

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Mary

Elmdale

St. Francis

Upsala

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

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Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule-March 2

7:30 am St. Mary's

12 Noon St. Edward Adoration for St. Mary's will be
6:00 pm St. Mary's changed from March 2 to March 9
8:00 pm St. Francis due to Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross ~March 3-April 13 Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday after 8 am Mass.

Fridays at 7pm: St. Edward on 3/4 & 3/25, St. Mary on
3/11 & 4/1, St. Francis on 3/18 No Stations on 4/8 for
our "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" performance.

Save the Date

Feb 26/27: Guatemalan Coffee Sales after all Masses

Feb 27: "Youth Mass on Ice" @ 3pm near Mike and Alice Westrich

Feb 27: Spaghetti & Pasta Bar: 5-7pm at Gethsemane Church

Mar 1, 3 & 4: Anointing of the Sick at weekday Masses

Mar 2: Ash Wednesday (See Mass Times)

Mar 3: Area Pastors meet at St Mary's re. "Helping Hands"

Mar 4: First Friday Home Visits

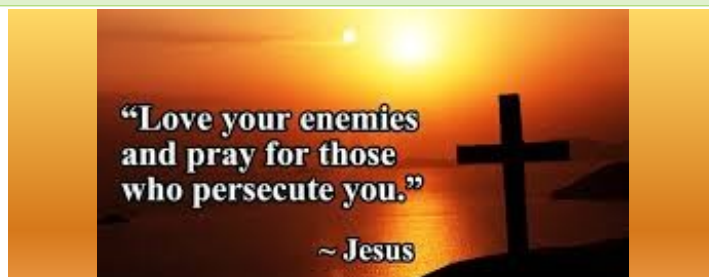
Let's Pray with the People of Ukraine

The Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: "The first response is prayer, he said. At every day at 8pm (12noon Central), Ukrainian Catholics are asked to stop what they are doing and pray the rosary for peace in Ukraine, and he asked others to join them. "When we pray, we are not afraid anymore," he said. "We can calm down, and we can think, and we can examine our own consciences" and project logical responses to the crisis."

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 & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Brayden Harren, (SF, recovery from chemo), Millie Spring (chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, radiation), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (mini-strokes, St. Cloud Hospital), Rita Lange (SF, blood clots), Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto's) Linus & Marjorie Lehner (SM, Mother of Mercy), Arnie Czech (SE, at home), Fr. Roger Klassen (recovering from an accident)

family of +Leonard Czech (SE), family of +Peter Prokott (SM)



Thank you for your prayers! Masks/face covering are now optional at all Masses and events starting Feb 19-20.

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 2/22</u>	<i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>
6:00 pm St. Mary	† Alcuin Harren
<u>Wednesday 2/23</u>	<i>Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</i>
8:00 am St. Francis	† Gilbert Schmitz
<u>Thursday 2/24</u>	
8:00 am St. Edward	† Beverly Fosler ~Margaret Carlson
<u>Friday 2/25</u>	
7:30 am St. Mary	† Jim Krych
Weekend Masses	<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
<u>Saturday 2/26</u>	<i>Coffee sale after Mass</i>
4 pm St. Francis	† Joyce Eveslage
<u>Sunday 2/27</u>	<i>Coffee Sale after Mass</i>
8 am St. Edward	† Virginia Maciej
10 am St. Mary	Blessings upon Bishop Kettler
3 pm Mass on Ice	† Ty Poppenhagen & Katy Lynn Panek * Mass on Ice near Westrich's home

Faith Formation

Grades 7-10 Classes Resume -Feb. 23 at 7:30 pm

Please help get the word out with the masking requirement ending, classes will this week as usual from 7:30-8:40pm. Thanks for your patience and prayers the past few weeks when classes were cancelled.

Youth News

"Mass on Ice" with Fr Doug & Fr David: Feb 27 @ 3pm

One and all are invited to join us at the lake near Mike and Alice Westrich 1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum. Come around 2:30pm as we coordinate rides out to the lake. The day will begin with Mass and follow with hotdogs, snacks, games and fishing. There's no one who will be able to outfish Fr Liebsch! For info. call Mitch Lange (320) 249-8303.

Area Church Gatherings

Spaghetti & Pasta Bar: 5-7pm Sun, Feb 27

Come join Gethsemane Lutheran Church including garlic bread, cheeses, side salad and bars. Free will offering as they guarantee the meal to be pastalicious!

Three Saints News

Welcome Myla Joan Fuchs, daughter of Joseph and Chelsea and younger sister of Alex, Clayton and Bryson from St Francis. Blessings to her grandparents Joe & Barb Fuchs and Dale & Joan Donnay as well as her godparents Isabelle Leners and Randy Leners. How beautiful to celebrate her baptism in Mass. How can we encourage more baptisms in our churches?

SKYWARN Spotter training: St. Mary's 2-4pm Sun, Mar.6 and via ZOOM 6-8pm Friday, March 11. SKYWARN is a program of the Nat'l Weather Service. Get your pre-registration material and ZOOM session ID & passcodes by sending an email to MorrisonCoSkywarn@yahoo.com. Call Tom Kilian at 320-232-5705 for more info.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Feb. 27, 8:00 am Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Brian & Lisa Wensmann

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Goal for our parish is \$5,966. The Diocesan goal is \$1,400,000.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Feb. 26, 4:00 pm Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Server: Volunteers

Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Gift Bearers: Ron & Rebecca Schmidt

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Goal for our parish is \$5,412. Some ministries include: TV Mass, faith formation, marriage preparation, respect-life efforts.

Adoration on the second Tuesday of the month

The time for Adoration is changed to 7 am –7 pm.

Elevate

A Huge Thank You to our parish cluster for donating 57 items towards Elevate (Center for assisting Mother and Children in need) the 'Baby Shower for Jesus' this past season. "When you do something good for others, you do something good for Jesus" St. Francis Christian Mothers/Women

Children's totes at Mass

Parents, please notice and feel free to let your Children use the children's totes during Mass and return afterwards to the entry of St. Francis parish. Thank you on behalf of the St. Francis Christian Women.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sun., Feb. 27, 10:00 am Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke **Lector:** Leonice Prokott

Server: Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Greeters: Bernie Waldorf

Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Goal for our parish is \$5,978. Some ministries include: vocational discernment, multicultural outreach and ministries to the less fortunate.

The Bishop is Coming!

We were informed that Bishop Donald will be coming to our Smelt Fry April 8th before he goes to St Francis for 'Journey to Calvary with Jesus'.

Three Saints News

Guatemalan Coffee Sales: Feb 26-27

We are still in need of volunteer/s to sell at St Edward's and St Francis.

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 13, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$505, Loose: \$57, Votive \$101.25, Central MN Catholic \$20 Total: **\$683.25**

St. Francis: Adult: \$823, Loose: \$39.91, Total: **\$862.91**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,608 Loose: \$60, Funeral: \$20, Central MN Catholic \$20 Total: **\$1,708**

Be a Listener For the Synodal Church

Do you want to plant dreams, draw forth a renewed vision, allow hopes to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, and learn from one another for the sake of the Church? Would you be a listen-er? The Diocese of Saint Cloud is seeking to listen to 12,000 people between February and May 2022. We are looking for listeners to help us in group and/or one-on-one settings. What will a listener do? A one-on-one listener will host a conversation with individuals (our goal is 8 to 10 people over three months) about their experience of faith and the Catholic Church for approximately 30 to 60 minutes. Afterward, the listener will submit summary notes to a diocesan database. Those we listen to will not be identified by name. A group listener will facilitate a group experience that includes prayer, silence, individual reflection, small group conversation, and large group sharing. The size of these groups will vary for each group. Summary notes will be taken and submitted to a diocesan database. Training is expected for all listeners and is available in person and online in February and March. Sign-up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stcdiosynodlisteners>.

Notes from Fr David

Love your enemies, Jesus tells us, challenging society's values and even common sense. Why should we love those who have hurt us? Well, one of the greatest gifts we can give is our mercy. We may feel that our enemy doesn't deserve our mercy, but it may help to realize that is it God's mercy that we extend, that it's God mercy that counts. Let us think of those who have wronged us and pray that we can be instruments of God's mercy in their lives.

Thanks for doing your part regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I have no doubt that each of our parishes will reach its goal. When we work together, great things will come about. These have been trying times, yet I cannot thank each one of you enough for staying close to your Catholic faith. As your Pastor, I will give \$1500 dividing evenly between our three parishes which will help meet our goal. Whatever amount you can sacrifice, know that it is most greatly appreciated.

Bishop Kettler's letter Feb 14: "We are all weary of the pandemic and what it has required from us over the last two years. We've had to make many sacrifices. But we make them in light of our Catholic faith, which calls us to show care and compassion for our neighbors, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions for whom the virus can have devastating consequences. Wearing appropriate face coverings is a simple and effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I am very grateful for the sacrifices you made for others.

At the time, health authorities predicted that we would experience the peak of the omicron variant in two to six weeks. I have been in regular contact with them, and I've been receiving good news. Positivity rates for the virus in our region have been steadily declining, as have the number of people hospitalized for COVID-19. The stress on health care resources is also lessening.

In light of these positive trends, I am lifting the face covering requirement for indoor parish activities starting the weekend of Feb 19-20. This includes Mass attendance, faith formation classes and other gatherings. Catholic schools also will update their protocols in light of this change. Pastors and principals have been sent specific guidance about this. Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for all those who have been impacted by it. Lent is just a few short weeks away, and I also pray that you and your families have a blessed and holy Lenten season." (For complete letter see our webpage)