



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come back to life again; he was lost, and has been found. Luke 15:1-32

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward~ 7:15-7:45 p.m.,
Sunday: St. Francis~ 7:30-7:45 a.m., & St. Mary ~ 9:30-9:45 am

PRAYER LINES

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

St. Edward's –monthly, the 1st Friday of the Month, 12 - 9 pm
St. Francis– monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7am-7 pm
St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday 12-9 pm



Marriage BANNS III

Matthew James Herzog & Anna Jane Lehner
October 22, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 9/13		<i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
6 pm St. Mary		No Mass
Wednesday 9/14		<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
8 am St. Francis		No Mass
Thursday 9/15		<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
8 am St. Edward		No Mass
Friday 9/16		<i>Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>
9 am St. Mary		No Mass
Weekend Masses		The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 9/17		
8 pm St. Edward	†	Elmer Molus
Sunday 9/18		
8 am St. Francis	†	Karen Gerads
10 am St. Mary	†	Elaine, Joe and Mark Schumer

Fr David's Private Masses Offered for this week

9/13 Intentions of Renee Scholz, 9/14 +Scott Keppers, 9/15 +Bernadine Bartkowicz, 9/16 +Matthew Wetzel

Spiritual Bouquets for Fr. David

Spiritual Bouquet forms that can be filled with prayers for Fr. David are in the back of our churches. You can drop yours off in the collection basket or at the Central Office. They will be mailed to Fr. David to give him encouragement. Thank you!

Faith Formation

Teacher Meeting: Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

Kick-off Mass: Sunday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's with coffee and rolls to follow. Everyone welcome!

Youth

Albany Pioneer Days: Sept. 15-18

Remember the good old days? **Bring the whole family** and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the 48th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany on September 15, 16, 17 & 18. This year is a four day show and we are featuring Ford and Fordson tractors, vehicles land related equipment and Cushman Gas Engines. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in-between!! Check the website www.albanypioneerdayss.com for details or call 320-249-0331

EPIC Youth Nights: September 21

Students from any parish in Grades 6-12 can join in on Wednesday nights at 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's in Holdingford for Mega-Fun games & Faith Filled Friendship! Everyone welcome from all parishes! For information contact Kyle.VanOverbekeyouthminister@tworiverscatholic.com.

Area Church Events

Organ Dedication: Sept. 16

The dedication of the recently expanded Holtkamp-Pasi organ at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville begins with its presentation by Michael Barone and Benedictine Father Robert Koopman at 6:45 p.m. World-renowned organist Stephen Tharp plays the inaugural dedication recital at 7:30 p.m. with selections by George Baker, Charles Tournemire, Marcel Dupré and Franz Liszt. (Free Will offering).

40 Days for Life Pro-Life Rosary At All Saints-St. Mary's
Beginning on Tuesday, September 27, we will have our inside and outside Pro-Life Rosary at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford at 4:00 p.m. We will continue on Tuesdays throughout October (4, 11, 18 & 25) at the same time and place. Come join us!

Daughters of Isabella's meeting: Sept. 12

Our Lady of Lourdes basement at 1:00 PM. Note date changes due to Labor Day Holiday. Thank you.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development : Sept 18


Just a reminder that our diocese takes up a special collection for the work of the USCCB's Catholic Campaign for Human Development on September 18. You should find an envelope in your packet specially marked.

Questions? Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org.

ACC Meeting: Sept. 22

All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford at 7:00 p.m.

Fall Campaign: Sept. 28th - Nov. 6th

 40 Days for life is a simple program of Prayer-Fasting-Peaceful Vigil to end abortion in the world. Our parishes will be supporting our local 40 Days for Life Campaign in St. Cloud on E. St. Germain and Wilson Ave. We need volunteers to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Thursday afternoons from 1-7 p.m. We'd like at least 2 people at the vigil for each hour. To sign up contact Marilou Sommers at 247-9838. The Opening Rally is Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the vigil site and processing to St. Mary's Cathedral. All welcome to join in!

Quilt Bingo: Oct. 2

St. Mary's, Upsala will have their annual Quilt Bingo at 1:00 p.m. 20 games for \$10, Blackout extra. Free lunch served afterwards. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Group.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Biniek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Bruce Wolters, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek (SE), Linda Mader (SF), Marlene Vornbrock (SM), Roger Thell (SF) Helen Heisick (SE)

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, September 10 - 8:00 p. m.

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Shari Biniek

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck

Mark your Calendar

Due to a wedding, Adoration for St. Edward's will change from Friday, October 7th to Friday, October 14th. Thank you!

There will be a 5:00 p.m. Mass instead of the usual 8:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday October 15th with a celebration for the feast of St. Edward to follow. Father will hear Confessions at 4:15 p.m. before Mass.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, September 11 - 8:00 a.m.

September Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

EM of HC: Janelle Roerick

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Server: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Jim & Tammy Lehner

Candles Available

Tall Red Votive Candle holders \$3

Tall Votive Candles \$2

Contact Bob Theisen 573-2933

Please note: From Sunday, September 18th to Tuesday, September 20th, only the back door of the church will be open.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our annual Fall Festival August 28 a big success! Special thanks to everyone who donated towards the meal, auction, raffle, etc. Also, thank you to all those outside of our parish who volunteered! And to our awesome parish family for all your hard work and dedication! We served a total of around 1,600 total meals! The total deposited before expenses was around \$73,000. After all bills have been paid, a bazaar report will be available. God bless all of you for your generosity and support.
-St. Francis Bazaar Committee

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, September 11 - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Dave Scholz **Lector:** Tom Kilian

Servers: Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Quilt Bingo: Oct. 2 We will need help after Mass to set up tables and chairs. Please help if you can. Thank you!

Diocesan Stewardship Day 2022: Sept. 17

Theme: "The Eucharist and the Four Pillars of Stewardship" is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Seven Dolours Church in Albany Focusing on stewardship and the Eucharist, this free one-day retreat includes Mass, featured speaker Father Michael Troha, reflection time and lunch. (Free will offering accepted.) For more information, visit <https://stcdio.org/stewardship>. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3OHPKso>.

Arts and Crafts Booths

St. John the Baptist Church, Swanville- Oct. 1

If you would like to have a booth to display your crafts at our 38th Craft/Raffle event from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. contact Charee 573-4271 or cpeizer@leadstone.com

I will rise and go to my father.

~Psalm 51

WEEKEND COLLECTION September 4, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$880 Loose: \$99, Rel. Ed: \$85, Votive: \$94

Total: \$1,158

St. Francis: Adult: \$404, Loose: \$82, Rel. Ed: \$35

Total: \$521

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,543, Loose: \$176, Rel. Ed: \$257

Total: \$2,976

The Eucharist and the Four Pillars of Stewardship Retreat:

Sept. 16th, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Seven Dolours Church, Albany. Join in for a day of reflection on God's presence in our lives and to listen for what He is calling us to do. This retreat will include inspiring talks by Fr. Michael Troha, time for quiet reflection, small-group discussion, lunch and Mass. Cost: FREE (*includes lunch*) Contact Anna Kampa at 258-7654 email AKampa@gw.stcdio.org.

Catholic Women's Conference: Sept 17

Need some time for yourself this fall to focus on your faith? Then you won't want to miss the upcoming Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, September 17, at St. Mary's Parish in Alexandria. The Diocese of St. Cloud, in partnership with the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, is hosting "Eucharistic, God's Greatest Gift". Spend the day with International speakers, Marge Steinhage Fenelon and Leah Jacobson, who will inspire you and set your faith on fire. The day also includes Mass with Bishop Kettler, lunch and afternoon breakout sessions. Go to stcdio.org for registration and more information.

Koinonia Retreat: Sept. 23-25

Adults, ages 20 and over, are invited to consider making a Koinonia retreat weekend, Sept. 23-25, at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie. There's a poster on our parish bulletin boards explaining what the weekend is about. There are also a few registration forms in the entries. It's a wonderful way to renew one's Catholic faith. Any questions, call Fr. David Maciej at (320) 232-0346. Cost is \$70. Go to www.centralmknoinonia.org to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Oct. 7-9 This event will be held in Buffalo, MN at Christ the King Retreat Center. Do you need time just for the two of you? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer! Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. Find more information, at www.wvme.org or call Brent & Tracy Chessen at (612) 756-8720. October 22 – Engaged Couples Retreat – This event will be held at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. See our website for more details: <https://stcdio.org/engaged-couple-marriage-preparation/> or call the office with question (320) 252-4721.

Grow in your Faith

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Though it arrives in the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, Simeon must tell Mary during the Presentation *Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.* In fact, the Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart would be pierced with the swords of seven sorrows as she moved through her earthly life with Jesus, and we honor them with the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15th, and across the month. Catholics meditated on this for centuries, and it was added to the Roman calendar by Pope Pius X. Our Lady makes seven promises to those who fulfill this devotion by praying a Hail Mary after pondering the Prophecy of Simeon, The Flight into Egypt, The Loss of Jesus for Three Days, The Carrying of the Cross, The Crucifixion, Jesus Taken Down from the Cross, and the Laying of Jesus in the Tomb. If we offer our personal suffering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus *through* the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all will be well!

A Note from Father

The mercy of Jesus for sinners is shown so clearly in all three parables of today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son especially depicts the great love and forgiveness that God has for his people. When we turn away from the Lord, he "searches" for us, as the first two parables describe. However, he also respects our freedom of choice, as with the Prodigal Son. But even with that, he waits for our return, as a loving father longs to have a wayward son or daughter return home. May we be convinced of the depth of love that God has for us, and be willing to repent and return when we have gone astray.

Fr. David Maciej