

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

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Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Future Happenings

Jan 16: Vespers for Life at 4pm with Bishop Kettler

Jan 19: Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch Visit

Jan 22: March for Life @ St Paul (see note)

Jan 21-23 Upstage Player’s Performance @ St Mary’s

Jan 23: Youth Mass 6pm/Adoration 7pm at St Mary’s

Jan 29/30: Blessings of Candles

Feb 4/5: Home Candles for sale in all churches

Feb 4/5: St Blasé Blessing of Throats

Feb 12: Valentine Dinner @ St Mary’s

Feb 13: Quilt Bingo 1pm in Sobieski

Feb 12/13: World Day of Sick/Anointing of the Sick

Feb 20: Quilt Bingo 1pm @ St Mary’s

Feb 26: Men’s Conference @ St Francis Xavier in Sartell

Mar 2: Ash Wednesday

Dinner/Theatre Production: ‘Wine, Cheese and Murder’

Friday and Saturday performances are sold out! On Sun, Jan 23, a show and dessert performance starts at 2 pm payable at the door as there are no reservations. This will take place here at St Mary’s Catholic Church. I wonder who will be the culprit? Bet it is Marlowe! Can you believe that a guest drops dead? Some of our very own parishioners are involved: Jeff Czech, Chantelle Frie and Renee Scholz.

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 & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus Lehner, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Millie Spring (chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, cancer), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (Pastor at Opole/Rice, dialysis, in need of kidney transplant), Joe Primus (SM, Covid), Rita Lange (SF, blood clots), Marjorie Lehner (SM, moved to Mother of Mercy)

Darwin Binek, & Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto’s),

family of +Joe Schumer, family of +Joe Korman (SE,)

family of +Lloyd Jarnot (uncle of Rosanne Vos, SF),

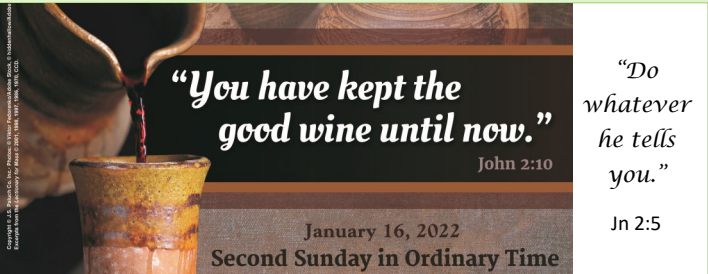
family of +Gerri Klimek (Little Falls)

WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan 9, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,220, Loose: \$25, Christmas: \$90, Solemnity of Mary: \$5, Funeral Lunch: \$10 Total: **\$1,350**

St. Francis: Adult: \$880, Loose: \$86 Christmas: \$20, Solemnity of Mary: \$20, Thanksgiving \$20 Total: **\$1,026**

St. Mary: Adult: \$3,091, Loose: \$131, Funeral Lunch: \$45, Solemnity of Mary: \$275, Choir: \$100 Total: **\$3,642**



Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule	
Monday 1/17	
7:00 pm St. Mary	Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday 1/18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
6:00 pm St. Mary 6:30 pm St. Edward 8:00 pm St. Francis	†Randy Panek Finance Council Meeting Finance Council Meeting
Wednesday 1/19	
8:00 am St. Francis	†Deceased Thell & Freihammer families
Thursday 1/20	Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr
8:00 am St. Edward	† For the health of Margaret Carlson
Friday 1/21	Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
7:30 am St. Mary	† Jim Hadley
Weekend Masses	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 1/22	
4 pm St. Francis	† Michael Freihammer
Sunday 1/23	
8 am St. Edward	For the People
10 am St. Mary	†Ambrose Herdering~Duane & Rosie Harren
6 pm St. Mary	† Ty Poppenhagen & Katy Lynn Panek

Faith Formation

Grades K-6/Parents

Thanks to Tom and Jan Killian from St Mary’s who spoke to our parents on the beauty of marriage. This coming week, your topic will be: ‘What Makes a Family’. Thanks parents, for all you do to help strengthen your family.

Grades 7-10 Class/Fr Doug Liebsch: Jan 19

Class will take place while Fr Doug will be making his rounds to each of the classes. Remember to ask him questions about the priesthood or life of a religious sister. The last 20 minutes, we will spend in prayer in Church with adoration.

Confirmation Class: Jan 23

Sorry about the conflict with class scheduled the same time as the Youth Mass. Thanks Chantelle for asking the students to attend Mass in place of class. Let’s keep praying for our students as they will be confirmed March 20th in Holdingford.

Youth News

New Sunday Night Youth Mass: Jan 23

All are invited to join us for our 6pm Mass at St Mary’s. Young and old ... let’s fill God’s House! Note that it will be directed to our young people which means contemporary/praise and worship music. We will have adoration until 7:30pm. You will have an opportunity to be prayed with/prayed over by a couple of prayer teams which Fr David has organized. Pizza will be served afterwards. Bring a friend or two from other parishes.

Pro-Life Events

40 hours of Adoration for Life begins at 3 pm, Thurs, Jan. 20th through 7 am Sunday at St. Anthony’s Church, St. Cloud. Call the Parish Office for more info. 251-5966.

March for Life ~January 22 10:30 am Prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul. 12 noon March to the Capitol, St. Paul MN. Bus transportation available from these sites: St. Cloud –258-7615, Richmond-267-6268, Alexandria 808-8792, or Little Falls 632-2880/ Pierz 360-7100
Reservations required.

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Sun., Jan. 23, 8:00 am Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung
Server: Isaac Harren
Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott
Greeters: Raymond Kokett
Gift Bearers: Dennis & Diana Trettel

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sat., Jan. 22, 4:00 pm Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners
Lector: Chad Koopmeiners
Server: Carter Roerich
Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida
Gift Bearers: Jim & Tammy Lehner

There will be a St. Francis Men’s Society/CUF meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 8pm in the church basement. Anyone interested in joining or would like to find out more, please come! We will be discussing our upcoming Matching Grant fundraiser next month.”

Thank you from Michael Schiller family
On behalf of the family of Mike Schiller, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for everyone’s acts of kindness, support and comforting words following his passing. It has been a true blessing during this difficult time. A special thank you to Fr. David for officiating a beautiful funeral service. Thank you also to the lunch crew for serving a delicious meal following the service. The compassion and sympathy of our church community will always be remembered. ~Michael Schiller Family

Newly Baptized Ezra Allen Douvier
Congrats to his mother, Autumn and grandmother Carla and great grandparents Allen & Renee Douvier. Pray that his godparents: Cole Douvier and Trista Douvier will be great role models. Pray also that we will have more baptisms in our parish.

ST MARY’S NEWS

Sun., Jan. 23, 10:00 am Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
EM of HC: Cindy Koehn **Lector:** Chantelle Frie
Server: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger
Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren
Greeters: Rosemary Mehr & Rosie Harren
Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske
Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Three Saints News

Blessings of Candles: Jan 29/30
Feb 2nd is the Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord which traditionally churches bless their candles which will be used in the coming year. However, we will be blessing them the weekend before. There will also be candles for sale that weekend as well as Feb 4/5. It is a beautiful practice to burn candles in your homes.

St Blasé Blessing of Throats: Feb 3 and 5/6
Especially in light of the cold, flu and covid virus, special graces come when we ask St Blasé to intercede. Fr David will be available before and after the weekend Masses. He will also bless the throats of the shut-ins on his First Friday home visits.

Benefit Brian Lange Family: Feb 6
Brian, a longtime parishioner and greatly involved in the parish of St Mary’s is no many different aspects. Beth was a longtime Religious Ed Coordinator for our three parishes. Pancake and Silent Auction 9am-12noon at the Upsala Rec Building. There will be a free will offering.

Three Saints News
The Faith Community Nurse Partnership on Depression
As many of you may have encountered in your work as church and spiritual leaders, teachers and parents, so many people are currently experiencing the effects of depression and anxiety. The Faith Community Nurse Partnership of Central MN is offering a free one-hour educational opportunity entitled: Ministering to People Living with Depression and Anxiety on Wednesday, January 26th from 1-2pm. For more details, and registration information: Bethany.Tollefson@centracare.com or visit: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_VrUOyhPkmDsabxyS6LnNM7aNp_UOinHznAmPkDVy_cA/edit?usp=sharing

Catholic Men’s Conference: Feb 26
This event will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. This year’s theme is “Saint Joseph’s Men”. Our keynote speaker will be Monsignor Thomas Richter, pastor of Queen of Peace Church in Dickinson, ND. Cost is \$35. Details will be posted on our website at <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2022/> as they become available. Registration is now open at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMC2022>

Valentine Mass & Meal Saturday, February 12th
St. Mary’s Church in Upsala. Mass at 5 pm, Happy Hour from 6-7 with a candlelit meal to follow. \$50/couple. Make reservations at the St. Mary’s Central Office before February 4th. (320) 573-2132. All proceeds will go to support our parishes youth activities. Contact Tamara Lange for questions. (320) 250-4688

Guatemalan Gourmet Coffee on Sale
Stop by at the office as Jessie will show you all we have available. There are several different kinds. \$10 per bag.

Notes from Fr David
January is not a common month for weddings in this country. Nevertheless, a wedding is at the center of our weekend’s Gospel. It is at this wedding feast that Jesus performs His first miracle, changing water into wine. Though we are not here to celebrate a wedding, this celebration includes both a feast and miracle that takes place in our presence – the bread and wine becoming Christ’s Body and Blood – and give thanks for the invitation we have been given to this Eucharistic feast.

WOW ... you continually amaze me! Your kindness and generosity is off the charts! I finally got around to opening all your cards and gifts. Most meaningful are your messages with such love and support. I feel so blessed to be your pastor. My Christmas and New Year was most special. My Mom flew down to Arizona for the winter months Christmas Eve Day. She is 87 yrs. old and still gets around very well. Many of my sisters are able to spend time with her, so she is not alone.

Thanks for the prayers as I got my Covid test results back and it was negative. Upon Bishop Kettler’s recommendation, I plan to continue to mask during Mass. Thanks Eucharistic ministers for masking as well. Unfortunately, I know of people who choose not to worship with us due to just a few people are actually wearing masks. Who would have thought we would be where we are a few years ago?

I have wondered why vaccinated people are getting COVID-19 lately? I am no expert by any means, but it seems a couple of factors are at play, starting with the emergence of the highly contagious omicron variant. Omicron is more likely to infect people, even if it doesn’t make them very sick, and its surge coincided with the holiday travel season in many places. People might mistakenly think the COVID-19 vaccines will completely block infection, but the shots are mainly designed to prevent severe illness, says Louis Mansky, a virus researcher at the University of Minnesota.