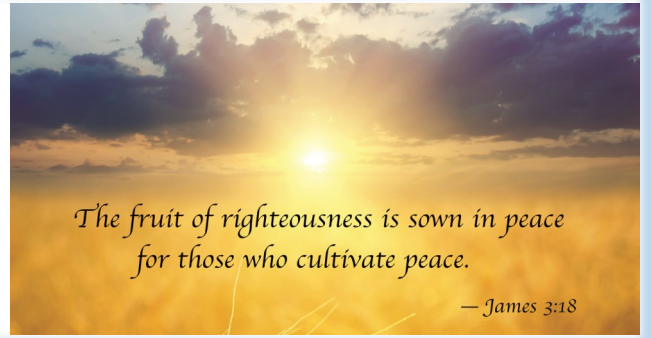


The
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St. Edward Elmdale **St. Francis of Assisi St. Francis** **St. Mary Upsala**



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis- 7:15-7:45 p.m.

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

Tuesday: St. Mary -5:00-5:45 p.m.

PRAYER LINE

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363

(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE UNABLE TO 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 the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the office before desired date.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs, Jason Zwilling (pneumonia, sister of Kari Hartung, SM), Brayden Harren,(SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2nd & 3rd degree burns), family of † Bernetta Czech, family of † Rodney Bartkowicz

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS Sept. 12, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$ 843.00 Loose/Haiti: \$352.00
Votive: \$ 29.50 Catholic Charities: \$46.00 **\$1,270.50**

St. Francis: Adult: \$729.00 Loose/Haiti: \$443.00
Religious Ed: \$10.00 Catholic Charities: 103.00 **\$1,285.00**

St. Mary Adult: \$2,661.00 Loose/Haiti: \$636.00 Votive: \$35.75
Catholic Charities: 152.00 **\$3,384.75**

Total Collection for Haiti \$1,431.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Mass & Devotions Schedule
September 21st-September 26th

Tuesday 9/21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

St. Mary 6:00 p.m. † Bernetta Czech

Wednesday 9/22

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. † Rich Boeckermann

Thursday 9/23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. † Heather Hennek

Adoration at All Saints-St. Hedwig's after an evening of reflection with Dan Burke, Catholic Speaker and author, at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9/24

St. Mary 7:30 a.m. People of our Parishes

Saturday 9/25

St. Francis 8:00 p.m. † Karen Gerads

~Judy Gerads

Sunday 9/26 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. † Ken Hartung

St. Mary 10:00 a.m. † Ty Poppenhagen

& Kathy Lynn Panek

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Religious Education

Grades 7-10 Classes Begin: September 22 at 7pm
Welcome back students and parents as we will begin the evening with Safe Environment Training. This is required by the diocese for all students and teachers. Please help spread the word to all our families as we don't want any families forgotten.

Special Collection Haiti: September 11/12

Thank you for your generous gift as we gave \$1,431.00! Is it not amazing what the Good Lord can bring about when we give Him permission? To think every parish within the United States will be doing their part as well!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

September 18/19

Thank you for your generous gift this weekend in promoting this mission while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. All parishes within the United States are asked to help support this ever-important collection. For more information, www.uscbb.org/cchd

40 Days for Life: Sept 22 to Oct 31, 2021.

We will again be doing vigil on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, East St Cloud from 7am-7pm Monday through Friday. You can sign up on line or by contacting Judy Haag 320-453-7592 judy4life@metel.net. Join in with our cluster on Thursdays, 1- 7pm.
Come and join the Holdingford area parishes for the **Rosary Walk for Life** on Tuesday, Sept. 28th, Oct. 12th, 19th and 26th in front of and in All Saints-St. Mary's Church, Holdingford at 4-5 p.m.

Guest Speaker in Holdingford: September 23 at 7pm

Dan Burke is the author and editor of more than 15 books on authentic Catholic spirituality. Dan is a blessed husband, father of four, grandfather of one—and grateful to be Catholic. Dan is very direct and clear in his teachings, his willingness to share his own struggles allows him to draw people at all levels into his talks. Come to All Saints St Hedwig's as we need you to help fill the Church. The evening will conclude with coming to Jesus with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

'Hot Rod Strong' Benefit: September 25th from 1-5pm

As †Rodney Bartkovicz went Home to Jesus, he will now have ringside seats for this! Please come to our benefit at the Royalton American Legion. There will be a silent and live auction. Donations can be dropped off at Royalton American Legion or 10 Spot in Royalton. Don't forget there \$100 raffle tickets available for a Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium! Please call or text Lora Bartkovicz: 320-360-0311

Rocking for RYA Benefit: October 2 from 1-11pm

Rya Rudolph was diagnosed with a form of leukemia. She is currently undergoing treatment at Children's Minnesota. Her parents Aaron and Renee have hosted, organized, and funded many benefits for those in need in their community. Now is a time for us to help them! There will be a Fun Run, Pulled Pork Supper and Street in Holdingford. You can support Rya by making checks payable to the: RYA RUDOLPH FUND at Stearns Bank Holdingford.

ST. MARY'S NEWS**Sun., Sept. 26 – 10:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Rosie Harren **Lector:** Leonice Prokott**Greeter:** Randy & Jane Tretter**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson**Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Theresa Lange**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn**Celebrate the Harren's 50th Wedding Anniversary**

Did you know Duane and Rosie Harren were married September 18, 1971 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Holdingford? Join them this Sunday, September 19 at the Pelican Lake Ballroom in St Anna from 12:30-4pm with dinner served at 1pm. It's not everyday the Harrens are treating us! 😊

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**Sun., Sept. 26– 8:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Jeff Czech**Greeter:** Megan Wensmann **Server:** Isaac Harren**Ushers:** Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schelper**Gift Bearers:** Ralph & Sally Schleper**Pray for funerals to lessen**

Thanks to all who helped make our funerals the past few weeks most special. From the choirs, serving the catered meals, locking and unlocking the church, decorating the church, cleaning the church and other ministries as you have really out did yourselves! People are still commenting about how beautiful it was for their loved ones. Let's pray that it will be sometime before another parishioner goes Home to Jesus.

BOX OF JOY Our parishes will participate in the Box of Joy Christmas ministry again this year. Boxes will be available in October. Please start collecting gifts like... school supplies, toys, toothbrushes, hygiene products, apparel, Rosaries, candy, etc. These gifts will be sent to children in Central America at Christmastime. Contact: Tamara Lange at 250-4688 with questions.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS**Sat., Sept. 25 – 8:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Judy Theisen **Lector:** Clara Pfleuger**Gift Bearers:** Allen & Janelle Roerick Family**Servers:** Volunteers**NOTES FROM FR. DAVID**

This time of year, is one of transition. The casual rhythms of the summer, often marked by leisure and vacation activities, give way to a new school year and a more rigorous schedule. The Gospel passages from last week and this week hint a transition for Jesus and His disciples as well. Jesus tells them that soon He will be handed over to authorities who will kill Him but that after three days He would rise. The days of traveling around Galilee – far from Jerusalem – are ending. As we anticipate the coming of fall, let us each resolve to carry our own cross through all life's rhythms, reassured by the promise of resurrection.

Priests of our diocese recently received a letter from Bishop regarding people may request letter endorsing their request for a religious exemption from COVID-19 vaccination. "Most often this is for their employers, but as other organization consider mandates of various levels, pastor may be asked to sign letter for other settings as well. As bishop, I discourage pastors or other parish staff from signing such letters. First, it inserts you and the Church into what are in fact human resource matters between the individual and employers or other leaders of organizations who are able legitimately require vaccination for public health purposes.

Second, individuals may have a range of motivations for vaccine refusal, and I am concerned the letter may be used for purposes other than genuine conscience concerns rooted in Catholic teaching.

Third, there is no known requirement that an individual have such a signed letter to qualify for a religious exemption, nor any experience that shows having a letter is helpful to individuals seeking an exemption. Each employer or organization may have its own procedures, but there is no reason to believe that a person would be denied a legitimate exemption in the absence of a letter from a pastor. As we continue to struggle with the pandemic, I continue to encourage all those eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine safely to do so. Having our pastors become involved if efforts to bypass vaccination seems contrary to this goal." Bishop Donald Kettler

People have been asking me if I have been vaccinated. Yes, I have been vaccinated. As some of you know of my past in leaving the priesthood, etc. I am ashamed of not remaining obedient to my promises as I now strive to be more obedient. When I became ordained (1997), I placed my hands into the hands of Bishop John Kinney who asked me, "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?" I recently heard someone say, "it is my body and no one is going to tell me what to put into my body." Yet we know that from our Bible, Jesus tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has made a home in us. When Bishop Kettler strongly endorses receiving the vaccine, I found it easy to make my decision. Let's continue to pray for one another that God's graces will help us during these ever-challenging times.

Jesus, I trust in you!