

# The Catholic Churches

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala

## The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2022

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**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,  
 Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:30-7:45am, & St. Mary ~ 9:30-9:45 am  
**PRAYER LINES**  
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**ADORATION**  
 St. Edward’s –monthly, the 1st Friday of the Month, 12-9pm  
 St. Francis– monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7am-7pm  
 St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday 12-9pm

### Three Saints News



**Tommy James Kaiser**  
 Son of Brian & Natalie  
 August 12, 2022  
 St. Edward, Elmdale

### Marriage BANNS I I

Mathias John Brown & Marie Elizabeth Blonigen  
 October 8, 2022 at St. Edward, Elmdale



### New Event for Heritage Days on Sunday, Aug. 14

Come to the Upsala Community Center to have a buffet style breakfast of Eggs, sausage links, bacon, potatoes, pancakes and sweets from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!

### Please note: Aug. 27 Masses

There will be a 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 27th at St. Francis as well as the 8:00 p.m. Mass that evening at St. Edward. The 4:00 p.m. Mass was accidentally left off the August Ministry Schedule. Are there any volunteers willing to serve at this Mass? Please call the office or let Father know. Thank you!

### St. Francis Fall Festival: Aug 28

The Festival begins with Mass at 10:00 a.m. Music is by Laverne and the Starlites followed by a Chicken & Ham Dinner, Kid’s games, Bingo, Pull-Tabs, Straw Stand, Cake Walk, Country Store, Food, Fancy work, and more music by the Slewfoot Family Band. Grand Raffle 7:30 p.m. with over 100 prizes. Don’t miss this event!

### Please 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)

**Family of + Donald Herzog (SF)**



*I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning!* ~Luke 12:49,51

## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Monday 8/15</u>		<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8 am St. Francis	†	Donald Herzog
6:30 pm St. Mary	†	LeRoy Harren
<u>Tuesday 8/16</u>		<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i>
6 pm St. Mary		No Mass
<u>Wednesday 8/17</u>		
8 am St. Francis		No Mass
<u>Thursday 8/18</u>		
8 am St. Edward		No Mass
<u>Friday 8/19</u>		<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>
9 am St. Mary		No Mass
<b>Weekend Masses</b>		<b>The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<u>Saturday 8/20</u>		
8 pm St. Edward	†	Elizabeth Molus
<u>Sunday 8/21</u>		
8 am St. Francis 10 am St. Mary	†	Tony & Ann Marie Hartung ~ Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann For the People

### Commissioning Eucharistic Ministers: Aug 14

Jim Scholz was Commissioned to serve as a Eucharistic Minister for St. Francis of Assisi on Aug 4th. Janelle Roerick, Colleen Harren and Brittany Harren will be Commissioned at the 8:00 a.m. Mass August 14th. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

### Fr David’s Private Masses Offered for this week

8/16 + Elaine, Joe & Mark Schumer 8/17 +Audrey Pflueger, 8/18 Don Maciej, 8/19 + Marcia Osberg

### 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

The beginning of the Faith Formation school year is just around the corner. Registration forms can be found on our website or the back of our churches. Help your children grow closer in their relationship with Jesus and make friends strong in their Faith!

### Youth

#### St. Cloud Diocese Youth Council

Would you like to be on the Diocesan Youth Council and have a voice in planning upcoming Youth Events? The Council meets 5-6 times a year. Applications are available in the entry of our churches or you can email Kent Schmitz: Kschmitz@gw.stcdio.org. The first meeting will be August 16th.

### Holdingford Job Opportunity-Confirmation Director– Paid

Are you being called into ministry? Would you like to prepare our youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Holdingford has an immediate opening starting mid-August on Wednesday evenings (approx. 20-30 students). Please let Fr. Gregory know that you are interested. This is a paid position.

### Holdingford Confirmation Assistant –Paid

The Confirmation Assistant helps out the Confirmation Director in preparing our youth to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This role is mostly administrative and is paid. We have an immediate opening starting mid-August on Wednesday evenings. Please let Fr. Gregory know if you are interested.

**ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Saturday, August 20th - 8:00 p.m**

**EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Jeff Czech

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann

**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Ione Brezinka

**ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sunday, August 21st- 8:00 a.m**

**August Users:** Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

**EM of HC:** Colleen Harren

**Lector:** Barb Moorman

**Server:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Shelly Harren

**Silent Auction**

Items needed. If you would like help with creative ideas for the auction, please contact Rosanne Voss at 320-248-8910, Kathy Thell at 320-293-7485, Evelyn Locnikar at 320-573-2628, or Jane Keppers at 320-232-3290.

**Raffle**

The raffle and quilt chances are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Raffle or Quilt chance tickets can be purchased in the office or call Joyce Koopmeiners (Raffle) 232-0592 or Kathy Thell (Quilts) 573-2509.

**The St. Francis Men's Society**

We will be serving donuts, milk and coffee after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday in the church basement. Spend a few minutes visiting and grab a donut-to-go.

**Apples**

The apple tree at the parish house is full of apples. Help yourself before they fall to the ground.

**ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday, August 21st- 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** LeAnn Beneke **Lector:** Jan Kilian

**Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

**Greeters:** Dave & Mary Hollenkamp

**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Randi Klasen

**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn

**A Prayer in Honor of the Assumption**

*O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of men.*

*We believe with all the fervor of our faith in your triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul, into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints; and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.*

*We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, is filled in heaven with the vision of that Humanity glorified, and with the vision of Uncreated Wisdom; and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness.*

*And we, poor sinners, whose body weighs down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts, so that, while we remain here below, we may learn to see God, and God alone, in the beauties of His creatures.*

Excerpts from a prayer in honor of The Assumption:  
<https://catholicsay.com/prayer-in-honor-of-the-assumption/>

**WEEKEND COLLECTION August 7, 2022**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$945 Loose: \$69, Assumption \$5

**Total: \$1019.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$560 Loose: \$122, Votive \$88.50

**Total: \$770.50**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,178, Loose: \$108 **Total: \$2,286**

**Area Church Events**

**Motorcycle Run: Aug. 28**

Motorcycle Run at Saint Paul's Catholic Church, Sauk Centre Gather at 2:00 p.m. for prayer and blessing of motorcycles Depart Saint Paul's at 2:45 p.m. Return to Sauk Centre around 5:30 p.m. for meal (tentatively) at V.F.W., Sauk Centre. For more information, contact Father Mitchell Bechtold at 320-247-4907. All donations go towards supporting seminarian education for the Diocese of St. Cloud.

**Upsala Blood Drive: Sept. 9**

The community Covenant Church will host a Blood Drive from 10:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m. Contact: Linda: 573-2381. Additional information can be found at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Engaged Couples Retreat: Sept. 10**

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 (320) 252-4721 with questions.

**St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party: Sept. 10**

All are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral's Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 10th. Join us for 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral followed by music, food, and fun. Fr. Brady Keller and Kevin Carlson will share their musical talent at 5:00 pm. Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos will entertain us from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Other events include a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Wine Wall, Beer Garden, Bingo and kids' games. All are welcome to this free event. Visit [stmarystcloud.org](http://stmarystcloud.org) for more information.

**No Finer Time to Be a Catholic: Sept. 13**

*Knowing our Faith and Living it with Joy in a Secular Age*– led by Fred Blonigen on Tuesdays from Sept. 13th through Nov. 8th at 7:00 -8:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud. Join in for one or all!

**Grow in your Faith**

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. ~Lk 12:32*



**The Assumption vs. The Ascension  
Jesus Ascended**

The Feast of the Ascension is about Jesus. Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter by His own power. The Ascension is mentioned in the Bible: Acts 1:14, Mark 16:19 -20, and Luke 24:50-53

**Mary was Assumed**

The Feast of the Assumption is about Mary and is celebrated each year on August 15th. The Blessed Mother was taken up to heaven body and soul. Though there is not a direct mention of the Assumption in Scripture, there are several references to it and it is part of the dogma of the Catholic Church. ~catholic-link.org

**A Note from Father**

From the earliest days, Christians have experienced opposition and persecution because of their commitment to Jesus Christ. Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, from Hebrews, encourages us with these words for these times: "Let us....persevere in running the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." None of us looks forward to being opposed or persecuted for our faith, but Jesus promises to lead and strengthen us during those difficult times. May we persevere in being committed to him and to his will in our lives.

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Normally this is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, with Mass attendance being required. This year, with this day being a Monday, that obligation is removed. However, all Catholics are strongly encouraged to participate in Mass, if at all possible. Our Mass times on Monday will be 8:00 am at St. Francis and 6:30 pm at St. Mary's. I'm only able to have two, as I have another Mass elsewhere on that day.

Fr. David Maciej