



The Catholic Churches

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



He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Jn 1:29

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: St. Francis: 7:15 - 7:45 a.m., St. Mary: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Ash Wednesday Masses: February 22nd

7:15 a.m. St. Mary

12:00 noon: St. Edward

6:00 p.m. St. Mary

8:00 p.m. St. Francis

Bishop-elect Patrick Neary's Episcopal Ordination Mass



will be at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14th at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Because of limited capacity, entry to the ordination Mass is by ticket only. Vespers will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13th, also at the cathedral. A reception will follow in the cathedral's lower church. Both events will be livestreamed on the Diocese of

Saint Cloud's YouTube channel. Please direct question to Joe Towalski in the Office of Communications:

(320) 258-7624 or jtowalski@gw.studio.org

Vespers For Life, Sunday, January 15th this Sunday

St. Francis Xavier, 219 2nd St N, Sartell. Rosary at 3:30 p.m. and Vespers at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. The service includes music, prayer, scripture, and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud.

New Bill for Abortion

According to MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. "This bill means a 'right' to abort any baby for any reason at any time until birth. Women and children deserve so much better." Reach out to your legislators before the end of January 2023. You can find your representatives and their contact info at this link:

<https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/legdir>

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Linda Mader, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, and the Family of +Ramona Heurung

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 1/17		<i>Saint Anthony, Abbot</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Leona Burggraff ~Larry & Toni Nadeau
Wednesday 1/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Donald, Elizabeth & Duane Herzog
Thursday 1/19		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Rick Blade
Friday 1/20		<i>Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Claude Yurczyk
Weekend Masses		The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 1/21		
10 a.m. Senior Living 4 p.m. St. Edward	†	Communion Service Mark & Rose Kociemba ~Kaiser Family
Sunday 1/22		
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary		Special Intention ~Renee Scholtz For the People

Faith Formation (at St. Mary's unless indicated)

January 18th

Grades K-6: Home Lesson

2nd Grade: Lesson 1 in 1st Communion Book

7-10+ Grade: Class 7-8:30 p.m.

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: January 22nd

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday.

Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

March For Life, Sunday: January 22nd in St. Paul

12:00 Noon Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

2:00 p.m. March on the State Capitol grounds

2:30 p.m. Pro-life program on the Capitol steps hosted by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Richmond bus - Reserve a spot now by contacting Linda at 320-267-6268 or thepedersonfam@aol.com

Prayers for Life at St. Mary's Cathedral: January 22nd

January 22nd is the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Even though we experienced much progress in 2022 in our efforts to protect the unborn from the sin of abortion, please join us for an afternoon of prayer on Sunday, January 22, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, as we continue to ask our Lord for still greater protection for the most defenseless among us. Beginning at 3:00 p.m., there will be an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a short reflection on some "missionaries of life". Confessions will be offered, and the hour will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Annual Knights of Columbus Raffle: Jan. 28th

Join us at the Pierz Ballroom! Meal (\$7) served from 4:00 -8:00 p.m. Drawing held at 8:15 p.m. Raffle tickets \$10. Half of the proceeds goes to the American Cancer Society. The Waltzateer Band will provide music. Contact Allen Woitalla for a ticket. (320) 277-3860.

Valentine's Cookies

Support the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Buy a Valentine's Day Cookie for yourself or a loved one. \$5 per cookie. Stop by the Library during open hours or mail your order in by February 3rd. Check can be made to FUPL and mailed to P.O. Box 248, Upsala MN, 56384. Orders must be picked up on Monday, February 13th from 3 - 6:00 p.m. at the Upsala Community Center.

Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Watch on FORMED.



ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Saturday, January 21st - 4:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck**Lector:** Shari Biniek**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Donald Welinski & Jeff Czeck**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Ione Brezinka**Stairlift Possibility?**

As our Finance Committee meets this Tuesday evening, there will be discussion on the feasibility of this for our church. The cost of an elevator is likely beyond our means. How much do you think it would cost for this chair and installation? It's been said, that some of the elderly would likely join us for Mass, if it weren't for those daunting steps.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**January Ushers:**

Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Sunday, January 22nd - 8:00 a.m.**EM of HC:** Rebecca Schmidt**Lector:** Jane Keppers**Servers:** Volunteers**Gift Bearers:** AJ & Pam Welle**Journey with Jesus**

The Christmas season has just ended so it is time to start planning the 2023 Journey with Jesus to Calvary Production. There will be a short meeting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 22nd in the church basement. Anyone interested in helping in any way –stop down. If you had a main speaking part or want to be a part of this year's production but cannot make the meeting, call Bob at (320) 573-2933. We will start rehearsing with main actors on February 4th. All are welcome!

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sunday, January 22nd - 10:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Christine Weber**Lector:** Tom Kilian**Servers:** Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber**Ushers:** Darren Lange & Mitch Lange**Greeters:** Mitchell & Brooke Kingston**Gift Bearers:** Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn**Three Saints News****Welcome Bishop Kettler**

There will be a meeting at St. Mary's in Upsala February 4th from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. There will be a Mass at 11:30 a.m. He and the St Cloud Diocesan Pastoral Council meet quarterly throughout the diocese and have asked to meet here. It's handicap accessibility helps greatly as one member uses a walker. Our parishes are asked to provide a simple morning refreshment and light noon lunch for their group of twelve. Please contact Fr. David for any questions and/or willing to host this morning. Bishop Kettler appreciates being able to treat the council members to a meal as they get no funds for transportation. This will be his last meeting with the council as Bishop of our diocese. Let's make a welcome to Bishop Kettler that he will not forget!

The Catholic United Financial Match Grant Breakfast

will be on February 26th at St. Francis of Assisi serving 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Free Throw Contest for kids ages 9 - 14 at the Upsala School gym on Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Finance MeetingsMonday, January 16th at St. Mary at 7:00 p.m.Tuesday, January 17th at St. Edward Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. & St. Francis at 8:00 p.m.**WEEKEND COLLECTION January 8, 2023**

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,644 Loose: \$48, Votive \$26.75. Retired Religious: \$ 200 **Total: \$1,918.75**

St. Francis: Adult: \$673, Loose: \$99, Votive: \$182.33, Solemnity of Mary: \$215 **Total: \$1,169.33**

St. Mary: Adult: \$922, Loose: \$253, Funeral Fund \$60, Cemetery Statue: \$125 **Total: \$1,360**

Three Saints News continued**Valentine's Mass and Dinner**

St. Mary's will be hosting the 8th annual Valentine Mass and Meal on February 11th. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour from 6-7:00 p.m. and a candlelit dinner will follow. The main courses are Prime Rib or Roasted Chicken with garlic cream sauce. Cost per couple is \$60 and the reservation deadline is February 5th. Please purchase your tickets at the St. Mary's office or after Mass in the gathering space. All proceeds will support the NCYC students. Contact Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688 for more information.

End of Life Presentation

Greg Gall from Catholic United Financial will be presenting a workshop for our parishes and anyone who'd like to learn more about end of life, medication, healthcare, health directives and cremation: February 28th at 7:00 p.m. in St Mary's of Upsala.



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Ramona Heurung

Passed to Eternal Life: January 6, 2023

Funeral was: January 10, 2023

St. Mary's, Upsala

Totus Tuus 2023 Leaders Needed

They will be coming to our parishes in July. Young adults might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to consider being on this team? This is a summer experience which will be second to none. You do get paid, but more it is intended to be a missionary experience growing in your faith and sharing it with children and youth: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>. Application is due on March 15th. You can apply at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

*"I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth."* Is 49:3

Notes from Father David

We call this period of the liturgical year "Ordinary Time," as the color green returns until February 22 which is Ash Wednesday. Yet this time after Christmas is not ordinary at all, for it is now that we learn about the first days of Jesus' public life. In our Gospel this weekend, John testifies that the Holy Spirit joined in Christ's entire mission. The Holy Spirit descended upon us in our own baptism as well. May we be conscious of that divine presence as we join in Christ's mission during our own ordinary time.

What has the Holy Spirit been placing on your heart? Is He giving you ideas as to possibilities of ministering to our young people and children? Please check out my note in last week's bulletin if you are confused what I am talking about. Simply put if you and others would come forward by responding to different areas of events, activities and interest, this would not be as daunting. We would all be on this learning curve together discerning what might connect best with them. Praise God as a group of people came forward recently to coordinate the NCYC Trip (Nov 16-19) which Fr Theis helped bring about!

To date, I have received little to no interest regarding "Parish Life Committee". No doubt you are busy and committed in many other areas, yet this could be an opportunity to get more involved as well as taking ownership of your parish. Since the Pastoral Council no longer exists, there seems to be a void. Our Finance Committee from each of our parishes are currently addressing some of these areas which are outside their responsibilities.

Canon Law requires that each parish has a Finance Committee. Each committee meets quarterly (we will be meeting this coming week). This committee works closely with the pastor, who is accountable to the diocesan bishop for the administration and stewardship of the temporal goods of the parish. The pastor, according to Canon Law, has among his responsibilities, the responsibility for parish financial and temporal management. The Parish Finance Committee is a consultative body that assists the pastor in meeting these obligations. While the Parish Finance Committee does not have decision making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process - sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion, and promoting consensus.