

The Catholic Churches of

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 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

PRAYER LINE

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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

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting a date.

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

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, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Brayden Harren (SF, at home, continuing chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2nd & 3rd degree burns), Rodney Bartkovicz (SE, stage four cancer), Joe Fuchs (SF, tests), family of +Katy Panek

Help Wanted

Our Churches of St Edward, St Francis of Assisi, and St Mary (with hours flexible) are seeking: Full-time Office Manager (30 hrs/wk or Part-Time Secretary (20 hrs/wk) or Part-Time Bookkeeper (8-10 hrs/wk) with option of contracted/out-sourced or work in office.

The Church Office Manager is both Secretary and Bookkeeper position which is responsible for coordinating and executing the tasks to ensure the church office operates efficiently. Please see the website for details. www.238catholic.org

The parish office is located in St. Mary's Church in Upsala.

Temporary Secretary Needed

Are you or do you know of someone interested in helping in our office a few hours a week? Thanks to Chantelle Frie who has been doing the lion's share of the work in Janice's absence. At the end of August, she will be returning to work. Even if you could only help us out for a few hours or perhaps you could do the bulletin for us, please call the office or Fr David.

Temporary Bookkeeper Help

Thanks to Laura Horvath-Douvier who has been working with Janice learning how best to do our accounting. She has been most gracious in her willingness to help us out during this time. Laura is the Postmaster here in Upsala.

Updates on Applicants

To date, we have possibly a couple of applicants for the fulltime position of Office Manager. We are still hoping and praying that more people will apply. Please, please help spread the word for, no doubt, God has the right person/s that He wants for us. Yet He has no hands, no feet, and no voice but yours!

Mass & Devotions Schedule Aug. 17 - 22, 2021

Tuesday:	8/17	
St. Mary	6:00pm	† Delores Eiyneck
Wednesday:	8/18	
St. Francis	8:00am	† Claude Hoeschen - G & M Boeckermann
Thursday:	8/19	
St. Edward	8:00am	† Bernadine Bartkovicz
Friday:	8/20	<i>St. Bernard</i>
St. Mary	9:00am	† Rich Boeckermann
Saturday:	8/21	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
St. Francis	4:00pm	For a Successful Festival
St. Mary	8:00pm	People of Our Parishes
Sunday:	8/22	
St. Edward	8:00am	† Elizabeth Molus -Adeline Molus
St. Francis	10:00am	† Wilfred & Betty Boeckermann -C & S Boeckermann

The office will be open this week (Aug. 16-20) Monday 9-12pm and Friday 9am to 2pm and closed Tues, Wed, and Thurs.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,505; Loose \$131; Online \$250 - **\$1,886**

St. Edward: Adult \$660; Loose \$95; Online \$440 - **\$1,195**

St. Francis: Adult \$925; Assumption of Mary \$20; Loose \$154; Online \$355 - **\$1,454**

Faith Formation News

Volunteers needed!! The K-6 Family Formation Fall kick off is right around the corner on Sunday, Aug. 29 after the 10am Mass! The Men's Society and Christian Mothers have offered to feed our families for the event, but we need some help! **We are asking for extra help from anyone, not just families in Faith Formation to bring cookies and help serve the meal! Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/37krmKh> or contact Reba Leither at 701-426-1607.**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Bishop Kettler Coming to St Francis, August 22

Come join us Sunday morning for our 10am indoor Polka Mass. Bishop will have the Mass and he always has the greatest homily. Remember to wish him Happy Anniversary as he celebrates 19 years of being a bishop on that very day.

Mary and the Saints Parishes Meeting

"Thanks for your prayers as we met the previous week. Anna Kampa and Elizabeth Neville-Brown from the diocese spoke to us at length. It was very informative as they will be our support team as we navigate forward. Currently we are working on the bylaws for our new Joint Pastoral Council. The diocese wants each ACC (Area Catholic Community) to be working to the goal of one bulletin for our six parishes (including the three parishes from the Holdingford area)." Fr David

Help Support Our Fall Festival: August 21/22

Have you already purchased some raffle tickets? We will be selling them before and after our 8pm and 8am Masses. The cost is only \$5. Thanks to the Freeport State Bank for their great generosity. So many people donated to help make this most successful, so please do your part.

Katy Panek's Funeral

Thanks for all who helped make this most special for the Panek family. No doubt Christ was present in the liturgy, but also the lunch afterwards. It was so great to see St Edward's and St Mary's working together. In the future, we need to work toward seeing our parishes as "ours" and not "yours and mine."

Area Church Gatherings

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Festival: August 22

St. Rosa Parish Festival--September 5

Holy Cross Church Bazaar, Harding—September 5

THREE SAINTS NEWS continued

The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist

What a beautiful celebration! We really need to be celebrating these more often. Who was the last person that you asked if they wanted to become Catholic? Chad Poppenhagen says why he has become Catholic: "It's always been a desire. I don't know for sure how to put it into words. I just feel the Catholic faith is lot closer to God than what I have had in the past. I just want to be closer to God. That is exactly how I feel. Since my son Ty's passing, there's more of a desire. I've never been very religious, but there's always been a desire. I am really excited about it!"

Motorcycle Run with Priests: August 29

It will start with a 1:30pm tour of St. Mary Church, Melrose. It concludes around 4:15pm with dinner at the American Legion at 5:30pm. For more information, contact Father Mitchell Bechtold at 320-247-4907. All donations go toward supporting seminarian education for the Diocese of St. Cloud.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Aug. 21 – 4pm *Note time change*

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida Lector: Barb Moorman
Servers: Carter Roerick Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Sun., Aug. 22 – 10am *Note time change*

EM of HC: Judy Theisen Lector: Holly Keppers
Servers: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Bazaar Notes:

- Cucumbers and tomatoes needed. Drop off by 1pm Friday.
- Workers are asked to park west of the church and shed on Sunday. Please keep the front open for our visitors.
- Thank you in advance for all your time and dedication bazaar weekend. God surely is smiling down on us as we work together for our church! May God bless all of you!

Comp Dinner Tickets Given

It was great to mail out a dinner ticket to area pastors: Frs Mark Botzet, Jimmy Joseph, Ben Kociemba, Gregory Mastey, Greg Sauer, Jeremy Theis and Dan Walz. Also given to Sr Mary Pat and the Franciscan Sisters. Pray that their schedules allow them to join us!

Cemetery Trivia

I have yet to get any calls claiming the \$1 prize of identifying the headstone of the person for which is written: "There is only one real tragedy in life, and that is to fail to become a Saint." Hint: She was only 19 years old when she went Home to Jesus.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Aug. 22 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck Lector: Jeff Czech
Greeter: Jim & Julie Wensmann Servers: Isaac Harren
Ushers: Dennis Biniek & Nick Schleper Gift Bearers: Volunteers

St Edward's Day: October 17

Please mark your calendars as we will have the 10am Mass along with some great food and fellowship afterwards. What might be some extra activities or events which may interest our children and youth? Contact Theresa Larson (573-2422) if you have any ideas.

Finance Committee: July 20

We heard of the plans for straightening of headstones and ribboning to take place this fall. The kitchen remodeling was addressed as we need to determine what we can afford at this time. To replace the counter top is around \$1500. We will have "St Edward's Day" on October 17th following the 10am Mass (will switch Mass times with St Mary's). A Corner Group will be contacted to help organize. More information will be coming.

New Cemetery Road

With the Panek funeral the previous week, going out to the cemetery worked well. Tons of people used the circle drive. It will be even better once we get the crushed granite. Thank you for all helping to restore our cemetery.

**St Francis Fall Festival Tickets for sale before and after our 8am Mass on August 22.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat, Aug. 21 – 8pm *Note time change*

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke Lector: Kim Koehn
Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke Servers: Lilli Leither

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Gift Bearers: Volunteers Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

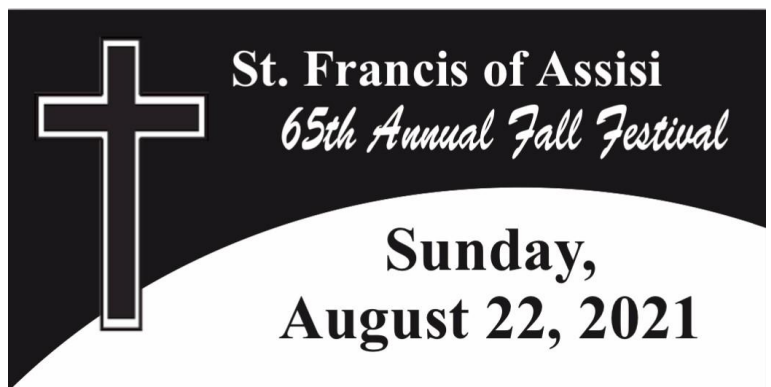
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NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Every so often a solemnity like the Assumption falls on a Sunday, giving more prominence to this special feast of Mary. At the end of her earthly life, God drew Mary Home, assuming her into Heaven where she would reign as Queen until the end of time. From the beginning of her life on earth, when she was immaculately conceived, until the end, the Blessed Virgin Mary conformed her life to God's will. Let us look to her as a model as we endeavor to discern God's will for us.

Over the past couple of months, my devotion to Our Lady has skyrocketed. In Fatima, Our Blessed Mother asked the three small children and all of us to pray one rosary each day. Our Lady in Medjugorje has asked by way of the visionaries to pray three rosaries each day. I have been doing that the past few months as it is truly amazing the graces that flow when I stay close to Our Lady. Coinciding with praying more rosaries, I have started to fast Wednesdays and Fridays on bread and water. Remember that the Church has yet to approve Medjugorje as the apparitions are still taking place. Here are two of her messages: "I would like the people to pray along with me these days. And to pray as much as possible! And to fast strictly on Wednesdays and Fridays, and every day to pray at least: the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary" (August 14, 1984). "Dear children! Today I call you especially now to advance against Satan by means of prayer. Satan wants to work still more now that you know he is at work. Dear children, put on the armor for battle and with the Rosary in your hand defeat him! Thank you for having responded to my call" (August 8, 1985). Lastly, I have signed up for a December pilgrimage to Mexico City where Our Lady of Guadalupe has appeared. There has been just a really strong awareness of Our Lady's love for us as our Mother. Our Mother would not ask this of us if she knew that we couldn't do it.

Jesus tells us, "Ask and you shall receive." Did you know that one of our parishioners is already a Parish Nurse? Rebecca Schmidt from St. Francis of Assisi completed the first parish nurse training in 1997 through St. Ben's. Fr Bill Vouk was the pastor at that time. She currently works fulltime with CentraCare, so let's see what the Good Lord wants to bring about here. There is no doubt that our elders and shut-ins could receive more regular attention. For instance, Linus and Marge Lehner, who are married 71 years, live in the apartments beside St Mary's. They are the greatest couple and are most grateful to still be living on their own. I have been in touch with their children, yet Lord only knows how long they can remain living here. A Parish Nurse can help them and so many of our parishioners.



St. Francis of Assisi
65th Annual Fall Festival

Sunday,
August 22, 2021

Mass at 10:00 am in air conditioned church
Music led by LaVerne and the Starlites

After Mass, join us for a homemade chicken and ham dinner with all the fixings, serving indoors and outdoors, starting at 11am.
Adults \$12.00 Children (5-10) \$6.00 Ages 4 & under free

Silent Auction throughout the day.

Grand Raffle at 7:30 pm
100+ prizes!

Live Music all day by LaVerne and the Starlites,
then Slew Foot Family Band after the auction,
sponsored by Freeport State Bank

- Food Stand
- Kids Games
- Bingo
- Straw Stand
- Country Store
- Cake Walk
- Fried Bread
- Fancywork and more

Fun for the whole family!