

# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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

### PRAYER LINE

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

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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 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 \$1,814.00; Loose \$31.00; Online Giving \$180.00 - **\$2,025.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$795.00; Loose \$10.00; Votive \$17.75; Assumption \$5.00 - **\$827.75**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$795.00; Loose \$18.00; Online Giving \$100.00 - **\$913.00**

## Mass Schedule

Aug. 10 - 16, 2020

Monday: 8/10 *St. Lawrence*  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 8/11 *St. Clare*  
St. Mary 6:00pm † Marie Atkinson

Wednesday: 8/12 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*  
St. Francis 8:00am †† Denis & Irene Notch  
- Jane Keppers

Thursday: 8/13 *St. Pontian*  
St. Edward 8:00am † Ken Heisick  
- Jerry & Joan Theisen

Friday: 8/14 *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

*Assumption Vigil Mass:*

St. Mary 6:00pm † Elaine Schumer  
- Rob Schumer

Saturday: 8/15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)*

St. Francis 9:00am † Lori Schroder

St. Edward 8:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 8/16 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Francis 8:00am † Daniel Stiller  
- Don & Eileen Stiller

St. Mary 10:00am † Elaine Schumer

### FUTURE HAPPENINGS

- August 16 Installation Mass of Fr. David 10am @ St. Mary
- 18 Cemetery Mass 6pm @ St. Mary Cemetery
- 23 St. Francis Fall Festival Raffle 2pm Outdoor Mass
- 25 Cemetery Mass 6pm @ St. Edward Cemetery
- 29/30 Bishop Kettler's Letter to be read at Mass
- September 1 Cemetery Mass 6pm @ St. Francis Cemetery
- 12/13 Good Friday Collection
- 16 Religious Education begins
- 19 Wedding @ St. Edward – Justin Wensmann & Anna Bruder
- 20 Confirmation Mass w/Fr. Rolfes 10am Mass @ St. Mary, Upsala

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



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (9/2)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (9/4)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm Second Tues. (8/11)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

### OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Aug. 10 – 14. Janice will be on vacation.



Please pray for Diane Lange who passed away July 31. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### **Bishop Kettler Coming to our Parishes**

Does your busy schedule allow you and your family to join us next Sunday, August 16 at the 10am Mass in St Mary's? We are so blessed that Bishop is able to come out on a Sunday. We pray that everyone will make an effort to join in the celebration of the 'Installation of Fr David as Pastor'. Thankfully in our gathering area as well as in the dining room with the big screen, we will be able to accommodate everyone as capacity is 250. We are still unable to have any refreshments and foods served due to the Covid-19 virus.

#### **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 as to suggestions as to how he went about this ministry. Young people, please inform Fr David or Trustees what you think you need to help deepen your faith.

#### **Area Catholic Community (ACC)**

Megan Wensman and Peggy Frieler (SE), Alice Westrich and Matt Herzog (SF) and Jim Koczur and Carol Langner (SM) met the previous week with Fr David. The name for our six parishes (three parishes from the Holdingford area) is Mary and the Saints. We spoke of how our current Mass schedule came about. Our four goals: Bimonthly calendar of events and prayer opportunities; Increase involvement of youth and young adults by offering 3-5 events; Establish a welcoming and hospitality committee in the parishes; Integration of Evangelization Coordinator among all 6 parishes. Due to this pandemic, the timeline has been extended as originally it was set for July 1, 2020. A number of ACC communities have already gone to one bulletin. The Diocese is strongly encouraging this in an effort to help our six communities work more closely in the future. Our (six parishes) next meeting will take place at St Mary's in Holdingford August 26 at 7pm.

#### **Diane Went Home to Jesus**

To the family of + Diane Lange, please know of our sympathy and prayers for your mother and grandmother. What a blessing she had been for our parish. What a gift she provided to whomever entered our parish office door. Her kindness, smile and graciousness were second to none. Know that our parishes will offer three Masses for her.

#### **Raffle Tickets being Sold**

Have you purchased your \$5 raffle tickets yet? We hope that you plan to help our sister parish St Francis make this more successful than ever! At the end of Masses this coming weekend in Elmdale and Upsala, they will be made available. Please consider purchasing a book of tickets which are \$25. Grand prize is \$1000.

#### **Tuesday Night Cemetery Masses**

Are you able to join us for these outdoor Masses? Beginning next week (August 18) at 6pm in the Upsala Cemetery followed each week on Tuesdays. The next will be in Elmdale (August 25) and the final Mass in St Francis (September 1). This is an ideal opportunity for those in our community unable to come to our Churches due to the coronavirus. Please extend an invitation to them. Remember to bring your own lawn chair.

#### **Motorcycle Run**

Are you planning to join priests from the diocese for their annual motorcycle ride? This is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride as many bikers have joined them in the past. Sunday, August 30 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Battle Lake.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

#### **Saturday, August 15 – 8pm**

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Shari Biniek  
Greeters: Sally Schleper  
Ushers: Scott Wensmann, Dennis Trettel, Bob Brezinka

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

#### **Sunday, August 16 – 8am**

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida Lector: Barb Moorman  
Greeters: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Congrats to Roger and Kathy Thell as they celebrated 50 years of married life. Blessings upon them and may they along with their children and grandchildren continue to grow closer to Jesus. In our day and age, it is vitally important that our married couples give witness to the beauty of this sacrament. Roger and Kathy, may you be blessed with many more years.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### **Sunday, August 16 – 10am**

EM of HC: Renee Scholz Lector: Brian Lange  
Greeters: Rosemary Mehr, Rosie Harren  
Ushers: Brian Lange, Duke Lange, Michael Lange

#### **70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Congrats to Linus and Marjorie Lehner marking 70 years is a most beautiful milestone. It is so wonderful how they live for each other and was so connected that their bond became stronger than anything else. As their body continues to weaken due to old age, may we reassure them of our love, support and prayers.

#### **Notes from Fr David**

Do we have the courage to place our trust in the Lord? Peter thought he had enough courage when he stepped out of the boat as it was tossed on the waves during a violent storm. But he became frightened and started to sink. Though he began to doubt, he cried out to Jesus and the Lord saved him. When we doubt, do we look to our Savior for strength?

We will celebrate Mary (Aug 14/15), the mother of Our Lord, whose 'yes' to God changed her life as well as all of ours. At the end of her life on earth she was raised to Eternal Life with her Son. She is forever our model in her assent and faithfulness to God's will. Her assumption is an anticipation of our resurrection at the end of our life here on earth.

One of our four goals for 'Mary and The Saints' (ACC) is "increase involvement of youth and young adults by offering 3-5 youth and young adult events per month beginning July 2020." Speak to your ACC members about how we enhance our ministry to our young people. We were blessed with Fr Theis being our Youth Minister during his time here. What a blessing and gift he gave to our parishes and in particular to our youth. How best can we continue all the hard work which he began? Will this be paid or strictly volunteer? I have yet to meet with the Trustees about this matter. My first instinct is that as Fr Theis was paid, this position must be paid. What price do we put on the value of the souls of our youth? We prioritize and pay for office help, maintenance, religious education, etc, but have volunteers for our youth?

A prayer request as I will be meeting with Beth and Niki (Rel Ed Coordinators) and Chantelle (confirmation teacher) regarding our upcoming year. Lord only knows once the flu season returns if that will have any effect on the coronavirus. Plans are coming into place to begin September 16<sup>th</sup>. Of course, we are waiting on the diocesan guidelines amidst this pandemic. Thank you, teachers, for your willingness in this ministry to help our children and youth grow closer to Jesus.

Thank you for doing your part. It is not easy to wear face coverings as our Governor and Bishop are asking us. And yet, the beautiful part of this is when we unite this task with our faith, we know that God is never outdone in generosity. When I struggle as to when I need to be wearing a mask, I think of what Jesus did for me on the cross and suddenly I think that this small sacrifice of being uncomfortable is rather tiny in the grand scheme of life. It was so beautiful to see so many elders with face coverings come to Mass this past week to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Hopefully in time, more and more parishioners will return to worship with us knowing that our churches are safe places.