

The
Catholic Churches

St. Edward

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Mary

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,

Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary ~ 9:15-9:45 am

Tuesday St. Mary ~ 5- 5:45 pm

PRAYER LINES

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

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

(SE) Sally Schleper 573– 2127

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 the desired date.

*Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon



Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 5/17</u>		
6 pm St. Mary	†	<i>Peter & Lorene Prokott</i> ~Dave & Renee Scholz
<u>Wednesday 5/18</u>		<i>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</i>
8 am St. Francis	†	Richard Boeckermann ~St. Francis Men's Society
<u>Thursday 5/19</u>		
8 am St. Edward	†	Dennis Koroll ~Aaron & Angela Koroll
<u>Friday 5/20</u>		<i>Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i>
7:30 am St. Mary	†	Elmer Sadlowsky ~Caroline Sadlowsky
Weekend Masses		Sixth Sunday of Easter
<u>Saturday 5/21</u>		
8 pm St. Francis	†	Lavern Scherping ~ Lorene Koopmeiners
<u>Sunday 5/122</u>		
8 am St. Edward 10 am St. Mary 8 pm St. Francis	†	For the People Alcuin Harren Baccalaureate Service

Youth/Children News

Summer Vacation School: June 12-18 in Upsala

Totus Tuus is coming to our parishes. Four young college-age men and women will be bringing our faith alive for our children and young people. Thanks to everyone who are stepping forward to help make this most blessed. Please check out our webpage. Please email Jamie Heurung: totustuus@tworiverscatholic.com or call (320) 250-7332.

Area Church Gatherings

Women's Group with Kristin Molitor May 24

For women interested in praying and discussing books chosen by Kristin to help us grow in our Faith. 10:30 am All Saints-St. Mary's and 7 pm Immaculate Conception, St. Anna. Contact: Kristin at evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com or (320) 228-0105.

Stop by St. Joe for the BEST BREAKFAST around! The

Knights of Columbus Council #7057 invite you to a Parish Breakfast at the Church of Saint Joseph Heritage Hall in St. Joseph, MN. Join us Sunday, June 5th from 8:30 am-NOON! Take the family out for a great homemade breakfast that includes Pep's pork sausage, St. Joseph Meat Market sausage, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls and cinnamon rolls, includes beverages. \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 6-12. We are now accepting credit cards.

Holy Family Church-Belle Prairie will be celebrating 170 years during our Annual Heritage Festival on June 12 on our parish grounds at 18777 Riverwood Dr. Little Falls, MN. The day starts with Holy Mass at 10:30AM and an afternoon of family activities, food and music by Alan Godage and Sundown. We have a Grand Raffle with over \$13,000 in cash prizes. Questions, please call the parish office at 320-632-5720.

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join us for prayers, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59 years old. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7 pm at All Saints- St. Mary's Church Basement in Holdingford.

Our next meetings/topics:

June 11th -topic for the group is "What Women Wish Men Knew About Women and What Men Wish Women Knew About Men, and What You Want to Know About the Opposite Gender." This will be a fun filled night of laughter and joy in how God created us male and female. For more information, call Janel @ 290-2877.



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Congratulations Graduates!

St. Edward

Emily Blonigen daughter of Patrick & Kristine

Michael Blonigen son of Patrick & Kristine

Kaitlyn George daughter of Timothy & Sheila

Anthony Nienaber son of Mark & Katherine

St. Francis

Zachary Boeckermann son of Peter & Joan

Faith Hartung daughter of Fred & Kari

Clara Pflueger daughter of Brian & Jessica

Abigail Klein daughter of Daniel & Brenda

Bennet Pundsack son of Corey & Andrea

Kylie Roerick daughter of Gerald & Julie

Cheyenne Wuebkers daughter of Kevin & Janice

St. Mary

Rachel Ainali daughter of Jon & Cristy

Gracie George daughter of Dennis & Lisa

Luke Harren son of Michael & Kimberly

Katerina Jensen daughter of Eric & Julie

Levi Lampert son of Kevin & Carol

Jessica Lange daughter of Brian & Elizabeth

Emily Press daughter of Marlene

Three Saints News

Baccalaureate Service: May 22 @ 8pm

Each year, a different Church from our area hosts this service for the High School Graduates. All of our area Pastors agree this is a great opportunity for our community to see these young people as ours and not yours and mine as well as to make welcome those who may not be members of any parish.

Memorial Day Mass: May 30 at 9am

Please join us for Mass at St Mary's prior to the program at the school.

Please pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Dennis Biniek (SE, recovery from colon cancer), Rosie Harren (Complications from Knee Surgery), Rose Beniek (SM, moved to Diamond Willow in Little Falls), **Donald Herzog (SF, Pine Villa-Melrose)**

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Sun., May 22, 8:00 am The Sixth Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Nick Schleper

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Dan & Barb George

Spaghetti Supper Super Successful!

Blessings to everyone who helped make this evening most special. All totaled we had net proceed of \$2400. We cannot put a dollar amount on all the fellowship and renewing of relationships which took place. What other ways can we step out and help bring Christ into world?

Estimate New Windows/Insulation

We received the figures from RetroGreen Energy in St Cloud: \$14,838 to inject all exterior walls with RetroFoam along with inject foam through the plaster. Reis Lumber and Construction from Bowlus is giving us a 20% discount as the new windows will cost \$7000. Jim Wensmann and others from the parish will install them.

Cemetery Improvements!

Check out our cemetery. As our faith tells us, it is a corporeal work of mercy to bury the dead. Cement ribboning and straightening of headstones are long overdue. Thanks to all the men working so hard to bring this about.

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sat., May 21, 8:00 pm The Sixth Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Server: Volunteers

Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Gift Bearers: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier

Grand Raffle Items for Fall Festival due Aug. 22

Please consider donating to our Grand Raffle. Fr David will give gift cards for bison meat. His sister and brother-in-law own Meyer’s Hidden Bison Ranch outside of Sauk Centre. The winners will get to choose whatever cuts of meat they prefer. In addition, the raffle winners will get a tour of their ranch. They will have about 100 new baby calves and about 400-500 bison!

ST MARY’S NEWS

Sun., May 22, 10:00 am The Sixth Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Jan Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Gift Bearers: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

Thanks Christian Ripplinger!

Thanks so much for your many, many years of serving Mass! Know that we greatly appreciated all you have done for our parish as you will be missed. Congratulations on your graduation and blessings as you prepare for college in the fall at Winona - Saint Mary's University of Minnesota majoring in Accounting.

+ Paul Ampe’s Burial: May 26 at 1pm

Inurnment will take place the Alumni Cemetery in St John’s. There will be a reception following. Paul went Home to Jesus March 19, 2021. He practiced law in Albany for over 38 years. As his obituary stated: “Paul’s kind and respectful demeanor and fairness made him loved and respected by all. He had a limitless knowledge of history, knew everybody and rarely forgot a name.”

Baptized into our faith: Amelia Mary Melaas

Next Sunday at our 10am Mass, little Amelia will become our new little sister! No doubt her parents Geoff and Kim are looking forward to this celebration!

WEEKEND COLLECTION May 8, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$450 Loose: \$174, Votive: \$25, Catholic Home Mission: \$5 **Total: \$654**

St. Francis: Adult: \$755, Loose: \$129, Easter: \$215 **Total: \$807**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,044, Loose: \$132, **Total: \$2,176**

Three Saints News

Catholic Outdoor Adventure Program

“Thank you everyone for your incredible support of my upcoming mission at Camp Wojtyla nestled in the heart of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. I will depart May 19. It was so inspiring for me to see the excitement of our Catholic community about the work that I will be doing and the incredible generosity that was extended to me! I am so very thankful to our community, and I cannot wait to share my experience with everyone when I return in August!” Collin Prom

Family Faith Coordinator Opening

Might the Holy Spirit be calling you to consider this position? Perhaps you and another person or a team of people working together? Please go on our website for more information and application. More information of this curriculum: www.familyformation.net

Allegations against + Fr Arthur Hoppe

Allegations of past sexual misconduct, Bishop Kettler or his representatives will be holding two listening sessions at or near the parishes in which Fr Hoppe served (1947-1999). These sessions will be held at St Louis Parish in Paynesville and at St Mary’s Parish in Alexandria on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30pm.

Knights of Columbus Ditch Clean-up: May 21

All Knights are welcome to join in at 10 am. We will meet in the St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus Parking Lot. See you then!

Notes from Fr David

“Love one another,” Jesus tells His disciples. No, Jesus commands His disciples. This is how everyone will know that they are His disciples. As we gather here this weekend, we ask ourselves if we can be recognized by our love. Do we show the love we have for one another in what we do and say? Do we love one another as much as Jesus loves us? May the God of love bless us in the challenge to love each other.

Christ is risen! And, so I challenge our graduating seniors to step-back for a moment, almost to remove yourselves and observe it as if you were someone looking in from the outside, I challenge you to consider the impact your lives will make, and how much of that will be shaped by what you do in the next months and years. I challenge you to consider the question: "What will you do to live a life that matters"? I know it's not a particularly original question, but it is an important one. We look at a few narratives of people that lived a life that made a difference, and how ultimately, our lives will matter most if we made an impact for Christ's sake and not for our own. I have faith in you, young people! YOU CAN DO IT!

This past week, I spent some time at the Upsala Youth Center (Rec Bldg) with youth in grades 7-12. Did you know that it is open Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-6pm? Did you know that Amy Poppenhagen from St Mary’s agreed to be on this board? Zach Klein, Youth Pastor from Community Covenant is overseeing this new venture. This is an opportunity for our youth after school to come together. During the summer months it will be closed. Remember to come to Upsala High School Graduation May 27 at 8pm.

And so, what is the Holy Spirit placing on your heart regarding the Stewardship Conference: August 10-11 to be held in Wichita, KS? I need you and our Church needs you to learn how can we better strengthen our discipleship muscles? I came across another book entitled: “Grateful and Giving: How Msgr. Thomas McGread’s Stewardship Message Has Impacted Catholic Parishes Throughout the Country”. This is an opportunity for us as modern-day disciples to step out of our comfort zone. Oh, has our church family changed since the pandemic? It seems that we are having more funerals than weddings and baptisms. Fewer and fewer young people and families are regularly attending services. Indeed, one cannot help but reflect upon how long will our churches remain viable and operable in the future? As the book: Stewardship Success states, “... (this is) an opportunity to get to know Christ more deeply and to allow Him to fill us with His grace so that we can become the good stewards he is calling us to be.” **He is risen indeed.**