

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

Mass & Devotions Schedule

May 24 - 30, 2021

Monday: 5/24 *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 5/25 *St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Brian Boeckermann & Beatrice Tschida
- C & S Boeckermann

Wednesday: 5/26 *St. Philip Neri*
St. Francis 8:00am Healing & Strength for Brayden Harren
- St. Francis Christian Mothers

Thursday: 5/27 *St. Augustine of Canterbury*
St. Edward 8:00am † Marcellus & Frances Theisen
- Jerry & Joan Theisen

Friday: 5/28 *St. Germanus*
St. Mary 7:30am † Virgil Burg

Saturday: 5/29 *St. Paul VI*
St. Mary 4:00pm † Cindy Fleischhaker

Sunday: 5/30 *The Most Holy Trinity*
St. Edward 8:00am † Mary Ann Koroll
- George & Karen Lashinski

St. Francis 10:00am People of the Parishes

Mass Time Change:

Starting Friday, June 4th Mass will be at 9am instead of 7:30am at St. Mary's.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St Marys Catholic Church - Wednesday, June 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 1-800-733-2767 and enter Upsala as Sponsor code. Help Save Lives and make a big difference in the lives of others!

Please pray for our Seniors as they prepare to wrap up one chapter in their lives and start a new one. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with them, guide them, and keep them safe.

St. Edward:

Zachary Bartkowicz
Korlyna Colbert
Austin Wensmann

Anna Blonigen
Cody Pappenfus

St. Francis:

Tony Boeckermann
Matthew Pundsack

Shanna Dobmeier
Nick Herzog

St. Mary:

Paige Binek
Tanisha Dingmann
Carter Johnson
Emma Kremers
Dylan Yurczyk

Austin Breth
Rachael Hartsock
Gavin Koetter
Wil Leners

Totus Tuus Time Correction

Totus Tuus for grades K – 6 will be 9am – 2:30pm July 19th – 23rd. Grades 7 – 12 will meet 7 – 9pm July 18th – 22nd.

Religious Education Registration

If you missed registration night, you can go to the link:

<https://forms.gle/N8if97tgeTve6BAs6>

Or you can scan the QR code:



Remember in prayer those in need of the Lord's healing and strength:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkowicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus (SE, at home recovering), Brayden Harren (SF, chemo begins June 14), Bernadine Bartkowicz (back at Serenity Village, she just celebrated her 98th b-day), Bruce Wolters (Bowlus, 2nd & 3rd degree burns), Karen Liebsch (SM, at home recovering), family of +Betty Zwilling (mother of Kari Hartung, SM), Robert Maciej (SM, at home recovering)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,091; Loose \$45; Muranga Diocese (Mission) \$886.75; Online \$400 - **\$3,422.75**

St. Edward: Adult \$875; Loose \$66.50; Peter's Pence \$30; Muranga Diocese (Mission) \$665.86; Online \$440 - **\$2,077.36**

St. Francis: Adult \$517; Loose \$64.69; Votive \$107; Ascension \$25; Peter's Pence \$55; Muranga Diocese (Mission) \$509; Online \$175 - **\$1,452.69**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Lawrence Mettler & Peyton Guthrie June 5 @ St. Mary

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Jeron & Kelly Wiechman

who were united in Marriage May 22, 2021

Over 80 Blessings! (June)

Bernetta Czech (6/6) SE
Donald Maciej (6/11) SE
Dorothy Gerads (6/22) SF
Irene Lashinski (6/24) SF
Clarence Maciej (6/29) SE
Roger Gerads (6/30) SF

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Peter's Pence

This weekend is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Thank you for joining Pope Francis by being a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. If you forgot your gift, please leave it in a marked envelope this coming weekend.

Fr Benedict Thanks You

He was truly most grateful for your kindness and desire to learn more of how to become mission centered people. At the end of Mass, your most beautiful way of engaging him spoke volumes to him about your love of your Catholic faith. No doubt Fr John would be most proud of how our parishes gave \$2,061.61 to Fr Benedict's diocese in Kenya!

COVID-19 Restrictions Lifted

As stated in Bishop's May 10th letter, all COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted. Please be respectful of others with their possible limitations such as not wanting to extend the sign of peace with a handshake or wanting to keep some social distance. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time of transitioning. Communion will be distributed up front unless you are physically unable as someone will bring Holy Communion to you. We are no longer required to sit in every other pew, so please spread the word as we can fill God's House once again! As Bishop Kettler stated: "Those who aren't vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks indoors for their safety and the safety of others in line with the CDC and state guidance."

Need Volunteers for Ministries

We have decided that for the time being as we transition this return to our "normal way" at Mass, we will not assign more various ministers (eucharistic ministers and gift bearers). Bishop is asking that all eucharistic ministers to have been vaccinated. Please volunteer only if you feel comfortable. Mass servers (2nd grade and older which means all our First Communicants are welcome), we hope you are willing to help us out. Next week, Fr David will have times set for practice as you invited to simply come and check it out.

Memorial Day: May 31

This is an American holiday dedicated to honoring the men and women who have sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. Military. Come join us: 9am Mass at St Mary's, 10am Commemoration at the school followed by a service at the Veteran's Memorial Park. It will conclude with lunch at the Upsala Recreation Building. Is anyone interested in being a contact person of our parishes for those currently serving in active duty? Would it not be great if we knew by name the young men and women serving our country?

June Outdoor Masses

Please join us during the month of June weather permitting, we will be celebrating the Eucharist outdoors for our Sunday 10am Masses in St Francis. Thanks to the Slew Family Band for accommodating this as their singing and instruments are simply Heavenly. Please remember to bring your lawn chair.

Invite Father David

Invite Fr David along with your family and friends to your home/farm to pray the Scriptural Rosary. The evening time can be flexible. The dates available are: June 9, 22, 30; July 6, 13, 27 and August 4, 18, 25. Please call Fr David or Central Office to schedule or if you have any questions.

Superboy Brayden

Thanks to all who took his prayer card. There are more in the entrance of our churches. Please, please take them and give to others. Multiplication of prayers means more and more graces for Brayden.

Catholic Century Farm Award

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more. These families, who meet a certain set of criteria, will be honored at a special Mass with Bishop in August 2021 with a certificate and award for their home. If you, or someone you know, has a Catholic Century Farm, please view the requirements and application form on our website to be honored for your century or more of farming with faith! Application deadline is June 15th. <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Saturday, May 29 – 4pm

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie *Lector:* Chantelle Frie
Greeter: Elmer Frie
Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., May 30 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck *Lector:* Shari Biniek
Greeter: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday May 30 – 10am

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt
Lector: Chad Koopmeiners *Greeter:* Dan Lange

Fall Festival Meeting

There will be a fall festival meeting on Tues., June 1 at 7:30pm.

Saturday Mass Time?

Please keep our parish leaders in your prayers this Tuesday, May 25th as we meet at 8pm in our church basement. What Mass time would be best for our parish beginning July 3rd? What time would be best for three parishes? What time would be best for our six parishes (Holdingford area churches)?

Corpus Christi Procession

Please join us following our June 6th 10am Outdoor Mass here in St Francis. Immediately following Mass will be a Corpus Christi Procession. On this great feast, it will be wonderful to give witness to our love for the Eucharist. Please call Bob Theisen (573-2933) if you want to help out in anyway. This will be similar as to when Fr Theis and Fr John had done this in the past.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

After greeting His disciples with a blessing of peace, Jesus breathed on them, bestowing the Holy Spirit and declaring that they could forgive sins in His name. From the time of our baptism, we have each been blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit as well. The Holy Spirit operates in us, guiding us, and strengthening us on our mission. May the Holy Spirit bring reconciliation and peace to our lives, our Church, and world.

Come one and all as our High School Graduates gather at St Francis this coming Sunday for our Outdoor 10am Mass. Let's fill our lawn more than ever! Remember to bring your lawn chair. Weather permitting this will be a beautiful time to bless our High School Graduates as they prepare for their next journey in life. Come congratulate them while encouraging them to remain active in their Catholic faith.

We priests received an additional letter from Bishop Kettler May 14th: "In light of new protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding mask use, which Gov. Walz said our state would follow, all individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are no longer required to wear a mask for parish indoor events/gatherings, including Mass, effective immediately. Those who aren't vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks indoors for their safety and the safety of others in line with the CDC and state guidance.

The liturgical adjustments outlined in my previous letter that will be reinstated for the feast of Pentecost remain, with one request: I have heard from individuals who have health and safety concerns about receiving Communion in the hand from Communion ministers who also are distributing Communion on the tongue. I am requesting separate lines for receiving Communion in the hand and on the tongue so that all feel safe in receiving the sacrament.

Last, I strongly encourage you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine yourself, and I ask you to urge your parishioners to do the same. I can't emphasize enough how important this is for keeping everyone healthy. Vaccinations are key to making continued progress against the virus and ensuring a safe return to worship and parish life. I agree with Pope Francis who has said that everyone should receive the vaccine, because not receiving it not only puts one's own life at risk but also the lives of others."

After much prayer, I have decided that at each Mass I or when in my absence the presiding priest will distribute Holy Communion on the tongue to those who wish to receive Jesus in this manner. We will be as careful as possible and if necessary, we will sanitize our hands before we give Holy Communion to the next person. Know that if you have concerns about any germs or viruses, simply receive Holy Communion from the Eucharistic Minister in the hand.