

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Mary

Elmdale

St. Francis

Upsala



"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Luke 6:20-21a

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13, 2022

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Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule-March 2

7:30 am St. Mary's

12 Noon St. Edward Adoration for St. Mary's will be

6:00 pm St. Mary's changed from March 2 to March 9

8:00 pm St. Francis due to Ash Wednesday.

Save the Date

Feb 20: Mylan Joan Fuchs (SF) Baptism 10am SM Mass

Feb 20: Quilt Bingo 1pm @ St Mary's: DATE PENDING

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

Register at: <https://www.surveymomkey.com/r/CMC2022>

Feb 27: St. Francis CUF Matching Grant Breakfast: DATE PENDING

Feb 26/27 Guatemalan Coffee Sale after Masses

Mar 2: Ash Wednesday

Mar 4: First Friday Home Visits

Mar 4: Stations of the Cross: SE

Mar 11: Stations of the Cross: SM

Mar 16: Rel. Ed Students: Confession from 6:30-8:40pm

Mar 19: Mass Time Change from 4pm to 8pm (SF)

Mar 20: Sacrament of Confirmation in Holdingford @ 2pm

World Day of the Sick: Feb 11

This sacrament is for those who are seriously ill and the elderly. Especially in light of the COVID, know that this would fall under the category of serious. Fr David has been vaccinated/boosted as he takes the necessary precautions when visiting those who tested positive. Please give him a call if you'd like a home visit.

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, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Millie Spring (chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, radiation), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (dialysis, in need of kidney transplant), Rita Lange (SF, blood clots), Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto's) Linus & Marjorie Lehner (SM, Mother of Mercy), Arnie Czech (SE, at home), **Fr. Roger Klassen (recovering from an accident)**

family of +Leonard Czech (SE), family of +Peter Prokott (SM)

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 2/15</u>	
6:00 pm St. Mary	† Elaine & Joe Schumer
<u>Wednesday 2/16</u>	
8:00 am St. Francis	† Rich Boeckermann ~ Gerry and Mary
<u>Thursday 2/17</u>	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>
8:00 am St. Edward	For the People
<u>Friday 2/18</u>	
7:30 am St. Mary	† Garrett Bartkowicz
Weekend Masses	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>Saturday 2/19</u>	
4 pm St. Francis	Blessings for Bishop Donald Kettler
<u>Sunday 2/20</u>	
8 am St. Edward	Blessings for Bishop Donald Kettler
10 am St. Mary	Ambrose Herdering ~ Tom & Diane Jesh

Faith Formation

Grades 7-10 Classes Suspended

Thank you parents during this time of no religious education for our youth in grades 7-10. Keep praying that we will be able to resume classes soon. A few weeks back, Bishop Kettler has said that our current protocols will be re-evaluated at the beginning of Lent in early March.

K-6: Lesson: "A Trip to the Cathedral"

Thank-you parents for all that you are doing to help us in this first year. This is new for you as we greatly appreciate your patience.

Confirmation Class: Feb 16 7:30-9pm with masks.

Confirmation is fast approaching as it will take place in Holdingford: March 20th @ 2pm.

Youth News

"Mass on Ice" with Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch

taking place Feb 27 @ 3pm. All parishioners are invited, but it will be geared toward our young people with food, games and of course, fishing! Youth, remember to bring a friend. This will take place at Horseshoe Lake where the fish are biting!

Area Church Gatherings

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. Contact Janel for more information: 290-2877.

Next topics are:

Feb.12th The 5 Love Languages

March 12th: Theology of the Body

April 9th: Catholic Dating

St. John the Baptist in Swanville Dinner/Auction

Friday, Feb. 25th, at the Sobieski Community Center. Dinner Tickets are \$15 but will be \$20 after February 20th. Call 547-2920 to register.

Word of Life Valentine's Banquet: Feb 19 at 6pm

There will be musical entertainment. Pork Chop and Chicken dinner and the cost is only \$16 per person. RSVP's by Feb 14. Call the church office 573-4450

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Sun., Feb. 20, 8:00 am Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Shari Biniek

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Nick Schleper

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Ralph & Sally Schleper

St. Edward’s Spaghetti Supper Meal

There will be a meeting for the spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction after the 8 am Mass in the Church basement on Sunday, February 20th. Anyone interested in helping or has new ideas, is welcome to attend.

The Family of Leonard Czech

would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support and generosity during the time of the loss of our father. Special thanks to Fr. David Grundman for his support, visits and celebrating the funeral mass, Michael Retka, the Knights of Columbus, Jordies for preparing the food, and St. Edwards Lunch Ladies for serving the wonderful meal. Thank you for the many thoughts, calls, cards and memorials. A memorial celebration will be held on Sunday, June 5, at the Elmdale Community Center. All are invited.

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sat., Feb. 19, 4:00 pm Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Syl Tschida

Lector: Barb Moorman

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Gift Bearers: Gerald & Julie Roerick

Journey with Jesus

We have decided to move forward with this year’s “Journey with Jesus to Calvary” production. The dates will be Wed., April 6th at 7 pm, Fri., April 8th at 7:30 pm, Sat. April 9th at 7:30 pm, and Sun., April 10th at 1 pm. If any parishioner or any student in the combined Rel. Ed program would like to be a part of this year’s production call Bob at 573-2933. We need actors, choir members and backstage help. The main actors will have their first practice on Sun., Feb. 20th at 1:00 p.m. If the restrictions are extended on March 1st, we will cancel the production for this year.

The Bishop is Coming!

No pressure, but we just were informed that Bishop Donald will be coming out Friday, April 8 at 7:30pm for the ‘Journey to Calvary with Jesus’. He has always been so supportive. Remember that he more than anyone will understand if it doesn’t work out.

Thank You Notes to Bishop Donald Kettler

We hope that you will remember to send note to our Shepherd. His reply back to Fr. David: “Thank you for your kind message and the prayer of Masses and the Rosary. I really appreciated your support and thoughtfulness. These are challenging times. Remember we don’t need to be successful, but only faithful.”
His address: P.O. Box 1248, St Cloud, MN 56302

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 6, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$1085, Loose: \$140, Central MN Catholic: \$20 Total: **\$1245**

St. Francis: Adult: \$370, Loose: \$65.90, Votive: 131.43, Candle sales: \$77 Total: **\$644**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,245, Loose: \$34, Votive: \$22, Solemnity of Mary \$1, Candle sales: \$81, Funeral: \$71 Total: **\$2,454**

ST MARY’S NEWS

Sun., Feb. 20, 10:00 am Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Jan Kilian **Lector:** Michelle Fleischhacker

Server: Volunteers

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Gift Bearers: Jamie & Jenny Leners

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Collection Baskets in Entrance

For the time being, this way has fewer people touching the baskets. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Maintenance Position Open

This job includes a variety of services such as minor mechanical and electrical repair, general maintenance and overall handy person on parish building and grounds. No lawn moving or snow removal is necessary. Simply walking through and checking on things. Less than 10 hrs/ week. The pay is out of this world! Complete Job Description on our webpage.

New Child of God: Mylan Joan Fuchs

Please join us next Sunday as we will have her baptism during our 10am Mass.

Next weekend Bishop’s Annual Appeal: “Believe, Celebrate, Live” will be at all our Masses. We will hear an audio message from Bishop speaking. Here are a few of his words: “These ministries provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16-county diocese. Your generosity makes this work possible. I want to say, thank you. Without you, the services these ministries provide wouldn’t be possible.” Envelopes will be available or bring yours from home.

Guatemalan Coffee Ministers Needed?

We are in need of person/s (in SF & SE) assisting/selling the coffee on a monthly basis after Mass. Fr David would bring the coffee/money bag, etc to each church. Please call the office if you can help us out. Next coffee sale will be after weekend Masses on Feb. 26 and 27.

Notes from Fr David

On this midwinter day, cold and snow-covered across much of the continent, the Holy Spirit draws us here together through a shared hunger for a life in the Lord that can overcome the hardships of our lives. Our sensory hunger and physical hunger are joined by a spiritual hunger. We hunger for the word of God to guide us and for the Eucharist to nourish us. Jesus tells us that those who are now hungry will be satisfied. May that comfort us as we hunger for light, for warmth, for guidance, for nourishment, for Eternal Life in the Lord.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping to make the ‘Benefit Breakfast for Brian Lange Family and Silent Auction’ most blessed. It was truly amazing how many people were present. The food was excellent. There were so many items on the auction (about 165)! Most importantly it was great to see people from our various churches come together. No doubt Brian was smiling down upon this benefit. This is the beauty of small towns coming together to show our appreciation, love and support.

Marilyn Grundman Thanks You (Fr David’s mother)
“Thank you for all the prayers and beautiful cards that you three parishes are sending to me – you are close to my heart! I received more than 89 cards! I pray for you on Sundays and this last Sunday lighted three candles for your three parishes and Fr David. Today I started a novena to St Michael the Archangel for each of the parishes. I feel so blessed that my son has so many wonderful people in his parish.”