Family Conference on January 22 from 9am – 5pm. Details can be found at <https://www.archspm.org/march-for-life-youth-family-conference/>.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

As of December 14, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2020 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,279,763 toward our goal of \$1,300,000 (98.44%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 8,874 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Next week in our bulletin, we will have the donations from each of our parishes.

Finance Committee Members Needed

For our parishes of St Edward's and St Mary's, we are in need of someone from each parish to step forward who is interested in helping out with this ministry. We meet quarterly to look over our financial statements as well as make any necessary decisions. Please contact our office or Fr David if you have any questions or if you see such gifts in others that would make a great finance committee member.

Sing Psalm and Alleluia

From now until Ash Wednesday (Feb 17), the Responsorial Psalm and the Alleluia and verse will be sung by cantor/musicians. As you know, we are still restricted from singing as a church due to the fear of droplets going out. Pray that this will be lifted in the near future. It is hard to know how much do we recite and how much to listen to the songs?

Suggestion for Ushers

While the petitions are being prayed, would you be so kind as to have the baskets in hand and ready to come forward? Once Fr David concludes the petitions, please come up immediately while the children come forward with their gifts. He has done this in his previous parishes.

Seminarian's Birthday

Please consider sending a card/note to our seminarians. Mark Nosbush from the Paynesville parish has a b-day Jan 22. He is in his second year of college. His address: St Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights, Winona, MN 55987.

Mass Intentions

St. Edward & St. Francis have enough Mass Intentions through Feb. 14. St. Mary has enough to go through mid-March. If you want a Mass intention for someone, please contact the office. Mass intentions are \$10 each.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat. Jan. 16 – 4pm

EM of HC: Joe Schumer *Lector:* Kim Koehn
Greeter: Jan Kilian *Ushers:* Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

Christmas Decorations

We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Monday, Jan. 11 at 1:00pm. All are welcomed to help.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Jan. 17 – 8am

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann *Lector:* Jeff Czech
Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Christmas Decorations

We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Monday, Jan. 11 at 1:00pm. All are welcomed to help.

Cemetery Improvements

May 2021 bring us more blessings than ever as we work to help beautify our cemetery. Around 5 people have already given

\$7,425! No matter how small an amount you can give, know that it is greatly, greatly appreciated. Those who have passed away are counting on us to come forward to do our part. Make your checks out to St Edward's with 'Cemetery Maintenance' in the memo. This winter is a time of raising funds as we plan to begin the project this spring.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., Jan. 17 – 10a

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners
Lector: Chad Koopmeiners *Greeter:* Rita Lange

Christmas Decorations

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, Jan. 10 after Mass.

Outstate Donation

A very generous gift and note was received: "We have enjoyed your church bazaars and know how important they are to you financially. We hope this will help you and your parish needs during 2021. Blessings to you and your parish. Be safe and take care. Please keep us in your prayers." Mike and Jean Brady

\$1,000 Christmas Gift

Fr David receive this letter: "On behalf of the Freeport State Bank, I wish to extend to you and your parishioners our warmest greetings for a joyful Holiday Season. In the spirit of this Holiday Season, please accept our enclosed Christmas gift." James Hemker, President

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

At our baptism we were told, "you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ." Each Sunday we come here a new creation, transformed, even if we're not conscious of it. Baptism has created us anew, have given us new life. Also, no matter what we may be wearing, we are clothed in Christ. In what we do and what others see, we hope to show that we have put on Christ. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us appreciate the new creation we have become.

As we say good-bye to another Christmas, we hope and pray that we are closer to Christ. Let's begin the new year in prayer for hope and stronger faith. Pray for God's mercy and grace as we step into 2021. Let us walk by faith into the coming year, giving thanks to God for His compassion and righteousness. Entering the New Year focused on blessings and gratitude can help you draw closer to God and stay focused on His promises. No matter what the past year brought, God is wanting to use it to increase your faith. May these prayers truly inspire you in the renewing of your heart and mind.

Thanks so much for your financial contributions during our Christmas Season. You never cease to amaze me with your kindness and generosity. Last year, our Christmas collection was over \$20,000 while this year it was nearly \$18,000! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Even during these challenging times of this pandemic, your stewardship speaks volumes of your commitment to our Three Saints Parishes.

Bishop Kettler writes, "January is a month during which we highlight pro-life concerns. There are marches and prayer vigils throughout the country focused on the protection of children in the womb. We mark Jan. 22 — the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion on demand — as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. There also are ongoing efforts, similar to the "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative launched earlier this year by the U.S. bishops, to assist pregnant women facing challenging circumstances."

Were you able to read the article by Fr Tom Knoblach on vaccines and COVID-19 in our diocesan monthly magazine: The Central MN Catholic? It is well written, but hope that it wasn't too academic. The Vatican's coronavirus commission and the Pontifical Academy for Life issued a joint statement calling for a coordinated international effort to ensure the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines worldwide. The document highlights the "critical role of vaccines to defeat the pandemic, not just for individual personal health but to protect the health of all," the Vatican said in a statement accompanying the document Dec. 29. "The Vatican commission and the Pontifical Academy of Life remind world leaders that vaccines must be provided to all fairly and equitably, prioritizing those most in need," the Vatican said. As I said last week, Bishop encourages one and all to receive the vaccine.