

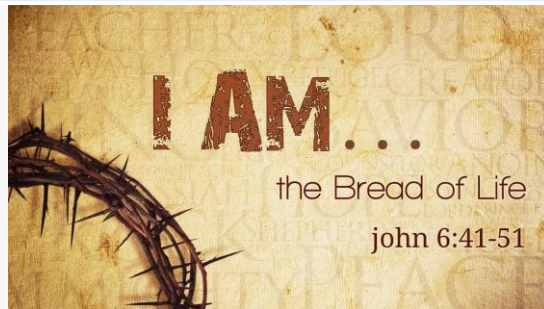
# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

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### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Mary 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

### 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 Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting a date.

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

## Mass & Devotions Schedule Aug. 10 - 15, 2021

Tuesday: 8/10 *St. Lawrence, Feast*

St. Mary 6:00pm † Denis & Irene Notch  
- Renee Scholz

*St. Francis 7am-8pm – Adoration, 8pm--Benediction  
7pm-8pm--Confession*

Wednesday: 8/11 *St. Clare*

St. Francis 8:00am Special Intention of  
Jane Keppers Family

Thursday: 8/12

St. Edward 8:00am † Frank & Agnes Fussy  
- Jerome Fussy

Friday: 8/13

St. Mary 9:00am † Mary Eisenschenk

Saturday: 8/14 *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Francis 8:00pm † Tony & AnnMarie Hartung  
- Renee Wensmann

Sunday: 8/15

St. Edward 8:00am People of Our Parishes

St. Mary 10:00am † Elaine & Mark Schumer  
- Rob Schumer

### Food Stand at Heritage Days: August 14

Thanks a million to Chad and Niki Koopmeiners from St Francis for running the Food Stand. All the proceeds go directly to the youth who will be attending NCYC in Indianapolis as well as to the Youth Group. Remember to bring your hearty appetites and support our young people! The stand will serve burgers, hotdogs, French fries, cheese curds, onion rings, nachos, beverages and ice cream treats from 11:30am-10pm in the park. **Some adult help is still needed** (1-5pm or 5-8pm). Call Chad if you can help! 320-293-7092

### Faith Formation News

**Volunteers needed!!** The K-6 Family Formation Fall kick off is right around the corner on Sunday, Aug. 29 after the 10am Mass! The Men's Society and Christian Mothers have offered to feed our families for the event, but we need some help! **We are asking for extra help from anyone, not just families in Faith Formation to bring cookies and help serve the meal!** Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/37krmKh> or contact Reba Leither at 701-426-1607.

### Help Wanted

Our Churches of St Edward, St Francis of Assisi, and St Mary (with hours flexible) are seeking: Full-time Office Manager (30 hrs/wk or Part-Time Secretary (20 hrs/wk) or Part-Time Bookkeeper (8-10 hrs/wk) with option of contracted/out-sourced or work in office.

The Church Office Manager is both Secretary and Bookkeeper position which is responsible for coordinating and executing the tasks to ensure the church office operates efficiently. Please see the website for details. [www.238catholic.org](http://www.238catholic.org)

The parish office is located in St. Mary's Church in Upsala.

**Temporary Summer Central Office Hours**  
Monday 9am-12noon, Thursday and Friday 9am-2pm.

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### Gift Bearer Volunteer Sign-up

We need people to consider bringing up the gifts at our weekend Masses. At the gift's table in the entrances of our churches, please sign your name/s if you are interested in doing this. It may seem small, yet it is very important.

#### Fr Virgil Helmin Serving our Parishes: August 9-13

Please extend thanks to him as he fills in for Fr David while he is on vacation up north with some friends. Fr Virgil will be having all the weekday Masses. If you need to reach him: 293-6220 (cell).

#### Mass for Rain: Monday mornings at 8:15 am

Come to Sacred Heart Church in Freeport as they pray for our farmers and much needed rainfall. Thanks to Fr Dan Walz for making this available as Mondays are his day off.

#### Helping Hands Weekend: August 14-15

Thanks to Karen Kobylinski for being on the Board of Helping Hands as a lay member. This is a very important ministry reaching out to those in need. Remember next weekend at all of our Masses, the loose collection will go to Helping Hands. Please make your check out to Helping Hands. All of the other denominational churches cooperating in this endeavor will also be taking a special collection.

### 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, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Brayden Harren (SF, hospitalized with infection), Bruce Wolters (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns), Rodney Bartkovicz (SE, stage four cancer), Joe Fuchs (SF, tests), family of +Bernadine Bartkovicz

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$2,214; Loose \$152; Online \$180 - **\$2,546**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$1,265; Loose \$114; Votive \$24; Online \$145 - **\$1,548**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$442; Loose \$104 - **\$546**

### Upsala Heritage Days: August 14

Come and enjoy the day: parade at 10:30am, food booths, beer garden, petting zoo, face painting, etc. Bingo from 11:30am-2pm, live music and dinner in the park, and fireworks at 10pm. Don't forget our own Cake Walk and youth food stand!

### Area Church Gatherings

#### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Festival: August 22

Indoor Polka Mass at 10am. Famous chicken and ham dinner drawing people from all over, served indoors and outdoors, starting at 11am. Live music all day with LaVerne & The Starlites and the Slew Foot Family Band (the very same Becker Family who sings for our weekend Masses)! Events include food and beverage stands, silent auction, fried bread, bingo, country store, fancywork, cake walk and games for kids. Grand raffle — over 100 prizes with four top prizes of \$500 each — at 7:30pm!

#### Bishop to Celebrate 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary : August 22!

Bishop Kettler is coming to our Fall Festival. He also will be presiding for our 10am Polka Mass at St Francis! Let's fill God's House like never before! Did you know that on June 7, 2002, Bishop Kettler was appointed the eighth bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska, by Pope John Paul II? He received his episcopal consecration on August 22 from Archbishop Roger Schwietz, OMI, with Bishops Michael Warfel and Robert Carlson serving as co-consecrators.

**Upcoming** Albany Church Festival--August 8

**Area Parish** St. James Parish August Fest, Randall--August 8

**Festivals:** St. Rosa Parish Festival--September 5

### THREE SAINTS NEWS continued

#### **FREE Bicycles at Heritage Days**

Helping Hands will have free bikes available ranging from 10" to 26", both girls and boys along with a few adult bikes. They come to us from South Dakota. Help spread the word!

#### **Raffle Tickets Sold at St Edward's and St Mary's:**

##### **August 21/22**

Before and after our Masses, please consider buying raffle tickets as they cost only \$5 each. We have some great prizes for our St Francis Fall Festival: \$2,300 given out for our first five prizes. We have 121 different prizes with various gift certificates and cash amounts. Rumor is the tickets are going very fast as everybody is hoping to win prize #6 which is a motorcycle ride with Fr David!

#### **The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist**

Thanks for being open to join us next Sunday, August 15 at our 10am Mass in St Mary's. It really will not take too much extra time. It will be a beautiful time to witness this celebration as well as to reflect on whom of our family or friends might be interested in receiving the sacrament. Faith Hartung (SF) is the daughter of Fred and Kari with younger siblings: Hope, Noah and Grace. Faith, who will be a senior at Albany High School, will be confirmed. Chad Poppenhagen (SM), married to Amy and father of Ari, Ty and Kira, will be confirmed as well as receive his First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. We will have communion under both species that day. **Please call the office and volunteer if you would like to be a cup minister.** We will have coffee, rolls, and ice cream after the Mass. All are welcome!

#### **Mass Time Change: August 21/22**

Please note that St Mary's will have the Saturday, 8pm Mass while St Francis has the Sunday 10am Mass. There will also be an additional Mass Saturday at 4pm to help those working at our Festival.

#### **Mass of Remembrance: August 25**

Bishop Kettler will celebrate Mass for those who lost their lives due to COVID-19 related illness as well as pray for healing for all who have suffered during this pandemic. This will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell at 7pm.

#### **Motorcycle Run with Priests: August 29**

It will start with a 1:30pm tour of St. Mary Church, Melrose. It concludes around 4:15pm with dinner at the American Legion at 5:30pm. For more information, contact Father Mitchell Bechtold at 320-247-4907. All donations go toward supporting seminarian education for the Diocese of St. Cloud.

#### **No Tax Funded Abortions**

The House Committee on Appropriations voted to push through four pro-abortion bills that take away pro-life policies that: protect taxpayers from having to pay for elective abortions, protect health care providers from being forced to perform or refer for abortions against their beliefs, and protect employers and insurance companies from being forced to pay for abortion. Please contact the Office of Marriage and Family for more information: pflynn@gw.stcdio.org, (320) 252-4721.

#### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of July 29, the Appeal raised \$1,123,635 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 7,472 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Learn more at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

#### **Sat., Aug. 14 – 8pm**

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss      Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Volunteers      Gift Bearers: Volunteers

**The Bishop is coming to our Fall Festival!** Another reason why this day will be so special. Thanks to everyone helping to make this day possible. It is truly amazing how so many pitch in and do their part. Bishop Kettler is planning to celebrate Mass and take part in our festivities.

**Festival Silent Auction:** Anyone interested in donating items, please let us know by Aug.15. If you would like to donate and not sure what, call us for ideas. Jane 232-3290, Rosanne 573-2068 Kathy 573-2509. Thank you.

#### **Finance Council Member Needed**

Is the Lord placing a desire on your heart to consider this ministry? It is a three-year term. We meet quarterly along with the Trustees. The best part is you will receive tons of Heavenly graces! Please talk to Craig Voss, Colleen Harren or Mark MacArthur for more information.

**Cemetery Trivia** Thanks to the many people who came out to our last cemetery Mass two weeks ago. I came across this beautiful saying on a headstone: "There is only one real tragedy in life, and that is to fail to become a Saint." Are they not the most powerful words? Do you know on whose headstone this is placed? To the first person who answers correctly, Fr David will give you \$1. 😊

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

#### **Sun., Aug. 15 – 8am**

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann      Lector: Tracey Hartung

Greeter: Sally Schleper      Servers: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech      Gift Bearers: Volunteers

#### **St Edward's Day: October 17**

Please mark your calendars as we will have the 10am Mass along with some great food and fellowship afterwards. What might be some extra activities or events which may interest our children and youth? Contact Theresa Larson (573-2422) if you have any ideas.

\*\*St Francis Fall Festival Tickets for sale before and after our 8am Mass August 22.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### **Sun., Aug. 15 – 10am**

EM of HC: Joe Schumer      Lector: Tom Kilian

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange      Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Bank Deposit: Mikel Nelson

#### **Heritage Days Cake Walk—Bakers and Volunteers Needed**

**Everyone** is asked to bring two items for the Cake Walk. Remember items may be out in the heat. Bring baked goods to the church kitchen on Aug. 13, or to the park by 10am Aug. 14. Call Mary Frie (573-2311) to volunteer to help at the event.

#### **Welcome Back, Robert Maciej**

It is great to have our head of Maintenance back with us. Robert has been experiencing some health concerns, so please continue to keep him in your prayers. Remember to thank him and express our appreciation for all his help. Thanks to Duane Harren for filling in during Robert's absence.

#### **Welcome the Kingston Family**

Blessings to Mitchell and Brooke Kingston as you join our parish! Welcome also to their children: Skylar Marie who is 3 years old and Elliette Joy who is only 6 weeks old. We are trying to find a day in which she will get baptized. The family volunteered to help out in our ministries of Greeting and Gift Bearing.

\*\*St Francis Fall Festival Tickets for sale before and after our 8pm Mass August 21.

**Project for + Paul Ampe:** Is the Lord placing on your heart an interest in the possibility of placing "ribboning" throughout our cemetery? It would be great to have a subcommittee discuss this as a cemetery enhancement possibility. A few years back, Paul had thought perhaps our parish could place the cement bases for all headstones. Call Fr David or Rosie Harren 573-2552 if interested.

### NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Sunday after Sunday we are drawn here to worship God, to listen to God's word, and to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that like all good things, this unconscious prompt that draws us together each weekend comes from the Father. As we celebrate together, let us thank God for the wonderful gift of faith, which animates our lives and drives us to undertake Christ's mission. Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. My devotion to Our Lady has skyrocketed the past few months.

I spoke last week to parishes about considering Parish Nurses. Did you know that Jessie Johnson in the Holdingford area parishes has been doing this for a number of years? Faith community nurses who practice in the Diocese of St. Cloud bring the skills of nursing: listening, assessing needs, health education one to one or in group settings, confidential listening, finding resources, and especially helping a fellow faith community member with seeing how body, mind and spirit are connected in health and wellness. Back in 2018, there were 83 faith community nurses within the St. Cloud Diocese. Some of the things a faith community nurse may do are visit members of their church who are in the hospital; add requests to a prayer line; help with transportation needs to doctor appointments, therapy appointments or to the food shelf to get healthy food; make arrangements for receiving Communion at home; visit and welcome families with new babies; and arrange educational opportunities on topics like fall prevention or weight loss to prevent diabetes and heart disease.

It is vitally important to bridge the gap between the elderly and younger generations. Our elderly are not saved by themselves. Unfortunately, we have seen during the pandemic how many of our elderly were not saved. Pope Francis wants to remind us that similarly, "young people, adults, and our society cannot save themselves without the elderly." He noted that intergenerational dialogue is essential: "In order to come out of the crisis better and not worse, every society needs to come to terms with its roots and develop a new synthesis of its values, starting also from dialogue with the elderly."

Our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival at St Francis on August 22 is fast approaching! Remember to help support our parish by buying raffle tickets. I keep hearing how delicious the homemade chicken dinner is like none other. I love what Rita Schiller who worked at Lord only knows how many festivals had to say: "We really worked on that day and not just that day! Three days to get it all set-up and then take it down! But it was fun doing it. As long as I was able, I helped out." I'm praying that more people than ever will come forth to volunteer.