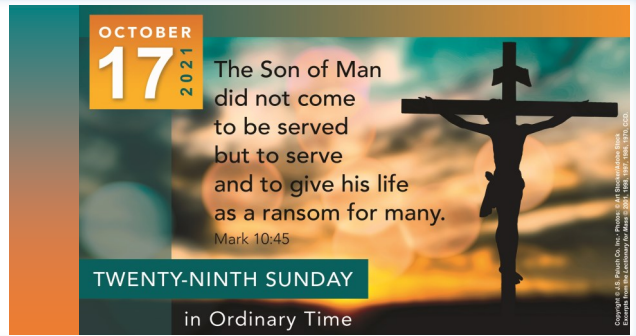


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward St. Francis of Assisi St. Mary
Elmdale St. Francis Upsala



Mass for Synod October 17, 2021

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Mass & Devotions Schedule October. 19th - October 24th

Tuesday 10/19 Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac, Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs-Memorial
6:00pm St. Mary † Brian Boeckermann
~Charles & Sandy Boeckermann

Wednesday 10/20 Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest
St. Francis 8:00am † Lenny & Nancy Holmen
~Joyce Koopmeiners

Thursday 10/21
St. Edward 8:00am † Peter Molus ~Adeline Molus

Friday 10/22 Saint John Paul II, Pope
St. Mary 7:30am † Virginia Klaphake ~Lorene Koopmeiners

Funeral 11:00am St. Mary for † Phyllis Vornbrock

Saturday 10/23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Diocesan Ministry Day

St. Francis 8:00pm For the People of our Parishes

Sunday 10/24

World Mission Sunday

St. Edward 8:00am † Jerry & Rita Fasen ~Joan Berg

St. Mary 10:00am † Leo Prokott ~ Dave & Rita Scholz
Turkey Bingo 2:00 pm St. Mary's

St Frances de Sales Sausage Supper: Oct 24

Come and support Fr David's former parish! If you mention that you know him, we just may give you a discount! 😊 Adults \$10. In addition to their great sausage, there will be ham, pancakes, etc. serving from 2:30-6:30pm. This will take place at the Parish Center in Belgrade.

Religious Items for Purchase: Oct 30/31

Please help spread the news of how hundreds of religious objects will be on sale before and after our 8pm Mass at St Francis and 10am Mass at St Mary's. They are trusted friends of Fr. David.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting: Oct. 21st

St. Anthony Catholic Church starting at 5pm. Mass, Dinner and Speaker: Kristin Molitor at 6:30pm. \$5 per person payable at the door. Contact: Melyssa Sakry 320-309-3280

Soup Supper & Bake Sale: Oct 23

4:30 to 7:30pm. Mass at 8pm. Sponsored by the Holy Cross Christian Mothers. Funds will be used to spread Christmas cheer to those in assisted living and senior care facilities.

Box of Joy

Every year thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. Box of Joy, facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach, provides them with memorable Christmas gifts and a much needed reminder of God's love. Boxes are available in the entry of each parish with instructions inside. You may take as many as you'd like and share them with friends and family to fill. We have plenty! Boxes can be dropped off November 10 from 6-8pm & Nov. 14 from 10am to 2pm. Or anytime the Central Office is open. Contact: Tamara Lange 250-4688. Confirmation Students can volunteer to help!

Faith Formation

Youth Choir (Grades 7-12) Sign-up

We need young people interested in singing for December 8th Mass. There will be only two practices beforehand. Contact Rachel Prom (630-8599) if interested.

Grades K-6 Parents

Thank you for teaching your children! Know of our prayers for you. Please contact Reba or Fr David if you have any questions. We are hoping that by teaching, you too are growing in your faith.

Grades 7-10 Class: Oct 20 No Class

Due to MEA, this week we will cancel classes. We are hoping to see everyone at the Patriot's Football Game as we take on the Kimball Cubs! Did you know that they are 7-0? They are in 2A Class and ranked in State. Come on Patriots, YOU CAN DO IT! Classes resume Oct. 27.

† Mary Saalome Oopuda Went Home to Jesus

The mother of Fr John Odero was 98 years old when she passed away Oct 7. Her favorite prayer was the 'Hail Mary'. The Feast of the Holy Rosary was Oct 7! Please mail him a card or place a card in our collection baskets or drop if off at our office. We will then send one package. His mailing address: P.O. Box 298, 40302 -Ndhiwa- Kenya

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs, Brayden Harren, (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (nephew of Theresa Larson (SE, moved to rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, at home and recovering) Anna Schulte (SM, Memory Care in Melrose), Sr. Mary Peters (Poor Clare Nun, Sauk Rapids), Millie Spring (with cancer, 17 mos. old granddaughter of Fred and Rita Herbes, SF), Rudi Cazeau (terminal cancer, brother-in-law of Fr. David) family of † Phyllis Vornbrock, family of † Jeremy Phillips, family of † Betty Wolf-Kane, Family of † Mary Saalome Oopudo 98 (Fr. John Odero's mother)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS Oct, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$565.00 Loose: \$46.00 Votive \$ 199.25
\$810.25

St. Francis: Adult: \$645.00 Loose: \$170.00 Votive:\$ 177.25
Chair rent \$10 All Saints Day offering \$20.00 **\$1022.25**

St. Mary Adult: \$1,756.00 Loose: \$81.00 Choir: \$100.00
Starter set: \$350.00 **\$2,287.00**

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**Sun., Oct. 24– 8:00am**

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung
Ushers: Dennis Biniek & Nick Schleper
Greeter: Megan Wensmann **Server:** Isaac Harren
Gift Bearers: Ken & Deb Wensmann

Cemetery Work Meeting: Sun, Oct 24

Please join Jim Wensmann (360-1615) after next week's Mass for a short meeting following our 8am Mass. We would like to lay some ribboning before winter arrives. Currently we have \$4,597 in our Maintenance Fund. We'd prefer not to hire it out as we'd love to have you and others come forth.

Family of † Betty Wolf-Kane

"Thank you so much for all your help and support through this difficult time. We truly appreciate all that you have done to contribute to the celebration of Mom's life."

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS**Sat., Oct. 23– 8:00pm**

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida **Lector:** Chad Koopmeiners
Servers: Volunteers
Gift Bearers: Chris & Abby Fuchs

Benefit for Brayden Harren to be held October 31

St. Francis of Assisi Church. We will be serving a pancaked and sausage breakfast with all the fixings starting at 9am to 1pm. We will also be having a silent auction. If parishioners or other community members would like to donate an item, please bring them to the church basement on October 30. Items can be but are not limited to hand crafted items, baskets, baked goods, etc. Any questions, call Kathy at 320-293-7485. Parishioners are asked to help out, and are encouraged to dress up for Halloween to make for a fun atmosphere! (but don't need to if your care not to.) Last names A to K please come at 8am, L to Z please come at 11am (or when you can). Anymore questions call Chad at 320293-7092 or Mary Jane at 320-333-2472. Please hang posters, located in the church entry. If anyone would like to donate towards the meal, please call Bob Theisen at 573-2933

The St. Francis Christian Mothers and Men's Society/ CUF will be having meetings on Monday, October 25 at 8pm in the church basement. Anyone who is interested in joining or just checking us out please come!

ST. MARY'S NEWS**Sun., Oct. 24 – 10:00am**

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Larry Sass
Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian
Greeter: Bernie Waldorf
Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen
Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klasen
Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

Funeral for † Phyllis Vornbrock: Oct 22 @ 11am

Please continue to keep her husband Gerald and their entire family in your prayers. There will be visitation here at St Mary's from 9-11am. Burial will take place in the parish cemetery. Lunch will be served as well.

Memorial Service for † Jeremy Phillips (The Frog): Nov 12
 Due to travel challenges, etc, the service will take place 4-8pm here at St Mary's. Please continue to keep Cindy and their children and grandchildren in your prayers.

Camper in Parking Lot

Fr David granted permission to this man to park it in our lot until the end of October. Their mother lives in the apartment and will be moving shortly. He greatly appreciates our kindness as he knows that it is not the sightliest camper.

Three Saints News continued**40 Days for Life for Jesus**

Time is running as our fall campaign draws to an end Oct 31. Come and join fellow Christians praying at Planned Parenthood for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers and father as well as for the conversion of all who promote or participate in the abortion industry. The Holdingford area parishes will be there Thursday afternoons anytime 1-7pm. For more information, please call Marilou Sommers 320-247-9838.

Mary and the Saints/ACC Meeting: Oct 28 @ 7pm

Our group (with the Holdingford area parishes) will be meeting at St Edward's in Elmdale. We will be blessed to have Brenda Kresky (Director Pastoral Planning) joining us. Please remember to keep us in your prayers.

Notes from Fr David

In our special readings for the 'Opening of the Synod' this weekend, we are blessed to join all parishes throughout the world for the celebration. In our first reading, we heard "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit". God so wants us to be filled, but it is dependent upon our receiving. Are you and I truly filled with the Holy Spirit? Too oftentimes, the Holy Spirit can be the forgotten person in the Blessed Trinity. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the church of the third millennium.

No doubt you have been as busy as the next person, but if you have a moment, please check out the Caring Bridge website to get up to date on Brayden Harren's journey. His mom Brittany has some very thorough entries spelling out his many challenges. Our little brother has been going through a lot with his leg wraps, sores in his mouth, infections, etc. His family: "The last month or two have been very hard. With COVID-19 and everything, thankfully Brayden has pulled through. He starts treatment once again Oct 27-30 which will be the last of the hard doses (his 5th chemo cycle). The hardest for Brayden is being away from his Daddy, Emmalyn and Carter. One day at a time. How grateful we are for the army of support of prayers and people. It still amazes us every day. We'll get through this one day at a time. We'll lean on each other ... we all have our crosses. For the most part, we are doing good. Brayden is happy and all is well. As Brittany has said, 'we have two choices: stay strong, accept it and go through it or to feel sorry'. Let's pray that each one of us will do your part with Brayden's Benefit October 31 fast approaching. It looks like Brittany and Brayden will not be able to join us for the benefit. Please feel free to leave a check in a marked envelope at our weekend Masses if unable to attend.

Thanks to the decorators for all three of our churches! You always do such amazing work. The way you arrange and decorate truly helps us deepen our experience of the Most Holy Mass! The colors are truly Heavenly. An open invitation for everyone to sharing your gifts and talents as well. Join us in building the Body of Christ. As our second reading at this weekend's Mass spoke of different forms of service and different kind of spiritual gifts, please be bold like the decorators and allow God's light to shine through you.

The month of Poor Souls is fast approaching. Please join each of our parishes as we celebrate 'Mass of Remembrance' for our parishioners (Oct 30/31). We had nineteen who went Home to Jesus this past year. As we mention them by name and say a few words about them, their loved ones will be invited to bring a lighted candle forth and place it on the altar. The more we pray for our deceased loved ones, the more graces flow and help strengthen our relationship with our Heavenly teammates.