

The Catholic Churches of

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



Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted
in his own native place.
~Luke 4:24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022

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Future Happenings

Feb 1-4: Anointing of Sick at Weekday Masses
Feb 4: First Friday Home Visits
Feb 4/5: Home Candles for sale in all churches
Feb 3 & 5/6: St Blasé Blessing of Throats
Feb 11: Sobieski Valentine Dinner in Randall: CANCELED
Feb 12: Valentine Dinner @ St Mary's: CANCELED
Feb 13: Quilt Bingo 1pm in Sobieski: DATE PENDING
Feb 12/13: World Day of Sick/Anointing of the Sick
Feb 20: Mylan Joan Fuchs (SF) Baptism 10am Mass
Feb 20: Quilt Bingo 1pm @ St Mary's: DATE PENDING
Feb 26: Men's Conference @ St Francis Xavier in Sartell
Feb 27: SF CUF Matching Grant Breakfast DATE PENDING
Mar 2: Ash Wednesday
Mar 4: First Friday Home Visits
Mar 4: Stations of the Cross: SE

Livestream Mass

We are in need of someone livestreaming one of our weekend Masses. Please call the office or Fr David if you are interested in this ministry. Thank you for working together to help us get through these times.

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, Lorene Koopmeiners, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Millie Spring (chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, cancer), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (Pastor at Opole/Rice, dialysis, in need of kidney transplant), Joe Primus (SM, Covid), Rita Lange (SF, blood clots), Marjorie Lehner (SM, moved to Mother of Mercy) Darwin Binek, & Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto's) Linus & Marjorie Lehner (SM, moved to Mother of Mercy), **Peter Prokott (SM, Covid, at home), Leonard Czech (SE, Covid, hospitalized), Arnie Czech (SE, Covid, at home), Tom & Jan Kilian (SM, Covid, at home), Dave & Renee Scholz (SM, Covid, at home),**

family of +Lloyd Jarnot (uncle of Rosanne Vos, SF), family of +Gerri Klimek (Little Falls), family of + Rosemary Jarnot (St Hedwig's)

WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan 23, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$800, Loose: \$42, Funeral Lunch: \$50
Total: **\$892**

St. Francis: Adult: \$571.80, Loose: \$90, Total: **\$661.80**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,295, Loose: \$94, Religious Education: \$30, Fall Collection \$50 Total: **\$1,469**

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 2/1	
6:00 pm St. Mary	† Virgil Burg *Anointing of the Sick*
Wednesday 1/2	
<i>The Presentation of the Lord~ Feast</i>	
8:00 am St. Francis	† Mark Kociemba *Anointing of the Sick* Adoration & Benediction SM 12-4 pm
Thursday 2/3	
<i>Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i>	
8:00 am St. Edward	† Frank, Agnes, Gertrude and deceased Members of the Czech family *Anointing of the Sick & Blessing of Throats*
Friday 2/4	
7:30 am St. Mary	† Anna Schulte *Anointing of the Sick* Adoration & Benediction SE 12-4 pm
Weekend Masses	
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 2/5	
4 pm St. Francis	† Joyce Eveslage ~Lorene Koopmeiners *Blessings of Throats* Candle sale
Sunday 2/6	
8 am St. Edward	† Don & Rita Wensmann ~Julie Wensmann *Blessing of Throats* Candle sale
10 am St. Mary	For the People *Blessing of Throats* Candle sale Brian Lange Benefit 9 am –noon Upsala Rec.

Faith Formation

In-Person Classes Suspended

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 and to the fast-spreading omicron variant along with CentraCare and other local health facilities being overwhelmed, we have decided to discontinue in-person gathering from now through the month of February. Let's continue to pray that the peak will happen soon and maybe classes can resume sooner. Parents, anything that you can do to help your children grow in their faith would be wonderful. How about praying the family rosary Wednesday evening?

Confirmation: Continues to meet with masks

7-10th Grade: Classes cancelled

K-6th Grade: February 9th –No Classroom Lesson, but packet pick-up and sign-up for meals for March 6th will be from 6-7 pm.

Youth News

Thanks for your prayers as our Youth Mass went very well. Some comments: "the adoration was touching, dim lights, candles, Rachel did an AMAZING job with music; how awesome that was, so cool; absolutely beautiful Youth Mass". And, yes, Rachel Prom from St Mary's has a special gift in leading us with praise and worship songs. Please pray to the Holy Spirit as we discern how best to move forward. Do you have more time for adoration and opportunity to be 'prayed over'? February 27, the Vocation Director, Fr Doug Liebsch is thinking about having a 'Mass on Ice' with us.

Diocese of St Cloud Totus Tuus

College age students, do want to have a great summer leading Youth in their faith? Earn \$2,500 while making a lasting difference in lives of hundreds of youth. Interested? Call Fr David or Fr Doug Liebsch: 533-0291.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Feb. 6, 8:00 am Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck **Lector:** Adeline Molus

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Scott & Jen Wensmann

St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper Meal

There will be a meeting for the spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction after the 8 am Mass in the Church basement on Sunday, February 20th. Anyone interested in helping or has new ideas, is welcome to attend.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Feb. 5, 4:00 pm Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Holly Keppers

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Gift Bearers: Allen & Diane Herzog

Bank Deposit: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

The Christmas Season is over and it is time to think about the "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" season. Should we do it or should we not? Please come to a meeting and give me your input and if you would like to be a part of this year's production. There will be a meeting in the church basement after Mass on Sat. Jan. 29th and on Sun. Jan. 30th at 1:00 pm. If you cannot make either meeting call Bob at 573-2933 and let him know what you think.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sun., Feb. 6, 10:00 am Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Tom Kilian

Server: Volunteers

Ushers: Dave Brezinka

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Gift Bearers: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston

Bank Deposit: Mikel Nelson

Three Saints News continued

Blessed Candles Available to Take Home

Please check out the candles for sale before the altars in all of our churches. \$5 for a pair of Candlemas candles \$2 for the 6 day votives. Perhaps you could give some candles to others? Each year, parishes bless their candles on Feb 2nd which is the Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord.

First Friday Home Visits: Feb 4

Please call the office or Fr David if you are open to a home visit. He can bring the sacraments to you. Perhaps another day would be more convenient for you?

Benefit Brian Lange Family: Feb 6

Brian passed away from Covid-19 this past December 11th. He leaves behind his wife, Beth, daughters, Jessi and Brianna and granddaughter, Arya. Their family have been greatly involved in our parish of St Mary's over the years. Would you be able to come and show your support? Pancake and Silent Auction 9am-12noon at the Upsala Rec. Building. There will be a free will offering.

Pray for the Sick: Feb 12/13

Every year on February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church observes World Day of the Sick. Instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992, this day is an opportunity "for growth, with an attitude of listening, reflection, and effective commitment in the face of the great mystery of pain and illness". For all who are seriously ill and/or are elderly are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Anointing after the weekend Masses.

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross

What time works best for you: 7 pm, 7:30 pm or 8 pm?
Next weekend, we will vote by 'show of hands'.

Catholic Men's Conference: Feb 26

This event will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. This year's theme is "Saint Joseph's Men" and is from 8:30am to 4pm. The day includes several speakers including keynoter Msgr. Thomas Richter, Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler, lunch, reconciliation, rosary and various booths. Registration is now open at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMC2022>

Blessing of Throats: Feb 3 and Feb 5/6

A popular tradition in many countries is the annual Blessing of Throats near the feast of St. Blasé (February 3). It is a blessing that is inspired by the life of St. Blasé, who was known to cure people with throat maladies during his life. While the blessing may seem to be focused only on the throat, it has also been used to invoke God's power to cure any illness. The priest typically prays the following prayer over the person: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* **Fr David will be blessing before and after all Masses.**

Notes from Fr David

The opening lines of both the first reading and the Gospel are heartwarming and inspiring, but both readings soon turn difficult and serious. Living faithfully to the gospel can be like this. We may leave church this weekend enthused and inspired, only to encounter conflict or adversity at home, in school, in our neighborhood, or in the world. Let us pray that the Eucharist may strengthen us for our struggles this next month of following our diocese's new COVID-19 protocols.

Thank you for helping our parishes get through these challenging times. In Bishop Kettler's words: "As Catholics who believe in the value of every human life and in Christ's command to care of one another – especially the most vulnerable – we must step up and do our part". Many of you don't know but June 7, 2022 marks six years since I donated my kidney anonymously to a gentleman in Washington, DC.

In a recent six-month visit with my Nephrologist Doctor in St Cloud, she reminded me of the importance of being cautious from wearing my mask as well as being alert to any possible symptoms that may be developing. No doubt my health is compromised. She reminded me that with my condition (Stage 3a chronic-kidney disease) I am more vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. So just know that when I am masking and/or social distancing, I want to protect myself and you as well. Unfortunately, many questions are put to myself and others: *"What are you afraid of? Is not your faith stronger than that? It is foolish to get tested, you are going to get it anyway. Don't you know that masks don't help out? Why doesn't your bishop & CentraCare speak about Ivermectin, and even, why can't we just get a new bishop?"*

Humility. I remember as a little boy, my parents would tell me to "offer it up". How you and I navigate during these trying times is how we carry of our crosses. I see graces in following the Bishop's Directives. When it's uncomfortable wearing the mask, keeping social distance, refrain from public gathering, etc. I do it for Jesus. I don't know about you, but I need all the graces/Jesus I can get.

The reason being for my transparency, I know many, many people who have worse health conditions than I. They are staying away from the Eucharist as they don't feel their Churches are a safe place. Jesus reminds that we are called serve and not be served. How can you and I help reach out to others in need especially during these challenging times?