

# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chantelle Frie, Confirmation: 320-360-4796

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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

### PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

Judy Theisen: 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners: 573-2728

### 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 three months 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 \$2,038.00; Loose \$46.00, Online Giving \$250.00; Assumption \$10.00 - **\$2,344.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$1,040.00; Loose \$25.00 – **\$1,065.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$861.00; Loose \$10.00; Online Giving \$155.00; Votive \$101.85; Assumption \$20.00 - **\$1,147.85**

## Mass Schedule

Aug. 17 - 23, 2020

Monday: 8/17

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 8/18

*\*Mass at St. Mary Cemetery – Bring your lawn chairs\**

St. Mary 6:00pm † Elaine Schumer, Audrey Lange, Ruth Shodeen, Gerald Roering, Marie Atkinson, Diane Lange

Wednesday: 8/19 *St. John Eudes*

St. Francis 8:00am † Audrey Pflueger

Thursday: 8/20 *St. Bernard*

St. Edward 8:00am † Elizabeth Molus  
- Adeline Molus

Friday: 8/21 *St. Pius X*

St. Mary 9:00am Special Intention  
Dave & Renee Scholz

Saturday: 8/22 *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St. Edward 8:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 8/23 *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Francis 8:00am † Edna Boeckermann

St. Mary 10:00am † Audrey Lange

St. Francis 2:00pm † Norbert Roering

### FUTURE HAPPENINGS

August 23 St. Francis Fall Raffle 2pm Outdoor Mass

25 Cemetery Mass 6pm @ St. Edward Cemetery

27 Mary and The Saints (ACC) Mtg, 7pm in Holdingford

29/30 Bishop's Letter (re: Ch. 11 Case) to be read at Mass

September 1 Cemetery Mass 6pm @ St. Francis Cemetery

9 Religious Ed. Opening Mass/Reg./Parent Mtg

12/13 Good Friday Collection

16 Religious Education begins

19 Wensmann & Bruder Wedding @ St. Edward

20 Confirmation Mass w/ Fr. Rolfes, 10am

@ St. Mary, Upsala

21-28 Fr David on vacation & Fr Virgil Helmin fills in

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. (9/2)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (9/4)

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

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

**FORMED**  
PICK OF THE WEEK



### Mary: The Mother of God

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more.

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

**Religious Ed Teachers Needed** "Lord Jesus, September 16<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching and we still need a teacher/s for our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders as well as for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mother Mary, Queen of Wisdom; Queen of Families intercede for our parishioners that they may hear Our Lord calling them to this ministry."

**Youth Minister Position** Is the Lord calling you to consider this ministry? Check out the job description on our webpage. Fr Theis could also be a wonderful resource. Young people, please inform Fr David or Trustees what you think you need to help deepen your faith.

**Sacrament of Anointing** Recently, Fr David made available the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. If you were unable to receive Jesus, please contact Fr David. This is a powerful sacrament. Especially in light of this pandemic, our elders need this 'Jesus Power' to help them to stand up to this virus.

**Monthly Adoration** Thanks to all who've come to spend time with Jesus recently. Many graces flow when you spend time in adoration or make a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Can you imagine if you were Jesus? You have suffered and died and now you live in every Catholic Church and yet, oftentimes throughout a given week few people ever stop by to say hello.

**Tuesday Night Cemetery Masses** Please join us the next three weeks at 6pm in our cemeteries. As Catholics, this devotion is most sacred as no doubt if they passed after us, they would be offering Masses and coming to visit us.

**Special Collection: Sept 12/13** The Good Friday Collection Benefits the Holy Land. Of course, during this pandemic there were no Good Friday Services, so all parishes throughout the world will be taking up this special collection next month - the "Collection for the Holy Land." This special collection originated from the Popes' wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

#### Saturday, August 22 – 8pm

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann      Lector: Tracey Hartung

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: Ralph Schleper, Brent Prokott, Andrew Prokott

**Stanley Czech 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday** As you know Stanley is in the VA in St Cloud and he is doing well. His mind is as sharp as a tack! His birthday is August 16. Even though this is late, let's see if we can get 94 birthday cards sent to him. Please use his home address: 4715 90<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bowlus, MN 56314.

**Free Eating Apples** The apple tree beside the rectory is filled with ripe apples. Actually, they should have been picked yesterday, so don't wait if you want some apples. Spread the news to any and everyone. They are rather small, but they are very tasty.

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

#### Sunday, August 23 – 8am

EM of HC: Janice Wuebkers      Lector: Holly Keppers

Greeters: Rosanne Voss & Janice Wuebkers

**Parish Fall Raffle** Thanks to everyone for doing their part in selling raffle tickets: SELL, SELL, SELL! We have only 4000 tickets to sell to help bring many blessings to Jesus and our parish. Please join us for our Outdoor Mass next Sunday at 2pm. You will not want to miss the Slewfoot Family Band as they will be performing before and after the Mass. The raffle drawing takes place following the Mass. BUY, BUY, BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!

**No Music Mass** If you are unable to join us for our Outdoor Mass next Sunday, you can still come to an 8am quiet Mass in St Francis. Lord only know how long Fr David may preach as he may keep you longer in an effort to give you your money's worth!!!

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### Sunday, August 23 – 10am

EM of HC: Dave Scholz      Lector: Kim Koehn

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Ken Lange, Bob Blonigen, Dave Brezinka

**Low Gluten Hosts** Hosts contain less than 0.01% gluten which is safe for most celiac people according to Dr. Alessio Fasano of the University of Maryland. The ingredients are wheat starch, water and lots of prayer. Maintaining a healthy gluten-free diet is very important to control celiac disease and wheat allergy. Marjorie Lehner from St Mary's is unable to receive our wheat hosts, so Fr David is looking into making low gluten hosts available. If you too need to receive low gluten hosts, call our Parish Office. Marjorie's birthday is August 22. Let's overwhelm her with cards, love, support, and prayers.

**Volunteer/s Needed** Do you or someone you know have any interest in operating our church bells? Fr Theis had done this in the past. It's been said that perhaps the bells could be louder or play different melodies. Also, pictures of our former priests' need to be updated in our hallway. Fr LeRoy Schik (2003-04) and Fr Dale Ettel (2004-09) were the last pictures posted. Please contact the parish office if the Lord is stirring your heart.

**Prayers Answered** Kevin Breth is so grateful for your prayers. The heart procedure went very well as he is back home: "I haven't felt like this in years." Continue to keep him in your prayers as his heart is vulnerable to returning to "A Fib".

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Fr Ken Thielmann celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on August 16!**

Please consider sending a belated birthday card! He has been a priest over 65 years! In retirement for well over twenty years he has been the chaplain for the hospital, nursing home and independent living in Melrose.

**25 years of Priesthood** Are you planning to join Fr Gregory Mastey on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm (in St. Anna at the Pelican Lake Ballroom) for his celebration? He is well known around here now with our parishes working closely with the Holdingford area as "Mary and the Saints" Area Catholic Community (ACC).

**Motorcycle Run** Are you planning to join priests from the diocese for their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Ride, Sunday, August 30 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Battle Lake? It begins at 1:30pm with a church tour and the ride begins at 2:45pm. The day will end at 5:30pm at Burger Bar at Shoreline Restaurant. No RSVP needed. For more information please contact Fr Mitchell Bechtold 320.247.4907.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** The American Red Cross is closely monitoring the outbreak of coronavirus disease and preparing to carry out our lifesaving mission in the event of any possible disruptions, as well as supporting public health agencies to help communities prepare. Go online or give them a call (1.800.733.2767) and schedule an appointment August 18 from 1-7pm at the Freeport Community Center.

### NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We gather this weekend, as we do every weekend, as the Body of Christ. Together we pray, we worship God, and we are nourished with the Word and the Eucharist to strengthen us on our journey to the kingdom. In this weekend's first reading, the Lord says, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Let us make this home of our faith community, this holy place, a home in which all peoples are welcomed to join us in worship and prayer.

I hope that you are able to come for my installation as your Pastor this Sunday! Extra graces will be flowing when we gather as one and Bishop formally makes me your Pastor. Even if you already attended Mass, if your schedule allows, it would be great to have you join us. I ask for your continued prayers as your Pastor. I pray that the Good Lord will bless me with many years here.

Please pray for our local children as this week home schoolers will be having Vacation Bible School. It is so important that, when possible, we gather our children together to teach them about Jesus and our Catholic faith. I will say Mass for them on Wednesday. Thanks to all the area priests helping out.

This past week, I decided that our religious education programs would continue this year as in the past with grades 1-6 in St Francis and grades 1-10 in Upsala. Thank you for the prayers. I discerned greatly the past month along with having discussions with a number of people. Many factors went into my decision. It is strongly recommended by our diocese that for the first year of a new priest coming to an assignment he make few to no changes.

Graces were flowing last Friday as I visited a few of our elders bringing them Jesus in the sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, and Confession. We have great elders in our community as they were so appreciative of my visit. No doubt there are many others in our parishes whom may benefit from a home visit. Please contact us if you know of anyone.

We need to develop the ministry of home visiting. Are you a Eucharistic Minister or would you be interested in becoming one? You can be commissioned for just home visits if you want.

All parishes are asked to read a letter from Bishop Kettler at least two times from the pulpit before October 21, 2020--the deadline for survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file their claims in the case. Our diocese is committed to providing a broad notice of its reorganization case to the public in order to allow all survivors an opportunity to participate in the case and receive compensation. Any questions, please know that my door is open. Together let us pray that we would unite in this case and help see to it that such atrocities will not take place in the future.