



The Catholic Churches

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



The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 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

Three Saints News

Fall Campaign: Sept. 28- Nov. 6



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 pm. 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 1 from 10 am to noon at the vigil site and processing to St. Mary's Cathedral.

All welcome to join in!

Evening for Life: Oct. 14

Register today to celebrate Elevate's 50 years of serving Life! This year's theme is "Love in Action." Event begins with a Social Hour at 5 pm. followed by dinner and program at 6 pm. We'll be introducing 'The Not - So - Newlywed Game with 3 of our favorite couples! Comedian Gordan Douglas will Emcee. Visit: www.elevatestcloud.org/efl2022 to register.

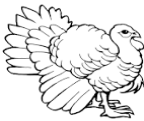


Quilt Bingo: Oct. 2

St. Mary's, Upsala will have their annual Quilt Bingo at 1 pm. 20 games for \$10, Blackout extra. Free lunch served afterwards. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Group. All are welcome!

St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus Family Picnic:

We will have a Potluck at 12:30 pm on Oct. 2 with meat supplied by the knights at the Bowlus Community Center. Knights and families are welcome to attend.



Turkey Bingo: Oct. 23

Mark your calendars! Join in the fun at St. Mary's, Upsala starting at 2 pm.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & 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) & Alan Schumer (SM), Jim Negen (SF), Diane Petersen (SE)

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 9/27</u>		<i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>
6 pm St. Mary	†	Matthew Wetzel ~Dennis & Carol Langner
<u>Wednesday 9/28</u>		<i>Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr: St. Lawrence Ruis and Companions, Martyrs</i>
8 am St. Francis	†	Richard Boeckermann ~St. Francis Men's Society
<u>Thursday 9/29</u>		<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>
8 am St. Edward	†	Frank & Barbara Jendro
<u>Friday 9/30</u>		<i>Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>
7:30 am St. Mary		Healing and Strength for Julie Jensen and Family
Weekend Masses		The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>Saturday 10/1</u>		
8 pm St. Edward	†	Bonnie Adolph ~Dennis & Shari Biniek
<u>Sunday 10/2</u>		
8 am St. Francis 10 am St. Mary	†	Alcuin & Loretta Renneker ~Jeanette Gerads For the People

Welcome Back Father David!

Faith Formation



Upcoming Speaker: Sept. 28

Everyone come listen to our first inspirational speaker of the year:
Deb Hadley 507.227.4220
website: debhadley.com

All are welcome to attend!

7 pm at St. Mary's Church, Upsala.

Deb Hadley is from Alexandria, MN and is the Founder of the KT Humble Hearts Foundation, a foundation she started in memory of her children Kaylie and Tyler. Deb has endured many hardships in her life but strives to find purpose and meaning in her suffering. With her solid faith, strong conviction, and incredible resiliency, Deb has found the strength to not only work through her adversity but become a beacon of hope for others. Finding Joy and accepting God's grace through the hardships we endure can be one of life's greatest struggles, but Deb is a living testament that no matter your circumstances, no matter the hardships you face, you can still have an amazing life if you place your trust in the Lord.

Youth Event: Sept 30

St. Mary's Parish, Alexandria will host an "Evening with the Saints" at 6 pm. The relics of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia & Blessed Carlo Acutis will be available for veneration. Blessed Acutis, a 15 year old Italian Catholic who was an expert in computer programming created an online data base of Eucharistic miracles . He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2021. Veneration will also be on Saturday from 9 am to 6:30 pm. pausing for Mass at 5 pm. Then again on Sunday from 7:30 am. to noon pausing for the 8 am. and 10 am. Masses. The relics then travel to St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud on Oct. 4 and will be available for veneration after the 7 am Mass.

World Mission Rosary Day: Oct. 7

This is a day when youth are asked to recognize their young peers in other parts of the world. Our diocese celebrates by asking our schools and parishes to pray the World Mission Rosary at near this date. It is a wonderful way to join other kids around the world in praying for our world – just think of the great power of prayer and the difference we can make! Check out our website to what each color means and how to pray it.

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Saturday, October 1 - 8 pm

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Brad & Crystal Hartung

Mark your Calendar

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

Plan Ahead: Oct. 15

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

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sunday, October 2 –8 am

September Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Server: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Dan & Sarah Roerick

Donuts, Milk and Coffee: Oct. 2

St. Francis Men’s Society CUF - 296 will be serving donuts, milk and coffee after the 8 am. Mass. Everyone is invited to come downstairs and visit for awhile or grab a donut and go.

ST MARY’S NEWS

Sunday, October 2 - 10 am

EM of HC: Jan Kilian **Lector:** Mary Hollenkamp

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston

Gift Bearers: Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Quilt Bingo Volunteers: Oct. 2

We will need help after Mass to set up tables and chairs. Please help if you can. Thank you!

Turkey Bingo Volunteers: Oct. 23

Please contact Nicole Frie at 573-2507 if you are available to help. Bingo will be at 2 pm.

Three Saints News continued

Congratulations

Rachel Prom and Christopher Goth who received the Betrothal Right Blessing after Mass on September 18. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for Marriage this coming year.

2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade: Oct. 15

Join us at noon in the St. Mary’s Parking lot, Upsala.

For more information contact: Mary or Karen (320) 573-2681.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said:

“Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

Area Church Events

40 Days for Life Pro-Life Rosary: Sept 27

All Saints - St. Mary’s, Holdingford is hosting an Pro -Life Rosary inside and outside church at 4 pm. beginning on Tuesday, September 27, and continuing on Tuesdays throughout October (4, 11, 18 & 25) at the same time and place. Come join us! If unable to attend, please pray with us at home.

WEEKEND COLLECTION September 18, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,330 Loose: \$96, Campaign for Human Development: \$37 **Total: \$1,463**

St. Francis: Adult: \$640, Loose: \$67, Campaign for Human Development \$45, **Total: \$752**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,040, Loose: \$212, Campaign for Human Development \$160, **Total: \$2,412**

Reginal Ministry Gathering: Oct. 5

Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be the keynote speaker at an event at Fergus Falls. He is the chair of the National Eucharistic Revival for the United States. He will share his vision for the three-year initiative. Visit: <http://stdio.org/eucharistic-revival>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Oct. 7-9

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. Rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. Contact Brent or Tracy (612) 756-8720 or visit: wwme.org.

Saving Lives in a Post-Roe Minnesota: Oct. 25

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Little Falls will host a brief pro-life presentation from 7- 8 pm. You will learn about the recent court rulings on abortion, the lates abortion trends, the stakes in the upcoming election, and how we can protect unborn children and support their mothers in a post-Roe V. Wade Minnesota.

For more information, visit: mccl.org/falltour.

Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in you image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen usccb.org

September 15th Letter from Bishop Donald Kettler

“Dear Parishioners,

As you know, last July, Father Rolfes informed me that an allegation of sexual misconduct had come forward against Father David Grundman. This alleged incident occurred 20 years earlier. At that time, I place Father Grundman on a leave of absence.

I commissioned an independent investigation and followed all required procedures. Based on the information I received, I have concluded that the incident did not rise to the level of revoking his pastorate or removing him from active ministry. I have given Father Grundman a plan of health and effective ministry which he has agreed to follow.

Therefore, I have reinstated Father Grundman as pastor of the parishes of St Edward, Elmdale; St Francis, St Francis; and St Mary, Upsala.”

Fr David Maciej’s last weekend

Please come to Masses this coming weekend (Oct 1-2) as Father Grundman has a commitment with his family. Father Maciej gave himself most generously to our parishes since this past July. It was so beautiful how he willing helped us during these trying times. He will also return for the wedding of Mathias Brown and Marie Blonigen in St Edward’s on October 8.

Please pray for our Priests

October 2-5, all priests, deacons and Bishop Kettler will gather in Alexandria at the Arrowwood Conference Center. This is their annual gathering for fellowship, prayer as well as focusing on a given topic. This year, Fr Michael Monshau, a Dominican priest will speak on “Eucharistic Revival” and how to help our preaching and fostering a deeper appreciation for the Blessed Eucharist. Please note in case of any emergency or funeral planning, call Fr. David Grundman on his cellphone.

A Note from Father

In our gospel, Jesus gives us the story of the rich man and the poor man named Lazarus. The rich man failed to really take notice of the poor man or to reach out to him and help him. As a result, the rich man went to Hades while the poor man went to heaven. Despite all the warnings and all the teachings from and about God the rich man failed to heed them and so suffers after his death for his misdeeds. The story is a reminder to us that we have all been given the Good News with its promise of eternal life but it is now up to us to actually take those lessons on board and secure our place in heaven.

“Thanks so much for all your love, support and prayers since the early part of July. Know how greatly I appreciated this great outpouring of graces. I will never forget all that you have done for me. Know that I have kept you in prayer along with Mass intentions and I will continue to do so. No doubt this allegation of sexual misconduct has greatly impacted your life as well. It has been an emotional roller coaster the past couple weeks. I appreciate your patience as it will take time for me to process what has happened and how best to move forward.” Fr David