



The Catholic Churches

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



Oh Come
Let Us
Adore Him!

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward~ 3:15 - 3:45 pm

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

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ADORATION

St. Edward's –monthly, the 1st Friday of the Month, 12 - 9 pm

St. Francis– monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7am-7 pm

St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday 12-9 pm

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Pope Benedict April 16, 1927– December 31, 2022



Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger became Pope after the death of St. John Paul II on April 19, 2005. He resigned on February 28, 2013. Pope Benedict's body will lie in state at the Vatican as of January 2nd. It is custom that the nine days following the

funeral of a Pope are observed as official days of mourning in Rome and throughout the Church. The Novendiales, as they are called, may be observed in different ways in the various Particular Churches. A sample set of novena prayers will be made available on the USCCB website. At Pope Emeritus Benedict's request, a simple funeral will be celebrated. Pope Francis presided at that funeral liturgy on Thursday, January 5th at St. Peter's Basilica.

Ash Wednesday Masses: February 22nd

7:15 a.m. St. Mary

12:00 noon: St. Edward

6:00 p.m. St. Mary

8:00 p.m. St. Francis

Vespers For Life, Sunday, January 15th

St. Francis Xavier, 219 2nd St N, Sartell. Rosary at 3:30 p.m. and Vespers at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. The service includes music, prayer, scripture, and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Bruce Wolters, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Linda Mader, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus and the Family of +Ramona Heurung

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 1/10</u>			Please pray for Fr. David and all our priests who will be on retreat January 9th-12th in Buffalo, MN
No Mass			
<u>Wednesday 1/11</u>			
No Mass			
<u>Thursday 1/12</u>			
No Mass			
<u>Friday 1/13</u>			<i>Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Irene Harren	
Weekend Masses			The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>Saturday 1/14</u>			
10 a.m. Senior Living 4 p.m. St. Edward	†	Communion Service Brian Wensmann	
<u>Sunday 1/15</u>			
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	†	For the People Leroy Harren	

Visit our website: 238catholic.org for our monthly Ministry Schedule, ACC Calendar and Upcoming Events. Be inspired by This week on FORMED. Soon to be added: information on Marriage and Baptism preparation.

Faith Formation (at St. Mary's unless indicated)

Jan. 11

Grades K-6: Class 6:30– 7:30 p.m.

As for me and my house, we will server the Lord.

Confirmation: Class 7:35-8:45 p.m.

Jan. 14

2nd Grade: 1st Reconciliation Retreat 9-10:30 a.m.

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: January 8th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30– 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We will meet every other Sunday.

Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

January 14th ACC Formation Day

The next ACC Pastoral Council Formation Day will be Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Saint John's University. The topics for the day will include: demographics of each ACC, diocesan synod report, how does discernment play a role in decisions at the ACC level? This is open to all ACC pastoral council members and other interested individuals. To register for the day Visit <https://forms.gle/yu4dsfUENPwoZpP6>.

March For Life, Sunday, January 22nd in St. Paul

12 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

2 pm March on the state Capitol grounds

2:30 pm Pro-life program on the Capitol steps hosted by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Richmond bus – Reserve a spot now by contacting Linda at 320-267-6268 or thepedersonfam@aol.com

How to add the Epiphany Blessing on your front door

Using Blessed Chalk mark the top of the door frame with these symbols 20 + C + M + B + 23 while saying: Wise Men, C Casper, M Melchior, B and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became human 20 two thousand 23 and twenty-three years ago. + + May Christ bless our home + + and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Additional Prayer

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Christ, God's incarnation, is present in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary daily lives together. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, January 14th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Volunteer

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Kris & Carrie Wensmann

Christmas Trees/Decoration Donated

A huge thanks to Frieler Farms for Lord knows how many years of donating trees and decorations to help make our church even more beautiful! No doubt they are a blessing also to our local communities. At Frieler Farms, there is just something magical going on during the Christmas season — people come from near and far to pick out their perfect Christmas tree, make memories and just have a good time.

Christmas Decorations Take Down : January 10th

Everyone is welcome to arrive at 1:00 p.m. to help.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

January Ushers:

Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Sunday, January 15th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Pete & Joan Boeckermann

Christmas Decorations Take Down : January 11th

We will be taking down decorations after morning Mass.

Everyone welcome to join in at 9:00 a.m.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, January 15th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Lector: Chantelle Frie

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski

Greeters: Mary Frie

Gift Bearers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Three Saints News

End of Life Presentation

Greg Gall from Catholic United Financial will be presenting a workshop for our parishes and anyone who'd like to learn more about end of life, medication, healthcare, health directives and cremation: February 28th at 7:00 p.m. in St Mary's of Upsala.

Elevate Speaker: February 1st 7-8:30 pm at St. Mary, Upsala

We will have a unique opportunity for our 7th-11th grade students as well as any interested adults to learn more about the Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center and hear testimony from Nicolette who was encouraged to turn her life around with support from Elevate. Nicolette's story is a about her conversion from a life of hard realities to one filled with faith.

Natural Family Planning Instruction Jan. & Feb.

First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method :

Alexandria: Monday, January 16th & February 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Little Falls: Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Rice: Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Sauk Centre: Thursday, January 19 & February 16 at 6:30 p.m.

For additional sites, information or to register visit:

www.stcdio.org/om/nfp or contact Shelia Reineke at

(320) 252-4721 sreineke@gw.stcdio.org

WEEKEND COLLECTION January 1, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$800 Loose: \$273, Votive \$113.75, Christmas \$ 200, Funeral Offering: \$190, Solemnity of Mary: \$520

Total: \$2,096.75

St. Francis: Adult: \$552, Loose: \$188.01, Christmas: \$125, Funeral Fund: \$193, Solemnity of Mary: \$340 **Total: \$1,398.01**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,381, Loose: \$207 Christmas: \$100, Funeral Fund: \$600, Cemetery Cross: \$125 Solemnity of Mary \$1,423

Total: \$4,836

A Prayer for the Soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love.

In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth.

May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Amen.



Watch on Formed Join Dr. John Sehorn and Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar and Professor of Theology as they highlight the significance of Jesus' Baptism.

Notes from Father David

The bright start in the sky drew the magi from their distant kingdom to see the newborn King and offer Him their treasures. We were drawn to God's House this weekend by our King, Christ the Lord, and we offer Him our treasure – our hearts, our hopes, our lives. May we be that bright star for others, drawing our families, friends and neighbors to Him so that they too may find the treasure we know in the Lord.

An "epiphany" came to me this week ... Lord only knows if it is the Holy Spirit or another one of my wild ideas? To date, there has been no interest in our "Youth Ministry" position. What about volunteers/you stepping forth and taking one event/activity? Might there be an individual or groups interested in NCYC Trip (Nov 16-19, 2023) to Indianapolis, various social activities, discussion topics, scripture reflection, outreach, service, and other church-related actions, helping out with Totus Tuus, organizing Valleyfair Trip or Twins baseball game, fun day for Mass Servers, bowling, camping, skiing/tubing, organizing events for grades 4-6, etc. I think the last one is a gold mine. What other ideas might you have? Pope Francis: "We don't need youth museums but we do need holy young people." Come Holy Spirit breathe upon us!

Second graders are continuing to prepare for their First Communion which will be held April 30. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers this Saturday, January 14th from 9-10:30am as they will be having their First Reconciliation Retreat held in St Mary's. Next to the Holy Eucharist, there is no greater sacrament. A question for all of us, how can we deepen our love and devotion for confession? This was the very first thing Jesus did when He resurrected from the dead!

Dates for our summer vacation bible school are July 8-14, 2023. Totus Tuus is coming back once again! It will take place at St Mary's in Upsala. We requested two different weeks in June, but they gave us our third choice. Perhaps this may work better as summer school in Upsala takes place in June. We are blessed to have Jamie Heuring, a parishioner from Holdingford to coordinate this week for us. We will need two host families as well as families willing to provide an evening meal for the collegians. There will be two male and two female collegians leading this summer camp. Our diocese needs twelve young adults to be leaders for the 2023 Totus Tuus program. They are looking for college students who are ready to take their faith to the next level. Might the Lord be calling them to be a Totus Tuus team member? Totus Tuus offers them an intense summer of growing in their faith and sharing it with the younger generation. There's more information at <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>. Application deadline is March 15th, they can apply here at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>