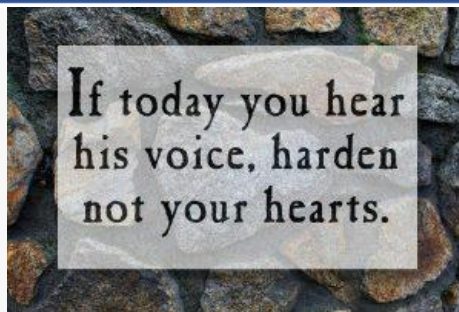


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office before desired baptism date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled with the exception of Tues. evening.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiyk

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,196.00; Loose \$38.00, Online \$180.00- **\$1,414.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$665.00; Loose \$28.00 – **\$693.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$350.00; Loose \$41.00 - **\$391.00**

Mass Schedule Sept. 7 - 13, 2020

Monday: 9/7 *LABOR DAY*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 9/8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
St. Mary 6:00pm Special Intention
- Christine Wuebkers

Wednesday: 9/9 *St. Peter Claver*
St. Francis 8:00am † Scott Keppers
- Jane Keppers

St. Mary **6:30pm** For Upcoming School Year

Thursday: 9/10
St. Edward 8:00am † Joan Czech
- Leonard Czech

Friday: 9/11
St. Mary **7:30am** Donna Scholz & Peter Prokott
- Renee Scholz

Saturday: 9/12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
St. Edward 8:00pm † Don Bartkovicz

Sunday: 9/13 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Francis 8:00am † Edna Boeckermann
St. Mary 10:00am People of the Parishes

OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

September 12/13 Holy Land Special Collection

17 Confirmation Rehearsal in St Mary's at 7pm

October 1-2, 6-7 Sacrament of Anointing of Sick at Weekday Masses

3/ 4 Bishop's Chapter 11 to be read along with any updates

Please continue to watch Fr. Gregory Mastey's Facebook page for updated Mass times in the Holdingford, St. Anna, and St. Wendel areas.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (10/7)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (10/2)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm Second Tues. (9/8)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Brock & Katie Cichon

who were united in Marriage August 29, 2020

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK

**Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by
St. Teresa of Kolkata**

St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2021: No official word if the Diocese will be going, but the dates will be Nov. 17 – 21, 2021. Talk to someone who went in 2019 if you have questions about it. Cost in 2019 was \$685 and probably will go up in 2021, so start saving your pennies now! ☺

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Justin Wensmann & Anna Bruder Sept. 19 @ St. Edward
II – Casey Weber & Kristin Wuebkers Sept. 19 @ St. Paul's,
Sauk Centre



Please pray for Alvina Theis who passed away August 29. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

THREE SAINTS NEWS

2019-20 Fiscal Year

The 2019-20 Fiscal Year Reports are in the back of the churches and posted on the website.

Youth Minister Position

Please check out the job description and application form on our website. It is critically important that we provide ministry for our young people to deepen their walk in the Catholic faith. St Pope John Paul II has said that youth are not our future church, they are our church now! Fr Theis had worked hard to develop this ministry the past few years. We now need to continue to do even more to help make our faith relevant to our young people.

Tuesday Night Cemetery Masses

It was so great to see so many people come out from our parishes for Cemetery Mass in St Francis this past week. The numbers were off the charts as we had about 60 in attendance. We had a beautiful evening and the graces were very present. The cemeteries are holy grounds which we are strongly encouraged to make visits on a regular basis.

Pro-Life Corner

U.S. Catholic Bishops at their November 2019 meeting stated: "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives it destroys." "Jan 1 – May 29 Causes of global deaths so far in 2020: Abortion: 17,395,866; Heart Disease: 7,309,522; Cancer: 3,500,969; Starvation: 3,725,103; Respiratory Diseases: 1,597,876; Dementia: 1,026,461; Diabetes: 559,197; Traffic Accidents: 552,265; Liver Diseases: 539,970; Tuberculosis: 483,207; Suicide: 438,716; covid-19: 360,412; Seasonal flu: 199,241. Sources: WHO, IHME, John Hopkins"

Turkey Bingo in Upsala?

Come join us this Thursday evening at 7pm in our Parish Hall in St Mary's. It would be awesome if people from all three of our parishes come together to discuss this matter. In addition, what might be some alternative gatherings for our parishes of St Edward's and St Francis to gather in light of this pandemic? Words from our Bishop in his August 25 letter: "we may not be able to do ministry the way we have, but we shouldn't be doing less. We need to be innovative, creative and adaptable. Brainstorm new and effective ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Holy Land Collection

Next weekend, there will be second box in the entrance of our churches. Please consider giving for this collection. This collection provides many types of support in the region such as humanitarian, pastoral, liturgical, charitable and archaeological. "I visited the Holy Land a few years back with my Dad and Mom. It was incredible. If you ever get the chance, jump at it as you will never read the Bible the same. They are so dependent upon our financial help. Please be generous as you can. I plan to give \$50 on behalf of each of our parishes." Fr David

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, Sept. 12 – 8pm

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Justin Wensmann, Jim Wensmann, Scott Wensmann

Apples Harvested

Thanks to all who made use of the eating apples from the tree outside of Fr David's home. He had been getting sick as he was eating about 10 apples a day as he didn't want them to go to waste. 😊

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, Sept. 13 – 8am

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners Lector: Barb Moorman

Greeters: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Cemetery Mass

Thanks to all who took part in our parish gathering this past week. Bob Theisen knows how to take care of cemeteries, does he not? The resting place of our loved ones is truly stunning. Thanks to all who make regular visits to their loved ones. Thanks to all help maintain our cemeteries. Thanks to Kevin Lampert and his crew for the great work he does in our cemeteries in St Edward's and St Mary's.

Sunday, Sept. 13 – 10am

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch Lector: Joe Schumer

Greeters: Elmer Frie, Jan Kilian

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren, Mikel Nelson

Brainstorm Bingo Meeting

All are invited and encouraged to join us this Thursday September 10th at 7pm in our Parish Hall of St Mary's. Would you like to have our Turkey Bingo this fall? Come and join us as we brainstorm the pros and cons of this possible parish gathering. If this is something we want to do, we need to begin ASAP!

Too Busy Parishioners

It is good to be busy for Jesus, but are we finding ourselves busy in the world? We have yet to receive any interest to volunteer and help coordinate our new bells as well as updating the pictures of previous pastors. We truly need you to come forth and give of yourselves in these and other ways. Is good old Catholic guilt working on some of you?

Grant Eternal Rest

Alvina Theis – 92 (wife of Frank) went Home to Jesus as her funeral was this past Tuesday. "She loved the Catholic Church and was a member of Christian Mothers. She loved her family, was a very friendly, patient, kind loving soul. She always put everyone else first."

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Each of us is our brother's (and sister's) keeper. This weekend, we hear God calling us to be responsible for each other. No one should be left on their own to fail; we are called to pick up each other up, to help each other out. This Labor Day Weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God. Prayer warriors, please continue to storm Heaven for our confirmation candidates with prayers as well as for our open Youth Minister position.

Thank you for your positive comments and prayers after last Sunday's letters from Bishop Kettler. This is all part of taking up our cross and following Jesus. This Chapter 11 reorganization represents the diocese's commitment to finding a fair resolution for survivors of sexual abuse while continuing its ministry to those it serves throughout our 16-county diocese. The funds used to compensate survivors are made up of insurance and benefits coverage settlements, cash and property contributions from the diocese, and contributions from parishes. It seems that we will hear shortly as to what will be the amount being asked from each of our parishes. Like I said last weekend, I believe that by December or January, things will be drawing to a close with the bankruptcy court.

First of all, I want thank everyone for doing your part regarding wearing face coverings, sanitizing your hands, keeping social distance, etc. Know that it is greatly appreciated how you simply take it upon yourselves to do what you need to do. For those unable to comply with these and other demands due to health issues or whatever, please be at peace. I pray that no one is looking at you wondering why you may not do this or that. I think that I speak for everyone by saying we are just so happy and grateful that all who are able to join us for Mass helps make us all stronger. We need one another.

Secondly, I want to thank our ushers who truly stepped forward during this crisis. It is truly amazing how you were able to help us get through these difficult past few months. I truly believe it was because your giving spirit helping in so many different ways that helped bring a welcoming and calming spirit to everyone who comes to Mass. After much prayer, discernment and discussion with other priests and parishes these past two months, we will be updating current guidelines for worship during this pandemic. There will no longer be a need to have three ushers scheduled. Ushers, there is no need to usher people to their pew when they come to Mass as they can seat themselves. People if you would be so kind when you find your pew to move to the middle of the pew. Also, we will not need to have the ushers dismiss people at the end of Mass in an orderly fashion. Other churches are finding out that people now are familiar with the need of keeping social distance, etc. People with underlying conditions or concerns can simply remain in the pews for a few moments until most people have left.