



The Catholic Churches

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



You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. ~Ps 65:12

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2023

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.
RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
 Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
 Sunday: St. Edward: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
 St. Mary: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
PRAYER LINES
 (SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
 (SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
 (SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

Three Saints News

Mass Counts

A reminder to all ushers that we will be collecting Mass Counts for July. Mass Count forms will be in the Sacristy.

Coming up Soon! Upsala Heritage Days: August 12th

Have fun and come support our food and Calk Walk booths at this year's Upsala Heritage Days. The Theme is 'Let Freedom Ring' in honor of our Veterans. Parade starts at 4:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Confirmation and Grades 7-10 Teachers needed

Are you called to teach our Faith to our Youth? Please let Fr. Jimmy know or call the Parish Office. Thank you!

Youth Director If you are interested in leading our Youth to become stronger in their faith. Please let Fr. Jimmy know. You can fill out an application on the website or stop by the Parish Office.

23/24 Religious Education Registration

If you have not registered for Religious Education, please scan the QR code below or fill out the registration form at the back of St. Mary's church.



K-6 Families please be registered as soon as possible, we will be ordering lessons this week! <https://forms.gle/wofZhaebr536sg4s6>

Grow in your Faith!

Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kuroswki, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

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| Monday 7/17 | |
| No Mass | |
| Tuesday 7/18 | |
| | <i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary | † Leona Burggraff - Borg |
| Wednesday 7/19 | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis | † Bernard & Eleanor Thell ~Roger and Kathy Thell |
| Thursday 7/20 | |
| | <i>Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | † Rita Ritter |
| Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary | Adoration |
| Friday 7/21 | |
| | <i>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. St. Mary | † Ramona Heurung |
| Weekend Masses | |
| Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Saturday 7/22 | |
| 10:00 a.m. Senior Living | Communion Service, Upsala |
| 8:00 p.m. St. Francis | † Isidore Hartung |
| Sunday 7/23 | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | For the People |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | † Nick Stodolka ~Brock & Christy Weber |

Youth

Totus Tuus Thank you

Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students and community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives! Thank you so much for this wonderful week; we hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth. ~Tobias Ellis, Jack Tyrrell, Richie Stenger and Joe Liebsch

Paschal Challenge: August 19th

Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch & Seminarians beginning at 8:30 am with closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. Church of St. Paul, 300 Sinclair Lewis Ave., Sauk Centre. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023PaschalChallenge>.

Prayer for Vocations

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: July 15th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 at 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's, Upsala. Contact: Katie (320) 423-2203 or Marissa (320) 630-2433 for more information.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

July Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

July Bank Deposit: LeRoy Harren

Saturday, July 22nd - 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Bob Theisen

Janelle Roerick (C), Joyce Koopmeiners(C)

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Fred & Rita Herbes

St. Francis Festival: Aug. 27th

The raffle chances and work slips for our Fall Festival are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available at the Parish Office or contact Joyce Koopmeiners (320) 573-2728.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, July 23rd - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Neil Frieler

Lector: Tracey Hartung

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Jim & Dorene Czeck

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, July 23rd - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Christine Weber

Jan Kilian (C), LeAnn Beneke C)

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Mary Frie

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Gift Bearers: Tom & Theresa Lange

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL !

The Eucharistic Revival Prayer Team is announcing a contest for all ages to depict art, photography, poetry or a short reflection/essay about the Eucharist. Through prayer and reflection, individuals are asked to consider the theme, "What does the Eucharist mean to me?" Winners will be determined for each age group. Preschool-Grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, Age 18-23, Age 24+. The final submission date is Aug. 6th. **Please send original submissions to:** The Central Minnesota Catholic Attn: Word and Art Contest, 305 7th Avenue North, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage: August 3rd

A bus tour sponsored by the St. Cloud DCCW starts at 7:15 a.m. in the St. Faustina Adoration Chapel at St. Paul Parish and continues through St. Mary of Mt. Carmel in Long Prairie, St. Frederick in Verndale, St. Henry in Perham, St. James in Underwood and Our Lady of the Lake in Battle Lake. Bus: \$25 (make checks payable to "St. Cloud DCCW") Lunch: \$17 (make checks payable to "Restaurant 1894"). Mail checks to Lora Knafla:11719 16th Ave. N.W., Rice, MN 56367. For more information please contact: Lora (320) 393-2701.

Rural Life Celebration: August 20th

An outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary will be at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of St. Nicholas Church, Belle River (9473 Co. Rd. 3 N.E., Carlos, MN) to honor Catholic families who have farmed the same land for 100 years. Bring your own lawn chair. Food and family entertainment will follow.

WEEKEND COLLECTION July 9, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,035, Loose: \$121 **Total: \$1,156**

St. Francis: Adult: \$460, Loose: \$90 **Total: \$550**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,184.62, Loose: \$215 **Total: \$2,399.62**

Area Church Events

Parish Festival & Parade in Freeport: July 16th

Sacred Heart Parish begins with outdoor polka Mass at 9:00 a.m., with music by LaVerne & the Starlites. (Bring chairs.) Parade with the theme "Cartoons Through the Years" at 10:30 a.m. Food, beer and pop stands open at 11:30 a.m. Event includes live entertainment by Crystal Breeze and games for all ages. Quilt raffle (\$5/chances) and cash grand raffle (\$20/chances) drawings at 4 p.m.

St. Columbkille Annual Raffle: July 29th

Our Raffle drawing will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in St. Wendel. \$100 per ticket with a Grand Prize of \$5,000. Contact Lloyd Koopmeiners 267-5679 or Maury Meyer 290-1283 for tickets.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bazaar: July 30th

Join in for the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Polka /Gospel Mass by "Laverne and Friends and stay for Bingo, Live Auction, Games, and food. The "Gone Bizarre" Raffle will be at 4:00 p.m. Grand Raffle at 4:30 p.m. (203 W. Broadway, Little Falls).

Holy Family Fest : August 18-20

Join in for God-Centered Family Fun! Join Bishop Patrick Neary, Fr. Doug Liebsch, Fr. Ben Kociemba, Fr. Patrick Hoefft & Fr. Scott Pogatchnik for camping, Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Adult/Teen Talks, Games, Rosary Bonfire and more! Holy Family Church 18777 Riverwood Dr., Little Falls, MN 56345 (320) 632-5720 or email: holyfamilybp@gmail.com. **Tickets going fast!**

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Did you know that in June the Bishop's Annual Appeal distributed \$184,870 directly to parishes and Catholic high schools to support Catholic school education and faith formation? To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Notes from Fr. Jimmy

During these days of the beginning of my ministry in my new parish families, my priority is to get to know my parishioners. I know it takes time, but I will try my best. It is always a great privilege as a priest to be able to celebrate the sacraments with a group of wonderful, faith-filled people. I want to thank those of you who have helped me move to my house in Elmdale.

Eileen Eagan, the author of 'Vision of the Street' talks about her meeting with Mother Theresa. During the conversion she asked Mother Theresa: "What makes Christianity a different religion?" "Service, service, service", she answered. Service is the mark of Christian identity. Jesus himself said: **"I have come, not to be served but to serve and give my life as ransom to many"** (Mk 10:45).

As service marks the identity of Christian life, no one is excused from taking up responsibilities in the church. The call to service is the direct effect of Baptism. Like the early church, let us grow together as a family by taking care of the needs of each other. **"The community of believers was of one heart and mind...."** (Acts 4: 32-35).

Jesus in the Gospel delivered the parable about sowing seeds – some seed gets eaten by birds and does not grow, some falls in rocky ground and cannot grow, some gets burned up by the sun, some is choked out by weeds, but some lands in good soil and grows strong and plentiful plants. This parable is kind of reality that we live in today. Like Jesus reminds us, let us be aware and be like the disciples who listen carefully and critically. Let these words of Jesus fall on us like the seeds in the good rich soil that will bring forth good and plentiful fruit in us, our family and the community.

Blessings and prayers,
Fr. Jimmy