



The Catholic Churches

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

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. ~Sir 15:15-20

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Sunday: St. Francis: 7:15 -7:45 a.m., St. Mary: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Area Events



Bishop - elect Patrick Neary, C.S.C
Vesper Service: 5:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 13th
Episcopal Ordination: 1:00 p.m. Tues., Feb. 14th
Everyone may attend the Vesper Service. Events will be livestreamed at: <https://stcdio.org/new-bishop>.

Eucharistic Revival - BREAD Talks: February 19

The Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting "BREAD Talks" in each of the diocese's five deaneries, each at a different brewery. At these events, which are modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will stand up and give brief testimonies, or "Eucharistic love stories." This next talk is at 2:00 p.m. at Sunken Ship Brewing, Princeton, with Matt Kehrer and special guests Joe Molitor and Leah Weinhold.

40 Days for Life: Opening Rally: February 25th

We will be starting at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) at 10:00 a.m. and proceeding to St. Augustine's for a program and pizza. **Our Lenten Campaign** is from February 22nd to April 2nd. Please join us with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness to protect the Sanctity of Life. We come together at Planned Parenthood to pray for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers as well as for the conversion of all who participate in the abortion industry. Please consider spending an hour in prayer with your fellow parishioners on **Thursday Afternoons from 1:00-7:00 p.m.** as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers 247-9838.

Rosary Walk for Life: February 28

Join in at All Saints-St. Mary's to pray a Rosary for Life inside and outside the church 4:00-5:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Scepaniak, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Herbie Gerads

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 2/14		<i>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</i>
No Mass		Watch Bishop Neary's Ordination https://stcdio.org/new-bishop
Wednesday 2/15		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Don Herzog ~ Mary Evens Family
Thursday 2/16		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward		Special Intention ~Margaret Carlson
Friday 2/17		<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Claude Yurczyk
Weekend Masses		Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 2/18		
10 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Edward	†	Communion Service, Upsala Don, Rita & Brian Wensmann
Sunday 2/19		
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	†	For the People Chester & Violet Westrich, Cody Babineau

Faith Formation February 15th

Grades 7-10 Class: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Parents/Adults welcome.

Youth

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: February 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for young adults ages 18-30 who are looking to socialize with others. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays alternating between All Saints-St. Mary's and St. Mary, Upsala. The February 18th meeting at All Saints-St. Mary's will be an introduction evening and sharing of ideas, with socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel (320) 290-2877.

Speaker Jen Messing is coming to St. Mary: March. 1st

Starting at 7:00 p.m., this evening is open to anyone in the community grades 7th & up who would like to join us! The topic is: The Theology of the Body 101: Love, Identity & Purpose. 7:00 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala.

Thank you to all for your expressions of sympathy, kindness, and comfort on our recent loss. Special thanks to Fr. David for his wonderful ministry, along with Fr. Greg, Fr. Jerry, and Fr. Tom for concelebrating the funeral mass. Also, special thanks to the choir, lunch workers, American Legion Honor Guard, servers, and all others who assisted. We appreciate all who came to the wake and/or funeral and for the prayers of all who could not attend. You are in our prayers of thanksgiving. Again, thank you! ~Donna Scholz and the family of Arnold Scholz.

What to do with old palms?

The best way is to simply burn them in your garden or field which allows the ashes/palms to return back to the earth. Our churches purchase ashes from St Cloud Bookshop as they make a darker cross on the foreheads. If you prefer to drop off your palms, there are boxes in the entrances of our churches. Did you know that Lent is only ten days away?

Area Events continued

Quilt Bingo: February 12th

St. Ann's Mission is having a Quilt Bingo on February 12th at the Sobieksi Community Center at 1:00 p.m. \$10.00 for all the games played. Free lunch and Bake Sale.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls: February 25

You are invited to a Lenten Day of Reflection entitled *Letting Go and Letting In* from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., in St. Francis Hall at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Presenter: Katherine Giorgio To register by February 17th, contact Christi Hartwell at (320) 632-0680 or chartwell@fslf.org. This event is also available by Zoom. There is no fee; however, donations are appreciated.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Saturday, February 18th - 4:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck**Lector:** Jeff Czech**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott**Greeters:** Jim & Julie Wensmann**Gift Bearers:** Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz**Spaghetti Supper: April 14 from 5-7:30pm**

It was decided that WE will be having this supper without the raffle. Please get your ideas together for baskets to donate. As stewards of God's gifts and talents which He has given us, we are counting on you to share them! Proceeds go to support our church. Thank you!

New Mat Outside Church

Thanks to Nick Schleper once again for sharing his gifts and talents in helping to bring this about! We appreciate him replacing the old mat. Do you realize that the old mat was purchased by our Rosary Society back in the early 1990's? I think we got our money's worth!

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**February Ushers:**

Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Sunday, February 19th - 8:00 a.m.**EM of HC:** Brittany Harren**Lector:** Mary Jane Boeckermann**Servers:** Volunteers**Gift Bearers:** Brian & Jessica Donabauer**St. Francis CUF Matching Grant breakfast**

We will serve our annual breakfast on Sunday, February 26th in the St. Francis Church Basement. Menu consists of sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery along with all the toppings & beverages. Free Will offering to support our Religious Education program. Worker info: Men & boys of the parish are asked to help. 1st shift A -L 8-10:30 a.m. 2nd Shift M-Z 10:30 a.m. until done. Anyone interested in donating towards the breakfast contact Chad Koopmeiners 293-7092 or Bob Theisen 573-2933.

Thank you

The St. Francis Christian Women wish to THANK all who donated to the Baby Shower for Jesus. We donated over 50 items to Elevate, a pregnancy resource center in St. Cloud. Whether materially or prayerfully, this is greatly appreciated.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

We are still looking for help with putting on the performances. If you want to be an actor, help backstage, sing in the choir, do the sound effects or help in any way just call Bob at 573-2933. The performance dates are: March, 29th at 7:00 p.m., March 31st at 7:30 p.m., April 1st at 7:30 p.m. and April 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sunday, February 19th - 10:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn**Lector:** Mary Hollenkamp**Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson**Greeters:** Randy & Jane Tretter**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Randi Klasen**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn**Updated Security System**

In an effort to improve our security and emergency response, we recently installed new equipment at a cost of \$664. In case of fire, power outage, etc., we will receive notification from heartland Security Services. Know that we greatly appreciate your weekly/monthly offerings.

Volunteer to clean our Stations of Cross

Thanks so much for an anonymous person who came forward. This person's words: "Thank you Father David for facilitating this need of mine to honor Jesus." Is that not most beautiful? This is a great example of using one's gifts and talents by wanting to clean our "Stations". Each one of us are called to do our part. How might the Good Lord be inviting you to be better stewards of your gifts and talents? Together we can become the salt and light that Jesus is calling us to become.

Thank You from Christian Ripplinger

Thank you St Mary's Church for the generous scholarship that you had given me this past school year. I am using the money towards my second semester at St Mary's University of MN for my accounting degree. I'm very thankful for your generosity."

ST MARY'S NEWS continued**Annual Smelt Fish Fry & Raffle**

On Friday, March 31st, St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having its 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. 4-8pm with the cash raffle @ 7:30pm. We will be selling raffle tickets after St. Mary's 10am Mass starting Sunday, February 19th. Tickets are \$100 each. The tickets will also be available at Nelson Insurance, the parish office and after 10am Mass every Sunday until the raffle.

Knights of Columbus

February 19th: Bring the best of your best Chili to Holy Cross, North Prairie for this year's Knights of Columbus Chili cook-off that will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Top three chilies are picked and a small award given. Everyone is invited to join in to taste and vote on their favorite chili -FREE WILL offering.

Notes from Father David

During this brief period between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, we are invited to learn from Jesus the Teacher. This is the third of our four consecutive weekends when we hear passages from His Sermon on the Mount. Picture the scene: Jesus has gone up the mountain and say down, and His disciples gathered around Him. We too are disciples of the Lord and we have gathered to be with Him. Let us take this opportunity to be enlightened by His teachings. Do you realize that Lent is only ten days away?

Yesterday was the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also the World Day of the Sick. This day is a Catholic Church awareness day, or observance, on February 11, aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister. The day falls on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and it is an important occasion for individuals in the Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who care for them. "Every time we celebrate this sacrament, the Lord Jesus, in the person of the priest, comes close to those who suffer and are gravely ill or elderly," explained Pope Francis. "The special grace of this sacrament" should not cause us to fall into an "obsessive search for a miracle" or "the presumption that it can always obtain healing," cautioned the Pontiff. Rather, "it is the certainty of the closeness of Jesus to the sick, the elderly." Some of you received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at our weekend Masses. No doubt there are many who failed to receive this sacrament due to whatever reasons. No doubt we have many shut-ins who would greatly benefit receiving Jesus. Please contact me if you know of others who may appreciate a call from me.

What can our parishes do to better support vocations to the religious life and priesthood? What ways do you personally reach out to address this ever-important need? When was the last priest ordained from our parishes? When was the last young man or woman consecrated to the religious life as a brother or sister? **Come this Wednesday, February 15th to St Mary's in Upsala from 7-8:30pm.** Did you know that our Vocation Director for our diocese is Fr Doug Liebsch? I bet you didn't know that he is a grandson of Karen Liebsch from St Mary's? Did you know that Bryce Westrich from St Francis is his favorite cousin? Fr Doug will be speaking to our grades 7-12, but this is for everyone to attend. Come let us fill our church and get ideas for how we can become vocationally focused!

Death finds us all eventually. We can't prevent that. It's emotional, it's personal. Catholic United Financial is offering a free workshop: February 28th at 7pm at St Mary's in Upsala. Attend this compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End-of-Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end-of-life issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? There will be a discussion with myself about common questions and discuss some of the financial topics that come up as the end-of-life approaches. Some of the issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? What is Church teaching about cremation and living wills? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? Why is pre-planning my Catholic funeral important?

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 5, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$930, Loose: \$147, Votive: \$20, Central MN Catholic: \$ 20, Fall Collection: \$100 **Total: \$1,217.00**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1480, Loose: \$93 **Total: \$1573.00**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,831, Loose: \$242.25, Votive:\$31, Funeral Fund \$50, Solemnity of Mary: \$1 **Total: \$3,155.25**