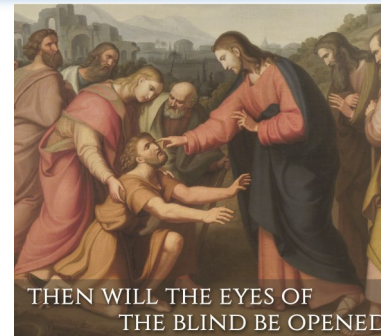


The
Catholic Churches
of

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



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis— 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Sunday: St. Edward —7:15-7:45 a.m., St. Mary— 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: St. Mary —5:00-5:45 p.m.

PRAYER LINE

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363

(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE UNABLE TO 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 the baptism date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the office before desired date.

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 Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen
Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs,
Brayden Harren (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2nd & 3rd
degree burns), Rodney Bartkovicz (SE, Stage four pancreatic cancer),
family of +Heather Hennek, family of +Deacon Gerald Theis, family of
† Bernetta Czech, family of † Don Maciej

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$826.00 Loose \$510.00 **\$1,336.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$ 1,625.00 Loose \$57.00 Votive \$ 23.00 **\$1,705.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$120.00 Loose \$97.00 Votive \$83.57 **\$340.57**

Thanks to everyone who helped make it the most beautiful celebration as our Fall Kick-Off for our K-6 took place last Sunday in Upsala! Was it not wonderful to see God's House filled? To see all the families and their children speaks volumes of their faith. Thanks to the Christian Women from St Francis and the St Francis Men's Group who provided for the luncheon following Mass. Teachers, know that you are greatly appreciated for helping out in this ever-important ministry. Parents, I am just so grateful that you are willing to do your part and see if this "Family Formation" will bring forth many blessings.

Mass & Devotions Schedule
September 7th-September 12th

Tuesday 9/7

St. Mary 6:00 p.m. † Elaine & Mark Schumer

Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 9/8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. † Audrey Pflueger

Thursday 9/9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Morning Mass is cancelled due to funeral

Friday 9/10

St. Mary 7:30 a.m. † Greg Hartung

Saturday 9/11

St. Francis 8:00 p.m. † Mary Ann Fuchs

Sunday 9/12

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. † Frank & Martha Binek

St. Mary 10:00 a.m. For the People

AREA CHURCH GATHERINGS

Fall Festival Bouja Feed: September 12th. They will be serving from 11am-4pm at Pelican Lake Ballroom. Silent Auction will take place and all proceeds donated go toward the flooring in Immaculate Conception Church.
St. Rosa Parish Festival: September 5th Outdoor Polka
St. Joseph's Pancake & Sausage: September 12th. They are serving from 9am-12:30 p.m. in Grey Eagle. All proceeds go to their religious education program.

Albany Pioneer Days

Remember the good old days? Bring the whole family and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the 47th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany on September 16,17,18 and 19th. This year is a four day show and we are featuring International Tractors and Equipment, Gas Engines, Trucks and related equipment. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in between!! Call 249-0331 or Check the website www.albanypioneerdays.com for details.

St. Mary's Cathedral annual Block Party

Saturday, September 11th. Celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. and then enjoy food and drink, music, silent auction, kids' games, inflatables and Bingo. Harper's Chord will take the stage at 6:00 p.m., followed by our headliner, Michael Shynes at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Mary and the Saints/ACC Meeting: September 16th We will be meeting with Brenda Kresky, Director of Pastoral Planning. This will take place at 7 p.m. in St. Wendel's Church basement. She will be sharing various information from suggestions for our bylaws as well as address on having one "Joint Parish Council" rather than individual pastoral council for each parish.

THREE SAINTS NEWS continued

Special Collection Haiti: September 11/12

Every parish in the United States are being asked to take up a collection for the people of Haiti. **Please be generous as you can as all the loose collection for our three Masses will be used for the people in Haiti.** Please make your checks out to your particular parish and note 'Haiti Collection'. Bishop's Office: "Thank you for the gracious support that the members of your parish will show to those whose lives have been affected by these disasters."

Catholic Author and Guest Speaker: September 23rd at 7 p.m. Are you looking to find peace and direction during this time of turmoil in our world? Join us for an evening of reflection with Dan Burke at the Church of All Saints - St. Hedwig in Holdingford. Dan will offer a powerful presentation on the Importance of daily, personal prayer (mental prayer) and why it is needed now more than ever. The evening will include a presentation, Q&A session with Dan, and conclude with adoration. For more information, contact Kristin Molitor: evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com, 320-228-0105

'Hot Rod Strong' Benefit: September 25th from 1-5 p.m. Come and take part in the Rodney Bartkowitz benefit at the Royalton American Legion. There will be a silent and live auction. Rodney began his chemotherapy in October 2020 and continues to fight like the warrior he is! Donations can be dropped off at Royalton American Legion or 10 Spot in Royalton.

Side-by-Side \$100 Raffle Ticket: September 25
Only 350 tickets will be sold! Drawing will take place at the Royalton American Legion. Please call or text Lora Bartkowitz: 320-360-0311. Feel free to put Fr David's name on the ticket. He is so lucky as he won 2 prizes at St Francis Fall Festival!

40 Days for Life: September 24, 10am-12noon
Sue Thayer will share her knowledge and vast experience of the abortion industry and her miraculous conversion with honesty, transparency and humor. This will take place at the Mary Center behind St Mary's Cathedral in St Cloud. For information, please call Judy 320-453-7592 or Jan 320-253-1779.



September 22 to October 31

View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details:
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Sept. 11 – 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss **Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt
Servers: Volunteers **Gift Bearers:** Dennis & Deb Koopmeiners

Franciscan Sisters Appreciation

Upon receiving complimentary dinner tickets to our Fall Festival: "Thank you for honoring us Franciscan Sisters with a 'banquet' of your parish festival. We're grateful for the hands and hearts who prepared it and for your thoughtfulness of giving/sharing it with us. It gladdened our body and heart. It was definitely appreciated and enjoyed. There was a great spirit of JOY and celebration on the grounds. May the spirit of the Gospel continue strong in your lives and parishes."

Fall Festival Blessings

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. It is truly amazing what the Good Lord brings about when we give Him permission. To think that all together we served about 1,550 meals! So many people commented about the deliciousness of each food item! Quilt winners: Loon Quilt-Andrew Thell; Dear Squares-Gerald Herzog; White Star-Darrell Wegleitner; Scrappy Quilt-Charlie Schiller and Deck of Cards-Russ Boeckermann.

ST. FRANCIS NEWS continued

Rocking for RYA Benefit: October 2, 1-11pm

Rya Rudolph was diagnosed with a form of leukemia. She is currently undergoing treatment at Children's Minnesota. Her parents Aaron and Renee have hosted, organized, and funded many benefits for those in need in their community. Now is a time for us to help them! There will be a Fun Run, Pulled Pork Supper and Street in Holdingford.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Sept. 12– 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck **Lectors:** Shari Biniek
Greeter: Raymond Kokett **Servers:** Isaac Harren
Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski
Gift Bearers: Mike & Leonice Urbanski

† Bernetta Czech Went Home to Jesus.

Please join us as we say good-bye to Bernetta for her many years as a faithful parishioner and organist. Visitation will take place here at St Edward's September 8th from 4 to 7:30pm. Parish Prayers are at 4pm and Rosary at 5pm. Her funeral will be September 9th at 11am with burial following the parish cemetery. Lunch will be catered and take place in the church basement.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., Sept. 12 – 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Chantelle Frie
Greeter: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger **Ushers:** Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger **Servers:** Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger **Gift Bearers:** Duane & Rosie Harren
Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

On this Labor Day weekend, let us take a welcome rest from our labors – be they in a factory or field, store or office, school or home -- and appreciate the time we take with the One who promised that His yoke was easy and His burden was light. This weekend let us pray especially for those whose own burden is difficult: those who need to work more than one job to support their families, those who do not receive the gratitude and compensation they deserve for their work, and those who are unemployed or underemployed.

People from around the diocese who have lost family members or friends to the coronavirus gathered at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell Aug. 25 for a Mass of Remembrance with Bishop Donald Kettler. "The greatest commandment is to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves," Bishop Kettler said during his homily. "Keeping this great commandment has challenged us and aided us as we lived with the coronavirus, and it calls us tonight to pray for all those we remember and pray for here tonight." As of August 27, 644,190 COVID-19 cases had been reported in Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.

No doubt you have seen the horrific aftermath in Haiti. Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services among numerous other groups are on the ground in the aftermath of a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, where children were already suffering amidst surging COVID-19 cases, severe acute malnutrition and gang violence. The death toll is expected to continue to rise. There are emergency response teams on the ground, assessing survivors' needs, delivering antibiotics and activating local Haitian medical teams to help overwhelmed hospitals. The proceeds of this collection next weekend (all loose collection) will be sent immediately to the Chancery which will then be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Our parish office continues to be a work in progress. This past week, Laura stated that she will be unable to help out in the office as she had planned. Thankfully Jessie Johnson who is from the parish of St Anna has expressed her willingness to help out. She had been the Secretary in the Holdingford area parishes, thus there will be some familiarity with what needs to be done. Thank you for your prayers that the right person will come forth as Secretary/Bookkeeper or as Office Manager.