



The Catholic Churches

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



Are you envious because I am generous?

(Mt 20:1-16a)

Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Sunday: St. Mary: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
St. Mary: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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(701) 426-1607 leitherreba@gmail.com
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(320) 493-5624 randiklasen@gmail.com

Three Saints News

Ushers: October Mass Counts begin next weekend. The forms will be kept in the Sacristy. After the last October Weekend Mass, please return the completed form to the Parish Office. Results will be sent to the diocese. Thank you!

St. Edward's Fire Fund

We have set up a link through Stearns Bank for donations to repair St. Edward's Church after the recent fire. Please visit our website to see photos of the church and for the link to donate. Or, if you would like, you can send a check to the Parish Office for "The St. Edward's Fire Fund." Thank you!

Raffle Tickets will be available soon for our St. Edward Fire Fund Raffle.

MCCL meeting: Save the 12,000

Please join in and encourage others to go to this Pro-Life meeting on Sept. 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Little Falls (Holy Family Community Center near the TEC Center). Call Dorene (320) 584-5253 for questions.

All women in the West Central Deanery are invited to attend the Fall General Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10th at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Richmond (110 Central Ave. N). The evening will begin at 6:00PM with a Mass, followed by a Light Supper (\$ 6.00), meeting and Silent Auction. Please RSVP for supper to Jean Hopfer: 837-5239 by Oct. 3rd.

Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kuroswki, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Jim Negen, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson & Helen Heisick

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Monday 9/25</u>	
No Mass	
<u>Tuesday 9/26</u>	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Brian Lange ~Beth Lange & Family
<u>Wednesday 9/27</u>	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gilbert Roerick ~Juanita Roerick
<u>Thursday 9/28</u>	<i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Bernetta Czech Adoration
<u>Friday 9/29</u>	<i>Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Charles & Loretta Gerads Family
Weekend Masses	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>Saturday 9/30</u>	<i>Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Francis	Communion Service Special Intentions ~Jane Keppers
<u>Sunday 10/1</u>	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† For the People Deceased Members of the Frie Family

Faith Formation

Sept 24th-30th: K-6 Home Lesson: Guardian Angels
2nd Grade: Lesson 1

Sept. 27th: 7th -10th grade & Confirmation
Class 7-8:30 p.m. St. Mary's

Youth

The annual 'See You At The Pole' event is coming up next Wednesday Sept. 29th. Meet at the school flagpole at 7:30am for students to pray before heading to class. This is an all faiths prayer event. Everyone welcome to attend.

Youth Director

Are you are being called to be our Youth Director? Please fill out an application on the website, call the Parish Office or let Fr. Jimmy know.

Messy Family Retreat: October 13th & 14th

Topics covered are: Parent's secret weapon-how to grow a dynamic family culture, How to step more fully into your role in forming your children, why and how to make your marriage the foundation of the family & how to become the spiritual leaders of your home! For more information or to sign-up <https://messyfamilyproject.org/mfu-registration-alexandria-mn/>. Cost \$65 per person.

Young Adults: Vessels of Hope: Oct. 28th

Steve Angrisano, Catholic musician and speaker will lead our Diocesan Young Adult Day on Saturday, October 28th from 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at St. Cloud Newman Center and St. Cloud State University. For more information and to register, please visit <https://stcdio.org/vessels-of-hope/>.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

September Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

September Bank Deposit: Jane Keppers

Saturday, September 30th – 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Bob Theisen

Rebecca Schmidt (C) Alice Westrich (C)

Lector: Jane Keppers

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Syl & Ellie Tschida

St. Francis Fall Festival

There will be a festival meeting on Thursday, September 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring your ideas and suggestions for next year.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, Oct 1st- 8:00 a.m. (at St. Mary's)

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Joan Theisen (C) , Jerry Theisen (C)

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Ralph & Sally Schleper

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, October 1st– 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Dave Scholz

Renee Scholz (C) Cindy Koehn (C)

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Mary Frie

Gift Bearers: Tom & Theresa Lange

Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Area Events

St. Rose of Lima Parish 125th Jubilee: Oct. 1st

Event begins with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Open House & Luncheon 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast Bargain Bin Sale: Oct. 1st & 15th

The Little Falls Senior Center (510 N.E. 7th Street) will serve from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Adults: \$8, 6-10: \$4 and 5 & under: FREE

Mass of Hope & Healing: Oct. 5th This special Mass is for couples who are experiencing infertility or the loss of a child through miscarriage, SIDS, illness, accident or abortion. Part of this event consists of a Candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie.

Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

As part of the Eucharistic Revival's Year in the Parish, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a free training workshop offered by the diocesan Office of Worship: **Oct. 5th**, 7:00 –8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls, **Oct. 7th**, 9:30 –11:00 a.m. at Seven Dolors, Albany, **Oct. 14th**, Holy Spirit, St. Cloud, **Oct. 17th**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Seven Dolors, Albany. Questions: Sr. Jeanne Wiest, OP: jeanne.wiest@gw.stcdio.org /255-9068.

WEEKEND COLLECTION September 17, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$505, Loose: \$80, Catholic Campaign: \$25, St. Edward Fire Fund: \$1000 **Total: \$1,610**

St. Francis: Adult: \$305, Loose: \$76, Votive: \$140.50, Campaign for Human Dev: \$35 **Total: \$556.50**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1785, Loose: \$122.76, Funeral: \$11, Campaign for Human Dev: \$111, St. Edward Fire Fund: \$40 **Total: \$2,069.76**

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Sept. 27th –Nov. 5th

Our parishes will be supporting our local 40 Days for Life campaign in St. Cloud on E. St. Germain and Wilson Ave. We need volunteers to **PRAY** (this is **NOT** to confront or protest) in front of Planned Parenthood on Thursday afternoons from 1-7:00 p.m. We'd like a minimum of 2 people at the vigil for each hour, so call a friend and partner up! Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in His Name, He is in our midst & there is no greater company than Jesus! To sign up or get more info, please call/text Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838. If Thursday doesn't work for you, you can stop by any time M-F 7am-7pm or call the Campaign Coordinator: Judy Haag (320) 453-7592.

Our Opening Rally on Sept. 28th at 6:00 p.m. features Dr. Haywood Robinson, former abortionist, now medical director & educator of our National 40 Days for life organization who will share his story of conversion. Please join us at St. Augustine's, St. Cloud.

Notes from Fr. Jimmy

God is generous in Blessings!

When we look back, we see God's blessings in so many ways. Let us thank God and one another for every success in our ministries. I do want to offer a sincere "Thank You!" to all who are part of the life of our parishes. So much happens behind the scenes by those who give of their time, talent, and treasure to benefit others. Think of just a few:

- choir members, musicians, schedulers for liturgical ministries...
- servers, lectors, ushers, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, greeters, sacristans...
- faith formation directors, teachers and aides...
- maintenance and custodial staffs and volunteers...
- officers and members of groups and organizations...
- those who serve on our Finance and Pastoral Councils, committees, and boards for parishes...
- those who work on fundraisers and social events –the extremely important outreach of funeral dinners and the Church Bazaars...
- those who carry out service in the broader community through programs like volunteer opportunities at the hospital, nursing homes, and social justice...
- those who take care of prayer line and intercede for the parishes and the world...
- those who work with sacramental preparation for first Holy Communion, first Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Marriage...
- youth and those who work with youth programs and events...

The list continues as we know. This is only intended to be an example of how many people are involved in so many ways and also helps us to think about how we can help in these ministries if you have never been before. Let us work together and pray one another and thank God Almighty for everything. May God reward all of you richly!

Clergy Conference - October 1-4

I will be attending the annual Clergy Conference from the evening of October 1 (Sunday) through noon on October 4 (Wednesday) in Alexandria. This year's topic is **"Scripture and Evangelization and the Gospel of Mark."** There will be no Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday. For any emergency please call the office. Keep us in your prayers as we gather in prayer and learning.

Fr. Jimmy