

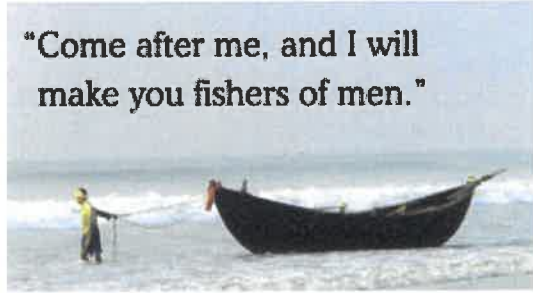
The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

"Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men."



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

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Chantelle Frie, Confirmation: 320-360-4796

Beth Lange, St. Mary/St. Edward, Gr 1-10: 320-630-8390

Niki Koopmeiners, St. Francis, Gr 1 - 10: 320-248-7553

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

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, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkovicz, family of + George Casazza (SE), Paul Ampe (SM), in hospice, pancreatic cancer), Jackie (recovering from Covid) & Jerry Johnson (Parkinson) from Upsala, Lori Momany (heart surgery 1/26 at Mayo) the daughter of Larry and Mary Erickson (SM), granddaughter of + Marie Atkinson

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,081.00; Loose \$135.00 - **\$1,216.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$910.00; Loose \$11.00; Central MN Catholic \$20.00; Solemnity \$20.00; Cemetery Maintenance \$600.00 - **\$1,561.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,215.00; Loose \$93.00; Votive \$48.11; Funeral Lunch Fund \$10.00; Utilities \$20.00; Fall Letter \$300.00 - **\$1,686.11**

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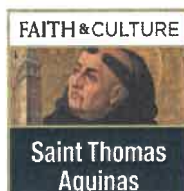
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 24, 2021

LISTEN

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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Mass Schedule Jan. 25 - 31, 2021

Monday: 1/25 *Conversion of St. Paul*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 1/26 *Sts. Timothy & Titus*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Tom & Lucille Lange
- Ken Lange

Wednesday: 1/27 *St. Angela Merici*
St. Francis 8:00am Special Intention
- Jim & Jan Krych

Thursday: 1/28 *St. Thomas Aquinas*
St. Edward 8:00am In Thanksgiving
- Jeff Czech

Friday: 1/29
St. Mary 7:30am † Dave Nilson

Saturday: 1/30
St. Mary 4:00pm † Cindy Fleischhaker

Sunday: 1/31 *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Edward 8:00am † Aluer & Dorothy Ryden
- Leonard Czech

St. Francis 10:00am People of the Parishes

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (2/3)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (2/5)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (2/9)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

YOUTH NEWS

Religious Education at Home

The website has homework assignments and videos posted. Click on Religious Education at Home. Click on the chalkboard for assignments and click on the images of the books to access the videos. Any questions about homework, contact Niki or Beth. Questions about the website, call the office.

Pray for Bishop Kettler

With Feb 1st fast approaching, pray as Bishop decides if in fact the in-person suspension will be extended or lifted. It is most important that we remain safe, yet with our children and youth unable to meet on Wednesday evenings makes it most challenging for everyone.

2021 VIRTUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

CHRIST.
AMONG US

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
1:30 – 4:00 P.M.
WHERE: ZOOM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.STCLOUD.ORG/MS-RALLY-2021

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Guest Speaker on Adoration

We hope that you will join us next weekend at our Masses. A friend of David and Mary Hollenkamp from Swanville will be speaking on Adoration. Some of her words: "Adoration is a learning process like everything else. The more we do it, the easier it gets until we can hear every bit of God's personal words and love to the dedicated Adoration adorer, clear as bell. There is no description of the peace I feel."

Lenten Eucharist Adoration

"Thank you to all who have committed to an hour with our Lord! One parishioner has a fond memory of going to adoration with her grandma. Adoration is proof that handing down the faith to our children so they KNOW the Lord will keep them grounded in the truth! *"As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* Joshua 24:15. Fr David has offered to extend the opportunity to come to Adoration through the night! Eucharist Adoration hours are available Thursdays through Lent from 12noon – 7am Friday morning. Mass takes place at 7:30am. There are many hours to fill, so please contact me at 320-250-4688 to make a commitment and schedule your holy hour with our Lord!" Tamara Lange

Stations of the Cross

Thanks much for your suggestions as to when might be some of the better times to have Stations during Lent. It is looking like directly after our Tue., Wed. and Thurs. daily Masses as well as 8pm on Fridays alternating between our parishes.

First Friday Visits

Are you on Fr David's schedule for home visit Thursday afternoon or Friday (Feb 4/5)? Please contact him if you would like to receive the sacraments.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

"Praise the Lord as we have one individual interested in receiving the sacraments! Might there be others interested? Remember it is important for us as Catholics to extend an invitation to others and then let the Holy Spirit work through their hearts. If you know of others or you yourself may be interested, please contact Fr David.

Virtual Men's Conference

Come join dynamic speakers along with prayer virtually: February 27 from 9am-12noon. As Lent begins, this retreat/Bible Study will have five presenters who will facilitate reflection opportunities on the Sunday Gospels of the Lenten season: www.stcdio.org/mensconference21 or contact Jan at (320) 258-7615. The cost is free. This will be a great opportunity for our men to deepen their faith life.

Bishop's Annual 2020 Appeal

To date, our diocese is trying to reach our goal of \$1,300,000. This Appeal helps foster vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, multicultural ministries, ministry to the divorced, and the TV Mass for the homebound. Our parishes have fallen short of our goal which roughly \$5,000 for each of our parishes. To date, we have given: SE: \$2,000; SF: \$1,800 and SM: \$3,550.

Update from former Pastor

"I recently spoke with Fr John Otero from Kenya on the phone: "My warmest greetings! I am still doing okay. We started a new parish October 2018. I am very busy. You tell all the parishioners to pray for us and we will pray for you. Pray for my mother as she is 97 years old." He spoke about the schools just now being reopened as they have been closed since March. Did you know that his birthday was January 6th? There has been requests to find out if and how we could send donations to him." Fr David

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat., Jan. 30 – 4pm

EM of HC: Dave Scholz *Greeter:* Rosie Harren

Lector: Michelle Fleischhacker

Ushers: Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen

Welcome Ms Lillian

Was it not great that the daughter of Jonathon and Reba Leither served at our 10am Mass last Sunday? It is so wonderful that she is open to serving even during these ever-trying times. Remember that all children 3rd grade and older can serve Mass. Also know that like Lillian, you can be a member of one church, but you can serve in our other two churches as well.

Adoration

Thanks to all who spent time with Jesus the previous Wednesday from 12noon – 4pm. Might you be interested in returning to our regular hours 12noon - 6pm before the pandemic struck? Please share your thoughts with Karen Liebsch.

Laura Lange's Scholarship

"Thank you very much for the generous scholarship of \$500! It has been an interesting semester at NDSU, along with every other college campus. It has not been easy especially with Covid-19 added on. However, a lot of people have been put into uncomfortable situations, so we just have to persevere. Again, thank for the financial help as it is greatly useful towards my textbook expenses. All of them sure add up!" Laura Lange

Statue of Mary

Note that there are two statues of Blessed Mother Mary in the entrance of our church. There is an indoor statue along with the outdoor statue that had been there and is now newly painted by a local artist. Might you happen to know the origin of this outdoor statue?

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Jan. 31 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck *Lector:* Dennis Biniek

Greeter: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Cemetery Maintenance

"Thanks for your donations this past week of \$600! No doubt after the holidays when things settle down, I know your donations will come forth as your cemetery is most important to you and your family to meet our goal of \$10,000. As someone from the parish recently said: "My folks are buried here along with another family member. My parents taught us to support our local church for whatever is needed. If a person is able to help out with labor and finances, we should do that."

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., Jan. 31 – 10am

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt *Lector:* Rebecca Schmidt

Greeters: Mary Jane Boeckermann

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

On the Sea of Galilee, Simon and Andrew were fishing for fish when Jesus walked past, saying, "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men," changing their lives forever. We hear stories of calls in the readings this weekend: calls to follow, calls to conversion, calls to repentance, calls to discipleship. Let us take this opportunity to listen closely and discern whether we can hear Jesus calling us to something more.

Check out the note: "Lenten Eucharist Adoration". Last weekend, I spoke of how I have been getting up in the middle of the night (nocturnal adoration), going to Church to spend one hour with Jesus. Remember the words of Jesus: "*Could you not keep watch with me one hour (Mt 26:40)?*" There is so much power, grace and blessings during that time! As I spoke of the turning point in my life well over two years ago, when Fr Jerry Mischke gave me the book on adoration: *In Sinu Jesus: When Heart Speaks to Heart*. Some words of Jesus: "*If you had greater trust in Me. Learn to expect more from Me, and I will give you more. Place no limits on My merciful love for you, and you will discover that it has no limits. Accept your weaknesses, and then offer them to Me; offer them to Me through My Mother. Trust not in what you do for Me but, rather, in what I will do for you. Above all, be faithful to your times of adoration. If all My priests knew this – not merely with their minds, but in their daily experience – the priesthood would be transformed.*"

This past week (January 22), we commemorated the many lives lost to abortion. With January being Respect Life Month, let us view this as a time to spend extra time with nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren, or even just kids you may babysit. Every human life is precious, and this month we remind ourselves we are all lucky to be here and lead the lives we do. Despite our individual and group challenges, there is always good to be found and gratitude to be shown – and what better time to find the positive in the sanctity of human life?



"Bishop Kettler is requiring all parishes, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no blessing of individual throats ... a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing." With the Memorial of St Blasé (February 3) falling on Wednesday, the blessing will also take place at all of our weekend Masses February 6-7. Saint Blasé is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blasé for healing miracles. Please read up more about him as well as pray for his intercession. More graces, blessings and miracles will likely come, the better you prepare yourself for this blessing.

February 2021

AS – All Saints, Holdingford
 IC – Immaculate Conception
 SC – St. Columbkille

SE – St. Edward, Elmdale
 SF – St. Francis, St. Francis
 SM – St. Mary, Upsala

Confessions: SE, SF, & SM – before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC – by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm (Praise & Worship 7-8pm) Women's Group -- AS 10:30am & 7pm	2 6pm Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i>	3 8am Mass – SF <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Upsala 12noon - 4pm	4 8am Mass – SE <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i>	5 7:30am Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Elmdale 12noon - 4pm	6 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC
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14 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC 	15 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16 6pm Mass – SM	17 7am Mass – AS(SM) 7:30am Mass – SM Noon Mass – SE Noon – SC (outside) 6pm Mass – SM 7pm - IC 8pm Mass - SF 	18 8am Mass – SE Lenten Adoration @ SM Noon – 7am on Friday	19 7:30am Mass – SM	20 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC
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28 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC	Fr. David Grundman 320-309-4174 Office 573-2132 Fr. Gregory Mastey 746-2231 – rectory Office 228-0105	<u>Upsala Office</u> Manager Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri. 8am – 3:30pm	<u>Holdingford Office</u> Hours Mon – Wed. 10am – 3pm Thurs. 1 – 5pm	Group Contact Info: Women's Group – Kristin Moltor – evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com Well-Read Mom's – Susan Heroux – (320)224-6052 Youth Praise & Worship – Shelley Vouk – (320)248-2860 Rural Catholic Singles Group – Janel Heinen – (320)290-2877		

Stations of the Cross at SE, SF, & SM: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. after daily Mass. Fridays @ 8pm alternating parishes. SE – Feb. 19 & March 12, SF – Feb. 26 & March 19, SM – March 5 & 26

Stations of the Cross at AS, SC, IC: Every Monday after morning Mass at SC & rotate every Tuesday night after 7pm Mass. Watch the bulletin for details.

St. Mary – February 2021

Sat., Feb. 6 – 4pm – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Beth Lange
Lector: Chantelle Frie
Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger
Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Sat., Feb. 13 – 4pm – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Brian Lange
Lector: Joe Schumer
Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter
Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Wed., Feb. 17 – 7:30am – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC, Lector, Greeter, Ushers: Volunteers

Wed., Feb. 17 – 6pm – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch
Lector: Leonice Prokott
Greeter: Elmer Frie
Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

Sat., Feb. 20 – 4pm – First Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Jan Kilian
Lector: Tom Kilian
Greeter: Jan Kilian
Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

Sat., Feb. 27 – 4pm – Second Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn
Lector: Brian Lange
Greeter: Rosemary Mehr
Ushers: Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen

St. Edwards – February 2021

Sun., Feb. 7 – 8am – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann
Lector: Shari Biniek
Greeter: Sally Schleper
Ushers: Dennis Biniek & Nick Schleper

Sun., Feb. 14 – 8am – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann
Lector: Tracey Hartung
Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers: Jim & Justin Wensmann

Wed., Feb. 17 – Noon – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC, Lector, Greeter, Ushers: Volunteers

Sun., Feb. 21 – 8am – First Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck
Lector: Jeff Czech
Greeter: Megan Wensmann
Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Sun., Feb. 28 – 8am – Second Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann
Lector: Adeline Molus
Greeter: Raymond Kokett
Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

St. Francis of Assisi – February 2021

February Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Sun., Feb. 7 – 10am – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss
Lector: Barb Moorman
Greeter: Bob Theisen

Sun., Feb. 14 – 10am – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida
Lector: Holly Keppers
Greeter: Rosanne Voss

Wed., Feb. 17 – 8pm – Ash Wednesday

EM of HC: Judy Theisen
Lector: Clara Pflueger
Greeter: Dan Lange

Sun., Feb. 21 – 10am – First Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners
Lector: Chad Koopmeiners
Greeter: Rita Lange

Sun., Feb. 28 – 10am – Second Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners
Lector: Rebecca Schmidt
Greeter: Bob Theisen

WHAT IS LENT?

It commemorates the **40 days** before the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus**, based on: the **40 years** in which the Israeli wandered the desert and the **40 days** in which Jesus was tempted by Satan.

LENT FEAST DAYS

PALM SUNDAY ▶ Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem

HOLY THURSDAY ▶ Last Supper and Passover

GOOD FRIDAY ▶ Jesus' death on the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY ▶ Jesus has resurrected!

WHEN DOES LENT BEGIN?



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, where we remember our mortality and need for repentance

FASTING



ONE MEAL A DAY



MANDATORY FROM 18 TO 59 YEARS OLD

ABSTINENCE



NO MEAT (ONLY FISH)



MANDATORY FROM 14 YEARS OLD

THE 3 PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER

It helps us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him, joining Him in his sacrifice in the Cross



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Both are practiced on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. Abstinence is practiced **every Friday** during Lent.



ALMSGIVING

Giving what we have helps us to understand Christ's generosity in the Cross.

"Make our hearts like yours" (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

