

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Mary 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Mass & Devotions Schedule

July 5 - 11, 2021

Monday: 7/5 *St. Anthony Zaccaria*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 7/6 *St. Maria Goretti*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Jake & David Nilson
Anointing of the Sick - Devota Nilson

Wednesday: 7/7 *Bl. Ralph Milner & Roger Dickenson*
St. Francis 8:00am People of the Parishes
Anointing of the Sick
St. Mary Noon – Adoration, 4pm – Benediction
St. Mary 6pm Cemetery Mass † Buried since 2019

Thursday: 7/8 *St. Grimbald*
St. Edward 8:00am † Steve & Ken Heisick
- Joan Theisen

Friday: 7/9 *St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions*
St. Mary 9:00am † Elaine & Mark Schumer

Saturday: 7/10 *St. Ulric*
St. Francis 8:00pm † Marie Atkinson

Sunday: 7/11 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Edward 8:00am People of the Parishes
St. Mary 10:00am † Connie, Ethel & Jeff
Middendorf
- Diane Herzog

Parish office will be closed Monday, July 5th.

Religious Education

Teachers Needed Grades 7-10

Is the Good Lord placing on your heart a desire to come forth and help out this year? We will be meeting Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm three times a month. Know that the curriculum is very user friendly. Please contact Tamara Lange if you have any questions.

Youth News

Mass Server Ministry

Please contact Fr David or the parish office if you are interested in Mass serving. Know that you can try it out for a few weeks and then decide if this is for you. During the summer months, volunteers are welcomed. We are hoping by the fall that there will be more children and young people interested.

Day Trip for Children and Youth?

To date, we have received little input. It will be interesting if we get much response at our weekend Masses. Is Valleyfair, MN Twins baseball game or something else which may be of interest?

Area Church Gatherings

Bowlus Fun Day: July 4

The Bowlus Fun & Rescue Squad sponsors this day of events with a parade downtown at 11:15am and activities in the city park, ending with fireworks at 10pm and a street dance from 7 to 11pm.

Holdingford Daze: July 9 & 10

Tractor blessing at 9:45am and run at 10am (City of Holdingford hosts two-day event. For details see www.holdingforddaze.com.)

Freeport Festival: July 11

Sacred Heart Parish Festival will have a beer garden, catered food, games, quilt stand, Vegas cards, and cash grand raffle. Raffle tickets (\$20) available from parishioners and at festival.

Sacred Heart Parish in Flensburg: July 18

A raffle drawing with 24 cash prizes and a grill (grand prize of \$10,000) held at the church at 3:30pm. Tickets are \$100 each. Only 400 chances will be sold. Parishioners have raffle tickets. For information call Jay Brezinka at 320-630-9353.

Remember in prayer those in need of the Lord's healing and strength:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Robert Maciej, Cody Pappenfus, Brayden Harren (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2nd & 3rd degree burns), Rodney Bartkowicz (SE, stage four cancer)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,267; Loose \$113; Votive \$38.05; Confessional Remodel \$100; Online \$180 - **\$1,698.05**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,945; Loose \$66; Votive \$65.10; Online \$295 - **\$2,371.10**

St. Francis: Adult \$980; Loose \$84; Votive \$80.25 - **\$1,144.25**



Schedule for Cemetery Masses

July 7 – St. Mary at 6pm

July 14 – St. Edward at 7pm

July 28 – St. Francis at 7:30pm

Aug. 4 – St. Mary at 6pm

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 4, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

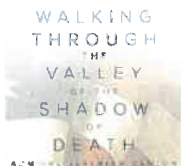
The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



LISTEN

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH
BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony in this talk!



THREE SAINTS NEWS

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thanks to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the three parishes received funds for the religious education program. St. Edward received \$100, St. Francis received \$205, and St. Mary received \$310.

Helping Hands Thanksgiving Meal?

Area Pastors will be meeting July 8th at Covenant Community Church. Is this Thanksgiving meal something of interest for our three parishes? No doubt, it will take much work to bring it about. Thus, all churches from various denominations could work together in this endeavor. Please contact Fr David if you have any thoughts on this matter.

Summer Picnic @ St Edward's

Please join us July 21st at 5:30pm and meet the four young people from Totus Tuus. Children, youth and parents with this summer vacation bible school are all invited for an evening meal.

Fall Festival Needs Helpers

Thanks so much for those interested in helping out on August 22. There is much that goes into serving well over 1600 chicken dinners! Thanks to Donnie Breth from All Saints-St Mary's in Holdingford as he has committed to helping out a number of times, in his words: "that's what the Good Lord put us on earth to do, that is, help out!" We need help both Saturday or Sunday. Please call our parish office.

Motorcyclist Killed

Fr Virgil Helmin's good friend + Dan Slimmer - 64 recently was killed in a motorcycle accident in Colorado. Please keep his wife Diane and their family in your prayers.

Change of address and/or phone number

If any parishioners have a change in address and/or phone number, please contact the office so we can keep our records up to date. Thanks!

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., July 10 – 8pm

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss Lector: Barb Moorman
Servers: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Group Chair and Co-Chair Books

Still trying to find Group 4 Co-chair Book! If anyone has it, please return to back table at church. Group Chairs & Co-chairs Books have been updated and are available in back of church. Group-1 Karen Kobylinski-Becky Schmidt, Group-2 Anette Wegleitner-Pam Welle, Group-3 Diane Wuebkers-Judy Lashinski, Group-4 Colleen Harren.

Lorene Koopmeiners in need of prayers

She had been hospitalized as her back is giving her trouble. As she continues to rehab, please send prayers her way that the Good Lord would heal and strengthen her. She now lives in St Cloud.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., July 11 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck Lector: Tracey Hartung
Greeters: Raymond Kokett Server: Isaac Harren
Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Coffee and Rolls last Sunday

Thanks to all who helped bring about this about following our Sunday morning Mass. It was great to once again gather in our basement while visiting with one another. We need to have more of such gatherings in all of our churches!

Cemetery Mass

We hope that you will be able to join us: July 14 @ 7pm. The Mass will be for those buried in our cemetery since 2019: + Richard Bartkowicz, Toby Czech, Richard Liffrog, Charles Koshenina, Don Bartkowicz, Jason Gorka, Jeffrey Kallis, Kenneth Heisick, James Carlson, Donald Czech, Edward Jendro, George Casazza, Dennis Koroll, Virginia Maciej and Bev Fosler. Remember to bring your lawn chair. In case of rain, we will meet in Church.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., July 11 – 10am

EM of HC: Brian Lange Lector: Jan Kilian
Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke
Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson
Servers: Lilli Leither Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

+ AJ (Alcuin Harren) went Home to Jesus

This past week was the funeral in Balsam Lake, WI and on July 6th at 1pm will be the burial in our cemetery. He was the son of + Raymond and Dolores Harren and brother of Duane Harren. He graduated from Upsala High School and was a choir member here at St. Mary's: "he had such a love for life. His family and friends meant everything to him".

Maintenance Position

Our parish is in need of person/s who can assist Robert Maciej with maintenance responsibilities. We are looking for someone to help primarily with the locking and unlocking of the church doors. The hours for doing this is very flexible.

Cemetery Mass

We hope that you can join us this Wednesday evening @ 6pm for our Mass. Special graces goes to our loved ones and the Poor Souls in Purgatory when we visit and pray in our cemeteries. In case of rain, we will be in the Church. Remember to bring your lawn chair.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Happy 4th of July to you and your loved ones! Thank you for gathering together this weekend before the Lord and beside each other to listen to God's word and to share in this Eucharistic meal. In remembrance of Jesus' wonderful gift of His very self, we join in communion with the Church around the world. This weekend, we come together on the anniversary of our country's founding, appreciative of our freedom to worship as we desire, while continually aspiring to build more perfect union. In places of worship across this country, we gather to give praise to God.

Welcome back to all who may have been away due to the pandemic. It is great to have you back. With the obligation reinstated to attend weekend Masses, know that you were missed. We have been praying for you during these difficult times. Please make yourself at home here in God's House. I pray that you will be at peace. We will try to accommodate as much as we can. For those who have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill while at Mass, know that you are welcome to leave whenever you need to. Know that if you want to wear a face-covering while maintaining social distance, we will respect your needs.

During the Sign of Peace, please don't feel pressured into shaking hands. Communion will be distributed in the front of our churches. There is a powerful symbolism when all come forth to the altar to receive Jesus. The priest will distribute communion on the tongue while the other line will be given on the hand only. For those elderly and for those unable to come forth, communion will be brought to you. Please reach out to me if you have other suggestions as to how to make our Masses more welcoming.

How can our three parishes (St Edward's, St Francis and St Mary's) work together even more? With the shortages of priests and fewer parishioners, all the parishes in the diocese are asked to work together as Area Catholic Community (ACC). We are now combined with the Holdingford area parishes (St Columbkille in St Wendel, Immaculate Conception in St Anna, All Saints – St Mary's and All Saints – St Hedwig's) in an effort to better utilize our resources. It was great to see some of our Three Saint parishioners at St Anna's Church Bazaar last Sunday! What a beautiful time with the rain blessing us. There were some great food stands, bingo tent filled, raffle chances being sold along with some wonderful silent auction items, tons of young people and children filling the parish grounds, etc.

I am pleading and begging that you would consider reaching out by volunteering to help our fellow parishes. The more that we work together, the stronger will we become. I think we all know that we are becoming fewer and fewer in number. I spoke with Donnie Breth from All Saints-St Mary's and he is helping out with our Fall Festival in St Francis. St Edward's and St Mary's parishioners, please consider giving of your time, talents and treasure to help make our Fall Festival in St. Francis more blessed than ever!



Totus Tuus Information

Lunches! Lunches! Lunches! Read all about 'em:

New this year student campers will need to bring their own lunches. We also need families to provide the afternoon meal, following Mass, to our Totus Tuus Team (free of peppers, yes peppers!) Please be open to this call to "feed the hungry"-- and respond YES by calling Jamie at (321) 250-7332 and date Sunday- Friday.

Also, we are looking for donations: Cases of water bottles, juice boxes/pouches, Gatorade, etc... (40x5). As well as individually wrapped items such as fruit snacks, fruit cups, jello, pudding, raisins, granola bars, cookies, string cheese, yogurt, veggies, chips, etc... And for the elementary program on Friday: individually wrapped ice cream treats (i.e., freezies, popsicles, drumsticks, ice cream sandwiches, etc...). Items can be delivered to the All Saints St. Hedwig's Basement on or by July 19, 2021. NOTE: Senior High program will also need food and drinks brought to St. Mary's in Upsala on or by July 18th - enough for approximately 40 and all individually contained!

Without your generous support this event could not happen. Thank you from the bottom of our heart!

Wed., July 21 at 5:30pm at St. Edward in Elmdale: Picnic for all families.

Schedule for K – 6 meeting at All Saints, St. Hedwig in Holdingford:

- 9:00 Introduction
- 9:15 Warm up/Songs
- 9:25 Class Period #1
- 9:50 Snack Break
- 10:05 Mass Song Practice
- 10:20 Class Period #2
- 10:45 Mass Preparation/Confessions
- 11:15 Mass
- 12:00 LUNCH- Recess
- 12:55 Cool Down-Water Break/ decade of the Rosary
- 1:15 Class Period #3
- 1:40 Skit
- 1:50 Class Period #4
- 2:15 Gather, Review and Closing Prayer
- 2:30 Dismissal

Schedule for 7 – 12 meeting at St. Mary’s, Upsala:

- 7:00 Introduction/ Activity
- 7:30 Session #1 with small groups
- 8:00 Break
- 8:15 Session #2 with small groups
- 8:45 Prayer
- 9:00 Dismissal

Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours", was the motto of Blessed pope John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expresses our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.

The Five Pillars of Totus Tuus

1. The Eucharist
2. Marian Devotion
3. Catechetical Instruction
4. Vocational Discernment
5. FUN!

Meet the Totus Tuus Team! Pictures and short intros on the reverse side.

Meet the Totus Tuus Leaders

Team A – Bl. Columba Marmion

Peter Zabinski (Leader)

Lucy Thrippleton (Coordinator)

Kayla McCormick

Tom Allen

My name is **Peter Zabinski**, I'm a seminarian for the Diocese of Saint Cloud. This fall I'll be starting my second year at Saint John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul. I have four sisters and three brothers. My home parish is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti. I'm a bee keeper.



My name is **Lucy**! I have three siblings and one niece. I have lived in many places, including Germany. I am entering my sophomore year of college at NDSU studying history, and I love to play games and tell stories!

"My name is **Kayla McCormick**. Alongside my 5 younger siblings, I was raised Catholic and homeschooled by my parents in Milaca MN. My home parish is St. Mary's, Milaca. I enjoy card games with my Grandma, Adoration, thrift store shopping, reading and listening to music. I've been discerning a call to religious life but haven't visited many convents yet so my next step in life is still unclear. I trust that He's got a plan for me, though, and I'm very excited to be part of the Totus Tuus team this summer!"



My name is **Thomas Allen** I am from Colorado Springs, Colorado. I like sports and the outdoors. I'm going to Saint John's University in Collegeville this fall and will be studying accounting.