

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 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.

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, Bernadine Bartkowitz, Robert Maciej, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen Gerads, Brayden Harren (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2nd & 3rd degree burns), Rodney Bartkowitz (SE, stage four cancer), Lorene Koopmeiners (SF, recovering at home)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,584; Loose \$172; Votive \$18.35; Online \$250 - **\$2,024.35**

St. Edward: Adult \$950; Loose \$111; Votive \$21.50; Online \$145 - **\$1,227.50**

St. Francis: Adult \$505; Loose \$93; Online \$355 - **\$953.00**



Schedule for Cemetery Masses

July 28 – St. Francis at 7:30pm

Aug. 4 – St. Mary at 6pm

Bring
your
lawn
chairs!

Mass & Devotions Schedule July 19 - 25, 2021

Monday: 7/19 *St. Arsenius*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 7/20 *St. Apollinaris*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Rich Boeckermann

Wednesday: 7/21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*
St. Francis 8:00am † Jim Sundermann
- Jane Keppers

Thursday: 7/22 *St. Mary Magdalene*
St. Edward 8:00am † Dennis Koroll
- Gene & Carol Koroll

Friday: 7/23 *St. Bridget*
St. Mary 9:00am † Ervin Chromey
- Rosie Harren

Saturday: 7/24 *St. Sharbel Makhuf*
St. Francis 8:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 7/25 *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Edward 8:00am † Izzy Hartung
- Renee Wensmann

St. Mary 10:00am † Tim McDonald

Youth News

Food Stand

There will be a food stand at Upsala Heritage Days Sat., Aug. 14 as a fundraiser for the NCCY and Youth Groups. Mark your calendars. There will be a sign up sheet for students to volunteer.

Religious Education

Thanks to Teachers

Blessings to all who volunteered of their time to help out. You are greatly appreciated as no doubt you have many other demands, but you have chosen to give of your time to this area. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Help Wanted

The Churches of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Mary is seeking a full time Office Manager or Part-Time Secretary or Bookkeeper.

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. Full Time position is 30 hrs/week as hours are flexible. Please see the website for details.

www.238catholic.org

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

Area Church Gatherings

Upsala Heritage Days: August 14

26th Platte River Day in Royalton: July 31

St Joseph's Parish Bazaar in Pierz: August 1

Church of Seven Dolores in Albany: August 8

St Francis Fall Festival here: August 22

St Rose of Lima Parish: September 5

LISTEN

WOMEN MADE NEW BY CRYSTALINA EVERT

In "Women Made New," Crystalina Evert, author of Pure Womanhood, explains that it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been. All that matters now is where you go from here. Moreover, she discusses topics like dating, healthy habits, and the importance of listening to the Lord. In honor of Mary Magdalene and her devout discipleship, enjoy this talk on authentic femininity.

**WOMEN
MADE NEW**
CRYSTALINA EVERT



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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 18, 2021

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Mary and the Saints Parishes

"With the combining of resources, our six parishes continually strive to meet the diocesan plan. In the future, we are to have one combined bulletin for our six parishes. As mentioned last week, we are to have one "Joint Pastoral Council" consisting of members from each of our parishes. This means that our current Pastoral Councils from each of our parishes will dissolve as well as our ACC group. This new "Joint Pastoral Council" will be established this fall. Our current ACC group will be working on the necessary bylaws which are required by the diocese. Our next meeting is August 4th @ 7pm in St Mary's of Upsala." Fr David

Helping Hands /Heritage days

Are you planning to join us Saturday, August 14th for Heritage Days here in Upsala? All parishes who are involved with Helping Hands (Brighter Days, Community Covenant, Gethsemane and Word of Life) will be taking up a special collection for our fund to assist people in our area who are in need. For that weekend, our parishes will use all the loose collection from our three Masses, so please be generous.

Reception into Full Communion/Confirmation

We hope that you will join us in this beautiful celebration in our parishes: August 15th @ 10am in St Mary's. You may recall when Bishop Kettler came to St Mary's this past April 20th, we confirmed only 15 candidates? Well, Faith Hartung from St Francis was in quarantine and unable to join her classmates. She will be Confirmed on the 15th. Chad Poppenhagen from St Mary's has been learning about the faith with Joe Koczur. Chad has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will receive Confirmation and the Most Holy Eucharist on the 15th. Let's fill God's House and our dining room for this beautiful celebration!

Summer Picnic @ St Edward's

Due to unforeseen developments, we have decided to cancel the picnic to have been held on July 21st at 5:30pm. This was an opportunity to meet the four young people from Totus Tuus. Sorry about any confusion. With St Francis having our Fall Festival August 22. What about St Edward's or St Mary's hosting a gathering/picnic for our three communities this summer?

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., July 24 – 8pm

EM of HC: Judy Theisen Lector: Holly Keppers
Servers: Carter Roerick Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Fall Festival News

The Grand Raffle chance books are ready to pick up. New this year – there are Quilt Raffle chance books too! They are on the table in back of church.

Also, please help get the word out. The flyers are in the back of church. Please pick some up and write down which towns you will hang them in.

If you were not on the workers' list and/or you didn't get raffle tickets, but should have, please call the office.

Mens' Society Donation

Thank you to the Mens' Society for the donation of \$2,308.37 to the religious education program which received a matching grant of \$1,000.00 from Catholic United Financial, for a total of \$3,308.37 toward the religious ed program.

Rosary Team

We would like to invite interested people to join our Rosary Team that prays before Mass. Please call Rosanne(573-2068) or Mary Jane(573-2681).

Festival Silent Auction

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

Cemetery Mass

We hope that everyone can join us next Wednesday at 7:30pm. Come and pray that graces will be sent to our deceased loved ones. Mass intention will be for those buried since 2019: + Judith Voss, Virginia Keppers, Kenny Hartung, Christine Herbes, Elaine Gerads, Scott Keppers, Edna Boeckermann, Josephine Roering, Paul Keppers, Audrey Pflueger, Norbert Roering, Richard Boeckermann and Gilbert Schmitz.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., July 25 – 8am

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Adeline Molus
Greeter: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper
Servers: Isaac Harren Gift Bearers: Volunteers

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., July 25 – 10am

EM of HC: Jan Kilian Lector: Chantelle Frie
Greeter: Rosemary Mehr & Rosie Harren
Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange
Servers: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Maintenance Position

To date, we have received no interest to help lock and unlock our church. This responsibility can be very flexible. If we have a few people helping out, it can make it less challenging. Some churches simply leave their churches locked during the week. Perhaps that may be an answer to our problem? Robert Maciej who currently is in charge of maintenance duties simply needs a little assistance.

Project for + Paul Ampe

"Thanks for all who joined us for our recent cemetery Mass (our next one is August 4). A few of us began to talk about how a number of the headstones moved due most likely to the lawn mowers. Discussion began about placing ribboning (row of cement bases for all headstones) throughout our entire cemetery. I recall speaking to + Paul Ampe in Mother of Mercy Nursing Home (who went Home to Jesus 3/19/21) about his desire, hope or prayer that one day "ribbons" would be placed in our cemetery. He spoke of being involved in previous cemetery meetings. Anyone interested in being on a subcommittee to look into placing "ribboning" in our cemetery? We need your help. Please call myself or Rosie Harren @ 573-2552. Some of us also noticed that the crucifix needs to be refurbished. Linda Mader will be doing the work." Fr David

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

In this weekend's Gospel, people from towns all over Galilee hurried to see and hear Jesus. His heart was moved, for they appeared to be "sheep without a shepherd". Jesus is that shepherd. Jesus is our shepherd. He has drawn us to Mass this weekend, from different households, from different families, perhaps even from different towns. We come to celebrate the Eucharist, this wonderful sacrament that Jesus established to be celebrated in His name until the end of time, this sacrament in which we receive our Lord, our Redeemer, our Shepherd.

Together let's welcome Totus Tuus/Summer Vacation Bible School to our six parishes this coming week. The grade school children will be meeting in Holdingford while grades 7-12 will be meeting from 7-9pm at St Mary's here in Upsala Sunday through Thursday evening. The number of families/individuals are significantly less than year's past. I think that perhaps this is a reminder of the importance of how we need to work together even more if we want to grow as faith communities.

I noticed some of you taking part this past week in the neighboring communities of Freeport and Holdingford for their celebrations. Thank you, thank you, thank you for giving your support. It is simply good to get together. We are not wired to remain socially distant. The more that we reach out and support neighboring parishes can help make a difference as we recover from this pandemic. No doubt it will take some time to fully reestablish some of the activities and presence within our parishes. I cannot help but think that it starts within each one of us. We are not an island of Christ, but the Body of Christ as St Paul reminds us.

Please continue to pray that blessings will come upon Janice Wuebkers during this transition as she begins her new employment at the Newman Center in St Cloud. Her last day here will be July 26. Please remember to stop by and thank her for her years of dedication. We (trustees/one finance committee member from each parish) met this past week to discuss ideas on how best to move forward. We ask for your patience as no doubt there will be growing pains during the next few months.

You will notice the Job Description for Office Manager position in the bulletin. Please help spread the word and discern if the Good Lord is calling you or someone you know to apply. I think that it is important to be open to the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you have suggestions or ideas that we need to consider. Let's think outside the box! For instance, in my former parishes we had the Bookkeeper position outsourced (Stephanie Steinhofner, Bonanza Valley Finance Services) which means that she contracts with each individual parish. This is her business she provides and the people from Belgrade, Brooten and Elrosa are pleased with her services. She works primarily from her own office. At this time, she is no longer taking on new clients, but perhaps God is calling you? Please reach out to me if the Lord places anything on your heart. "Holy Spirit breathe on us and help us discern what is God's will for our parishes."