

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

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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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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 three months before desired baptism date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled with the exception of Tues. evening.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiynek

Missalettes will be in the back of the churches if you want one. Once you take it, it's yours. Please do not put them back after Mass. You can bring them home and back for the next weekend

Mass Schedule

July 20 - 26, 2020

Monday: 7/20 *St. Apollinaris*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 7/21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Elaine Schumer
- Rob Schumer

Wednesday: 7/22 *St. Mary Magdalene*
St. Francis 8:00am † Jim Sundermann
- Jane Keppers

Thursday: 7/23 *St. Bridget*
St. Edward 8:00am † Rose Opatz
- Adeline Molus

Friday: 7/24 *St. Sharbel Makhlof*
St. Mary 9:00am MN Health & Education Officials

Saturday: 7/25 *St. James*
St. Edward 8:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 7/26 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Francis 8:00am † Rose Lange
- Dan & Rita Lange
St. Mary 10:00am † Mark Schumer
- Joe Schumer

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Confirmation date is yet to be determined.
2. **Bishop Kettler continues to suspend all Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (8/5)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (8/7)

St. Francis 4 – 8pm Second Tues. (7/14)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

Adult - Steubenville Conference – Night of Hope

Free Livestream Conference July 19, 2020. Are you looking to be encouraged in your faith? Do you want to be set on fire with the Holy Spirit? Join us for a free three hour virtual Steubenville Conference for adults at St. Mary's in Upsala at 5:30 p.m. on July 19th. Adoration will be taking place in the church. This will be a great opportunity for our Area Catholic Community to grow in our faith as we listen to inspiring presentations by Dr. Scott Hahn and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Go to steubenvilleconferences.com/events/night-of-hope to learn more about the speakers and the schedule.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,258.00; Loose \$25.00 - **\$1,283.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,555.00; Loose \$10.00; Votive \$26.25 – **\$1,591.25**

St. Francis: Adult \$494.00; Loose \$17.00 - **\$511.00**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Anointing of the Sick

"I would like to speak to you of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which enables us to touch with our hand God's compassion for humanity. In the past it was called "Extreme Unction", because it was understood as spiritual comfort in the imminence of death. To speak, instead, of the "Anointing of the Sick," helps us to widen our look on the experience of sickness and suffering, in the horizon of God's mercy." (Pope Francis, Feb 26, 2014) Especially the aged/elderly and those seriously sick are encouraged to receive this sacrament often for Jesus comes to you with healing and strength. For the weekday Masses August 4-7, in place of the homily Fr David will make this sacrament available.

Rectory in Elmdale

Thanks to Bob Theisen for delivering a donated desk and file cabinet from Deacon Ernie Kociemba who lives near Ward Springs. The rectory is taking shape more and more each day even in light of the delay in building our swimming pool. 😊

Future Installation of Fr David

Thanks for your prayers. It is difficult to how best to move forward especially in the midst of this pandemic with all the restrictions. Having this installation to celebrate Fr David as our new pastor with all the restrictions is like going to a dance and not dancing. "LORD Jesus, speak to us help us and the Bishop know when best might this service take place. Amen." As far as where this could take place, it would seem that it is St Edward's turn to host. What do you think?

Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Sacramental confession is the way of sanctification for both the penitent and the confessor. And you, dear young confessors, you will soon experience it," he said. "As confessors, we have the privilege of constantly contemplating miracle conversions." (Pope Francis addressed priests and seminarians, March 29, 2019) Is that not something to think that when you come to Jesus in this sacrament, you not receive holiness for yourself, but help make the priest holier! Our God is an awesome God! On the flipside, when you stay away from Jesus in this sacrament, the priest's holiness is stifled. Confessionals are now being used as you are welcomed to come. The priest will have a mask available if that would make you feel more comfortable. Fr David will try to make himself more available throughout the week as well.

Mass Servers

Would you be willing to still ring the bells at Mass? That would be wonderful if you could do this as this adds so much to the Mass. If one server could come forward when we are reciting the Holy, Holy and then ring the bells at the proper times. You could return to your places while we are praying the Our Father. Fr David prefers to reserve this ministry for the servers, so in their absence or unwilling to come forward then no bells will be rung for that Mass.

Churches Open Regular Hours

Special blessings are received when we stop by our church to light a candle or spend some quiet time with Jesus. Prayer is, "first and foremost dialogue, a personal relationship with God," Pope Francis said. And in prayer, just like in any dialogue, it needs moments of silence "together with Jesus." This, he said, is because it is only in the "mysterious silence of God" that his word can resound in our hearts. Our Churches are open during daytime hours, and you are welcome to spend time in our churches.

Listening Session

There has been an allegation of past sexual misconduct regarding Reverend Charles Meyer. That allegation allegedly took place within the Diocese of Bismarck. Because Father Meyer also served in the Diocese of Saint Cloud, Bishop Kettler will hold a listening session on July 28, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm at Saint Lawrence Parish, Rush Lake, MN. Father Meyer served at Saint Lawrence while also serving as Chaplain at Memorial Hospital, Perham, MN.

Camp Creation Online Vacation Bible School set for August 3-7

A free online Vacation Bible School, is being offered during the week of August 3-7. 9 a.m. to noon each day. It will be hosted at <http://familytogether.stcdio.org/>. There is no need to register.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, July 25 – 8pm

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Jeff Czech

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: Dennis Biniek, Nick Schleper, Jim Wensmann

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, July 26 – 8am

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Greeters: Rosanne Voss & Janice Wuebkers

Eternal Rest to + Fr Ron Schmelzer

This past week (July 14, 2017), we remembered the anniversary death of your former pastor going Home to Jesus three years ago. He was only 73 years old. From time to time it is nice to have Masses for former pastors. Fr Ron lived in the Lexington, Kentucky area as his funeral Mass was in their Cathedral. His uncle + Fr Paul Schmelzer was also a priest of our diocese

Fall Raffle - Please save the date: Sunday, August 23. We will have an Outdoor Mass at 2pm followed by the raffle drawing. The \$5 tickets will be coming out shortly. The Slewfoot Family Band will be performing before and after Mass. Thanks to all who donated prizes.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, July 26 – 10am

EM of HC: Jan Kilian Lector: Leonice Prokott

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Ushers: Dave Brezinka, Robert Maciej, Nathan Ripplinger

Thanks to the Lange Family

Thanks to Ken and Marlene Lange. When our new church was built, they provided the landscaping, trees and shrubbery. It has been most beautiful over the years. It needs a facelift. Thankfully their grandson Mitch has volunteered to oversee this project! May God send His blessings upon the Lange's for their kindness and generosity. Fr David told Mitch that there is no hurry and to fit it into his busy schedule whenever it works best for him and his family.

Notes from Fr David

It is a great pleasure in the middle of these leisurely summer months to sit back and listen to stories. The crowds in the Gospel were able to do just that, for Jesus taught them by telling parables. Parables made His lessons about the kingdom of Heaven memorable, in ways in which straightforward narration would fail. Now it is our turn to listen. Let us savor them, mediating on their rich images and considering their meaning in our lives.

It just came to me how we need to be praying and offering Masses for our school systems both college and local schools. Please join be in storming Heaven with praying for Minnesota health and education officials. They have asked school administrators to plan for three scenarios on reopening in the fall under the cloud of the coronavirus, and promised a decision by the last week of July on whether students can return for in-person classes. Also, remember to keep our local teachers in your prayers as it has to be trying for them not to mention the stressors for all our parents. "LORD Jesus help our children and young people during these challenging times. Take away any worries and anxieties and help them rest in the peace of Christ knowing that all things work together for those who love God (Rm 8:28).

How can we better reach out to our elders in our communities? Do you think First Friday home visits might work? I could bring them Jesus in the sacraments of holy communion, anointing of the sick and reconciliation. In previous parishes, this was received well as many of our older population have a great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Also, I had recently started since the pandemic by way of telephone connecting with many people. This was greatly appreciated hearing from their pastor. I am also hopeful in time when this Covid-19 virus decreases and we are allowed back into our nursing homes and care facilities that I may be able to say a weekly Mass Tuesday morning there. And finally, we recently started 'Over 80 Blessing' which meant at the beginning of the month, those who will be celebrating birthdays 80 years and older would be mentioned. These ways might be a start in trying to better reach out to our elders. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas.

Are you open to joining me in our parish cemeteries for outdoor Masses during the week? Perhaps in the midst of this pandemic, people who feel unsafe coming to church might be willing to come join us. Stay tune as to dates and times which this would take place.

Each year priests and deacons would meet in Alexandria for Clergy Days Sunday evening through Wednesday. This was an important time to gather as one with the bishop addressing various topics and listening to a guest speaker. Oftentimes, this has proved most beneficial to our morale and strengthening our brotherhood. Unfortunately, in light of this pandemic it will be cut short. Please remember to keep all of us priests and deacons in your prayers.