

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

The LORD
is near to all
who call
upon him.



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

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Mass Schedule

Sept. 21 - 27, 2020

Monday:	9/21	<i>St. Matthew</i>
	NO MASS SCHEDULED	
Tuesday:	9/22	
St. Mary	6:00pm ++	Roger & Agnes Notch - J & M Koczur
Wednesday:	9/23	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
St. Francis	8:00am †	Dan Wielenberg - Family
Thursday:	9/24	
St. Edward	8:00am ++	Tom & Helen Czech - Leonard Czech
Friday:	9/25	
St. Mary	7:30am	Donna Scholz - J & M Koczur
Saturday:	9/26	<i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian</i>
St. Edward	8:00pm	People of the Parishes
Sunday:	9/27	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
St. Francis	8:00am †	Karen Gerads - Judy Gerads
St. Mary	10:00am ++	Elaine & Mark Schumer - Rob Schumer

FR. DAVID ON VACATION

Fr. David will be on vacation Sept. 21 – 28. In case of emergency, contact Fr. Virgil Helmin at (320)293-6220.



Welcome Fr. Robert Rolfes to our parishes and thank you for celebrating Confirmation with us! Also thank you to Fr. Virgil Helmin for concelebrating!

Please keep our young men and women in prayer as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they are confirmed today!

Zachary "James" Bartkowiec

Paige "Sarah" Binek

Anna "Bernadette" Blonigen

Anthony "Hubert" Boeckermann

Austin "Andrew" Breth

Shanna "Brigid" Dobmeier

Nicholas "Bartholomew" Herzog

Katerina "Teresa" Jensen

Carter "Sebastian" Johnson

Gavin "Hubertus" Koetter

Emma "Apollonia" Kremers

Wil "Thomas" Leners

Matthew "John Bosco" Pundsack

Austin "Sebastian" Wensmann

Dylan "Andrew" Yurczyk



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Justin & Anna Wensmann

Casey & Kristin Weber

who were united in Marriage Sept. 19, 2020

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (10/7)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (10/2)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (10/13)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes



DAYS FOR LIFE

Fall Campaign ~ Sept 23th – Nov 1st Mon-Fri 7am – 7pm

40 Days for Life is a simple program of **Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Peaceful Vigil** to end abortion in the world.

This 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

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 in front of Planned Parenthood on Thurs afternoons from 1-7pm. 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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,462.00; Loose \$49.00; Fall Collection \$5,090.00; Votive \$36.50; Landscaping \$50.00; Catholic Charities \$72.00; Campaign for Human Development \$100.00; Holy Land \$105.00; Online Giving \$250.00 - **\$7,214.50**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,173.00; Loose \$68.00; Votive \$34.00; Fall Collection \$1,545.00; Catholic Charities \$81.00; Holy Land \$103.00 – **\$3,004.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$940.00; Loose \$34.00; Votive \$80.29; Building Repairs \$50.00; Holy Land \$85.00; Catholic Charities \$100.00; Online Giving \$100.00 - **\$1,389.29**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Youth Minister Position

Please note that the deadline (September 28) for our Youth Ministry is fast approaching. When a soul walks away from the Church, that soul usually leaves when it is young. 'Dynamic Catholic' states that 85 percent of Catholic young adults stop practicing their Catholic faith in college. Our Church is facing a crisis — we are hemorrhaging young people. But no major revolution in the world has ever thrived without a youth movement. The Church cannot reinvigorate her members so long as her young people are uninspired. Our interview team: John Kokett (trustee), Mary Jane Boeckermann (trustee), Chantelle Frie (SM), Bryce Westrich (Youth Rep) and myself will be interviewing the applicants the evening of October 1.

Vocation Awareness (Nov 1-7)

Our diocese and our country will be celebrating Vocations. When was the last time that you talked to your children and/or grandchildren about these vocations? Our diocese is asking that parishes have people in charge of this ministry. Is the Lord inviting you to become more involved in this area?

Welcome New Members Ministry

Our ACC Team is wanting to have one to two members from each of our six parishes. When new members want to join our faith community, it is important that we welcome them and inform them of various programs and ministries.

Thanks for Holy Land Collection

God's blessings upon you for your generosity of giving \$558 (along with our envelopes from April 10) The Holy Land continues to be a place where Christians feel welcome even if they are far from the Holy Land. Thank you for doing your part.

Miracle Prayer

Thanks to many people who took home this prayer card (I am With You Always). We ran out as more people than expected took them. We now have extra copies. Please, please take them home and give them out to co-workers, family members, neighbors, etc. This is called evangelization, that is, getting the Good News out.

Monthly Prayer Book

We have complimentary copies of 'Give Us This Day' which is a small prayer book including the daily and weekend scripture readings for Mass. This is for the month of October. We will have about 30 copies in the entrances of each of our Three Saint Parishes.

Rosary Crusade

Our Three Saint parishes invite you to join us: Saturday, October 10 at 12noon outside of St Mary's in our parking lot. This Public Rosary sponsored by 'America Needs Fatima', will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

Pro-Life Corner

Did you know that the number of abortions in Minnesota leveled off at 9,922 in 2019? Planned Parenthood grew its share of the abortion market in 2019 to a record-high 65 percent. "Planned Parenthood continues to inflate abortion numbers in Minnesota despite long-term pro-life trend," says, Scott Fischbach, executive director of MCCL. Nevertheless, pro-life efforts are supporting women and saving unborn lives. Are you interested in becoming more involved in standing up for life with our Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life? Please be open to join our sister parishes in the Holdingford area on Thursday from 1-7pm. To sign up or get more info, please call/text Marilou Sommers: 320.247.9838.

CCHD

Thank you for your generous support for the collection for the Campaign for Human Development. If you forgot, you can put in next week's collection.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, Sept. 26 – 8pm

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Tracey Hartung

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Mike Urbanski, Shawn Urbanski, Bob Brezinka

Mass Time Survey

"You have received a letter with a survey form requesting what Saturday Mass time works best for you and your family. Should it remain at 8pm during the winter months or does 4pm work better? The past few months, Fr Gregory Mastey and myself have been discerning and praying about what might be the best Mass times for our six parishes? St Wendel currently has a 5pm Saturday Mass and the diocese encourages us to stagger Mass times and not alternate

every year which we had been doing. We both agreed especially during this pandemic that this is a time to experiment. In our Three Saint Parishes, it seems like you (St Edward's) are experiencing the most growing pains as attendance is generally 40-45 Saturday evenings at 8pm. It seems that all three of our parishes prefer Sunday Masses. During this experimenting time ... what about no Saturday Mass and Sunday Masses of 7:30am (SE), 9am (SF) and 10:30am (SM)." Fr David

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, Sept. 27 – 8am

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Greeters: Dan & Rita Lange

Men's Society/Christian Women Meetings

Mon., Sept 28 at 7:30pm.

Thank You! Thank you to the Christine Herbes Estate for the generous donation of \$1,000.00. Eternal rest grant unto her Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, Sept. 27 – 10am

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Duke Lange, Michael Lange, Bob Blonigen

No Turkey Bingo

There will be no Turkey Bingo this fall due to the pandemic. We had six people met to discuss the pros and cons. With the awareness that surrounding churches have decided to cancel, we believed it was important to be in solidarity with our diocese.

Home Visit Volunteer

"Lord God, help our "Three Saint Parish Communities" to reach out to our elders and those with physical and mental limitations." Our brother Darwin Benek with his many health related issues would like to have someone help relieve Mary a few hours a week. She needs a couple of hours to herself. Perhaps you and others could come together to meet this need for Jesus?

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near." Isaiah counsels us this weekend in the first words of our first reading. We come together to seek the Lord in word and sacrament, knowing that He can be found in scripture, in the Eucharist, and in each other. We call to Him now, lifting our voices in prayer, aware of His closeness as we are gathered two or more in His name.

Thank you to all who joined us for our confirmation Mass either physically or spiritually. Continue to pray by name for our newly confirmed. They are living in some very difficult times. Many voices are telling them to walk away from their faith. Also, remember to keep praying that God would bring forth the right people to head up our Youth Ministry for our three parishes.

Know of my prayers during my upcoming week of vacation. Please remember to continue to pray for our Bishop and all priest, deacons and sisters. Did you notice the 'Prayer for New Bishop' in last week's bulletin? I pray that you cut it out and pray daily that God would bless us with another holy bishop. Please remember to thank Fr Virgil for helping out during my absence. Retired priests are the best! They are so wonderful in how willingly they give of themselves.

Our Religious Education on Wednesdays began this past week. Thanks to everyone who has helped to bring it about thus far. Know that first and foremost our mission is the safety of our children and young people. Rest assured that all our teachers and students who are able will be wearing masks, keeping social distance, etc. Please be patient with one another as our faith life invites to reach out during such trying times.

I am continually praying and discerning might there be ways to restore some more normalcy to our Sunday liturgies. I am focusing on the offertory time while staying within our diocesan guidelines: "passing of offertory baskets is prohibited until further notice. Baskets with long handles could be used by ushers. The gifts must not be processed to the altar, but, instead, brought from the credence table." I am talking with the diocese also thinking about if there is a way to involve our children more during this pandemic? Please flood Heaven with your prayers.

In two weeks (Oct 3-4) will be my final reading of Bishop Kettler's letter regrading filing a claim of clergy sexual abuse by the deadline of October 21, 2020. I know that these are very challenging times for everyone. Thank you for your encouragement and prayers. We will become stronger through this when we remain rooted in prayer. We have a settlement of \$22.5 million with the insurance companies, diocese selling properties, etc. along with each parish in our 16-county diocese contributing. The exact amounts will be made known in the near future. Thank you for storming Heaven with your prayers for our diocese as well as all victims and their family members of clergy sexual abuse.