

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

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Future Happenings

Jan 16: Vespers for Life at 4pm with Bishop Kettler
Jan 19: Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch Visit
Jan 22: March for Life @ St Paul (see note)
Jan 23: Youth Mass 6pm at St Mary's
Jan 29/20: Blessings of Candles
Feb 4/5: Home Candles for sale in all churches
Feb 4/5: St Blasé Blessing of Throats
Feb 12: Valentine Dinner @ St Mary's
Feb 20: Quilt Bingo @ St Mary's
Feb 26: Men's Conference @ St Francis Xavier in Sartell
Mar 2: Ash Wednesday

Comedy Murder Mystery: *Wine, Cheese, and Murder*
presented by the Upstage Players will be on Fri. & Sat.
Jan, 21 & 22 at 6 pm. \$27 for dinner and show. Dessert
Matinee will be on Jan. 23 at 1:30 pm \$10 at the door.
Seating is limited at St. Mary's, Upsala Dining Hall. For
tickets call: Lisa (320) 250-2676 by January 12th.

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 & Donna Scholz, Irene
Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus
Lehner, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Millie
Spring (chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, can-
cer), Geri Klimek (Covid, hospitalized), Bruce Wolters
(burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM,
recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (Pastor at Opolet/
Rice, dialysis, in need of kidney transplant), Joe Primus
(SE, Covid), **Rita Lange (SF, blood clots), Darwin
Binek, (SM, Covid) & Kathy Hennek (SM, Covid),
Marjorie Lehner (SM, moved to Mother of Mercy)**

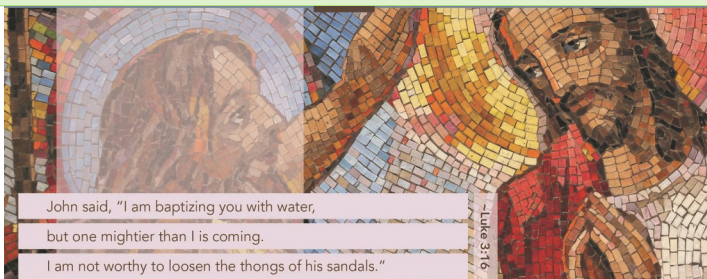
family of +Mike Schiller (SF), family of +Tim Roelike
(brother of MJ Blonigen, SM), family of +Joe Schumer,
family of +Joe Korman

WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan 1 & 2

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,425, Loose: \$56, Votive: \$96.85,
Fall Collection: \$75, Christmas: \$150, Choir: \$100,
Solemnity of Mary: \$450, Funeral Lunch: \$120
Total: **\$2,392.85**

St. Francis: Adult: \$585, Loose: \$86.72 Christmas: \$125,
Solemnity of Mary: \$350 Funeral lunch: \$10
Total: **\$1,156.72**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,430, Loose: \$110.35, Christmas:
\$100, Choir: \$100, Votive: 48.55, Funeral Lunch: \$291,
Solemnity of Mary: \$236 Total: **\$3,315.90**



Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 1/11	
6:00 pm St. Mary	† Mary Saalome Oopudo & family Adoration with Benediction SF 7am-8 pm
Wednesday 1/12	
8:00 am St. Francis	† Cindy Fleischhaker
Thursday 1/13	
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
8:00 am St. Edward	† Jordan Wensmann ~Julie Wensmann
Friday 1/14	
7:30 am St. Mary	† Francis "Sunny" & Betty Zwilling ~Kari & Ervin Hartung
Weekend Masses	
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 1/15	
4 pm St. Francis	† Michael Schiller
Sunday 1/16	
8 am St. Edward	† Bernadine Bartkowicz
10 am St. Mary	For the People

Faith Formation

Grades 3-6 Parents: Jan 9-15

Thanks to all who came last week for the 'Classroom Lesson'. Parents thank you for helping out this year with this new program. At year's end, we will be interested in your feedback. This coming week's lesson is 'Sanctity of Life'.

Grades 7-10 Class: Jan 12

Next week (Jan 19), we will be blessed to have Fr Doug Liebsch visit each of our classes. He is the Vocation Director. May each one of our students be open to becoming a religious brother, sister or priest. Our evening will conclude with Adoration from 8:20-8:40pm.

Youth News

New Sunday Night Youth Mass: Jan 23

January through May on the 4th Sunday of each month will be an opportunity for our youth to gather. Rachel Prom will be providing some praise and worship for Mass! Youth, we hope the music will be similar to what you experienced at NCYC. We plan to have some Adoration following the Mass.

March for Life to State Capitol

Young people, how about helping to fill the Little Falls bus? If you have never experienced this, it's an opportunity to take action against the horrible injustice of abortion.

Area Church Gatherings

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join us for prayers, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59 years old. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7 pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church Basement in Holdingford. Contact Janel for more information: 290-2877. Next topics are:

Jan. 8th: game night

Feb. 12th The 5 Love Languages

March 12th: Theology of the Body

April 9th: Catholic Dating

What matters at the End of Life TED Talk/discussion

Thurs., Jan. 20th 7-8:30pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud. Contact Nicole Reuter 247-7265

ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Sun., Jan. 16, 8:00 am Second Sunday of Ordinary Time****EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Shari Biniek**Server:** Isaac Harren**Ushers:** Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper**Greeters:** Sally Schleper**Gift Bearers:** Ron & Nancy Stewart**Christmas Decorations** will be removed on Monday, Jan. 10th starting at 1 pm. All are welcome to help!**ST FRANCIS' NEWS****Sat., Jan. 15, 4:00 pm Second Sunday of Ordinary Time****EM of HC:** Judy Theisen**Lector:** Barb Moorman**Server:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida**Gift Bearers:** Lloyd & Judy Lashinski**Christmas Decorations Jan 12**

We will be taking down Christmas decorations after Mass on Wednesday, January 12th. A light lunch will be provided. Thank you!

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sun., Jan. 16, 10:00 am Second Sunday of Ordinary Time****EM of HC:** Jan Kilian **Lector:** Michelle Fleischhacker**Server:** Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger**Ushers:** Matt Ripplinger**Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson**Gift Bearers:** Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn**Thank you** to everyone for the prayers, cards, words of encouragement, food and everything else done for us during this difficult time. Special thanks to Fr. David for all of his support and wonderful Mass and also the lunch committee for going above and beyond to provide us with a meal Pa would have been proud of. And a special thanks to Duane Harren for opening the cemetery up so we didn't have to trudge through two feet of snow! God blessing all of you. ~The family of Joe Schumer.**.Three Saints News****Vespers For Life: Jan 16**

The Church of St. Anthony in St Cloud will be hosting. Rosary will be at 3:30pm and Vespers at 4pm with Bishop Donald Kettler will be presiding. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the over 62 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.

March for Life: Jan 22

Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30am, March on the State Capitol grounds at 12noon, Pro-life program on the Capitol steps hosted by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life at 12:30pm. A free-will offering will be accepted on several of the buses to help defer the cost of the bus. Be sure to dress warmly and bring a bag lunch. Pick up in Little Falls at Coborn's (depart at 7:30am and return at 5pm). Reserve a spot by contacting Floyd Richmond at 320-632-2880 by January 19.

Catholic Men's Conference: Feb 26This event will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. The theme is "Saint Joseph's Men" and is from 8:30am to 4pm. The day includes several speakers including keynoter Msgr. Thomas Richter, Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler, lunch, reconciliation, rosary and various booths. Cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call 320-258-7615 or email jzylia@gw.stcdio.org. You can register online.**Bishop's Annual 2021 Appeal**

Thank you for your generosity! As of December 20, total cash and pledges of \$1,401,543 toward the goal of \$1,400,000 (100.11%). This was made possible through the donations of 8,350 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. These gifts help to ensure our ministries receive the funding they require to meet the needs of the people of God across the 16 counties of our diocese.

Matthew Kelly: Life is Messy

Thank you, thank you for receiving our Christmas gift! Thank you to the youth who worked hard wrapping all these gifts. It is truly amazing how 350 copies have gone out! Is that not truly amazing grace? Please contact the office if you would like another copy or give out to others. It cost our parishes only \$1 per book. How might the Holy Spirit be inviting us as parishes to go deeper with this book?

The Guatemalan Coffee has arrived!

You will be hard pressed to find fresh fine quality coffee like this anywhere. This coffee is sustainably grown in the mountains of Guatemala using a variety of organic techniques. It is processed in small batches in the homes of small farmers. Fr Mark trades with the farmers directly. In fact, they exceed fair trade standards in their transactions

Discipleship QuadsI'm excited to let you know that there will be a Discipleship Quad gathering on Thursday, January 27th at 7 pm at All Saints -St. Mary's Basement in Holdingford. Current members will describe how they have grown in their faith! For questions contact Kristin Molitor: evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com, 228-0105**Notes from Fr David**

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove and voice from the heavens rang out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." No such dove was seen or voice was heard when we were baptized, yet the Holy Spirit did descend upon us in baptism and we were welcomed into this holy family, initiated into the body of Christ. Let us give thanks for the blessings we received in our baptism. In what ways might the Holy Spirit be nudging us to consider how better to unleash the graces of our baptism?

Bishop Kettler in his Dec 21st letter to his priests: "I encourage everyone who is eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Vaccinations offer an increased level of protection from the virus and reduce the likelihood of a person needing hospitalization if they contract the virus. This reduces the strain on our medical system to ensure it is able to meet the needs of its COVID as well as non-COVID patients. I encourage you to strongly recommend to parishioners attending Mass and larger indoor events/meetings to wear masks and practice physical distancing as much as possible." Please wear your mask when it's needed. When you're around people you're not familiar with, try to keep your six-foot distance. How better can each one of us become more mindful? Everyone knows of people infected and some who even passed away. Thank you for helping to do your part during these ever-challenging times.

January is Respect Life Month. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. You will note how Bishop Kettler will be having Vespers January 16. January 22 is an opportunity join this rally for life to the State Capitol. What more might our parishes do in this Respect Life Month?