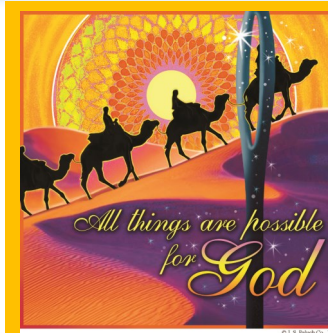


The Catholic Churches of

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



It is easier for a camel
to pass through the eye
of a needle than for one
who is rich to enter the
kingdom of God.

~Mark 10:23

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

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October Mass Count

Thanks to the ushers for taking a count of all who attend our weekend Masses. These numbers speak volumes as our diocese how best to move forward with our priest's shortage.

The previous weekend we had: SE- 80; SF-70; SM-161

Happy 90th b-day Fr Mark Willenbring: Oct 13

No doubt, he'd love to hear from you as he was your Parochial Vicar (2010-11) at St Edward's and St Mary's with Fr. Mike Kellogg. Address: 308 3rd Str. So. Apt.104, Sauk Rapids 56379

Public Square/Fatima Rosary Crusade: October 16

This is the 104th Anniversary in which people will gather asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede for our world, our country and our church. St Louis de Montfort: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy." Come to St Mary's in Upsala at 12noon as we pray in our parking lot beside Hwy 238. Contact Mary Jane Boeckermann or Karen Liebsch for more information.

World Mission Sunday: Oct 16/17

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October. This joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass next weekend, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. If you have a special envelope, please use it or remember that all loose collection from our regular offering will go toward this collection.

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 Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs, Jason Zwilling (pneumonia, sister of Kari Hartung, SM), Brayden Harren, (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (nephew of Theresa Larson (SE, moved to rehab), Bev Johnson (Gethsemane, cancer), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, back home!) Anna Schulte (SM, Memory Care in Melrose), Sr. Mary Peters (Poor Clare Nun, Sauk Rapids) family of † Phyllis Vornbrock, family of † Jeremy Phillip, family of † Betty Kane, Family of † Mary Salome 98 (Fr. John Odero's mother)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS Oct, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,483.00 Loose: \$85.00 **\$1,568.00**

St. Francis: Adult: \$867.00 Loose: \$73.00 **\$940.00**

St. Mary Adult: \$3,476.00 Loose: \$246.00 Catholic Charities: \$1.00 Votives: \$30.50 **\$3,753.50**

Mass & Devotions Schedule October. 12th - October 17th

Monday 10/11 Finance Council St. Mary 7:00pm

Tuesday 10/12

6:00pm St. Mary † Kya Bartkovicz

Confessions at 5:00pm

Adoration (no benediction) St. Francis 7:00am-8:00pm

Finance Council St. Edward 6:30pm & Saint Francis 8:00pm

Wednesday 10/13

St. Francis 8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving ~Gerry and Mary Jane Boeckermann

Thursday 10/14 *Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

St. Edward 8:00am † George Opatz ~Carol Molus

Votive Mass for St. Edward, Feast

Server Practice 7:00pm St. Francis– For those 3rd grade and up

Friday 10/15 *Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial*

St. Mary 7:30am † Elaine & Mark Schumer

Server Practice 7:00pm St. Edward– For those 3rd grade and up

Saturday 10/16 Mass for Synod (special readings)

St. Francis 8:00pm † Duane & Betty Herzog ~Diane Herzog

Outdoor Fatima Rosary at St. Mary at noon

Sunday 10/17

St. Edward 8:00am † Mark Wensmann ~Renee Wensmann

St. Mary 10:00am For the People

Server Practice 10:30am St. Mary– For those 3rd grade and up

Faith Formation

Grades 7-10 will meet this Wednesday. Come at 7pm as we will have a small treat. Classes will be from 7:30-8:40pm.

Three Saints News

Religious Items For Purchase: Oct 30/31

There will be Religious items made in the Holy Land available for sale before and after 8pm Mass on October 30 at St. Francis and before and after 10am Mass on October 31 at St Mary's in Upsala. John and Ann Miesen (Olivewood Imports) are dedicated to assisting Christian Artisans in the Holy Land to maintain their fragile source of livelihood. Ann has traveled to the Holy Land. Political turmoil has deeply affected the lives of the loyal Christian families who have skillfully handcrafted beautiful olivewood masterpieces. 20% of all sales will go toward the parish. Checks will be made to the church. Nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, ornaments, and statues too numerous to mention will be made available.

"Thanks" Giving Tree

This year we will have the "Thanks" Giving Tree displayed in the gathering space from October 30 until December 5. The Social Justice Committee is working with the Morrison County Social Services Dept. to provide toys/tools for infants, toddlers and elementary school children as well as hats, mittens and other items you desire to give. Please see the sign up book and follow instructions given.

Turkey Bingo: Oct 24

Mark your calendars for October 24 at 2:00pm at St. Mary's.

Three Saints News continued

40 Days of Life until Oct 31

Come and walk with Jesus while giving witness to the sanctity of life. The Holdingford area parishes will be praying before Planned Parenthood in St Cloud Thursdays from 1-7pm. Stop by even if you have only a few minutes. Monday through Friday from 7am-7pm, there will be people from other parishes and denominations peacefully praying and giving witness that Jesus is the answer and not abortion.

Fr Virgil and Annulment Info

In the entrances of our churches there is a one-page letter speaking about some of the process of obtaining an annulment. Please give this to any of your family and friends. No doubt there are many Catholics that could benefit greatly from this in allowing God's graces to come in. Fr Virgil Helmin (320-293-6220) is willing to answer any questions.

Diocesan Ministry Day: Oct 23

This will take place at St John's Abbey and University. Join Fr David and staff for this event! All parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend, but especially those involved in various leadership areas such as ACC, Finance Committee, Music, Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, etc. Any and everybody are encouraged to attend as deadline is Oct 18. The day begins with 9am Mass with Bishop Kettler and ends at 3:30pm. Call our parish office or sign up at stcdio.org.

Box of Joy is an annual gift ministry that is facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Every year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. Burdened by poverty, their parents are simply too poor to provide anything but the necessities. Supporting Box of Joy can bring hope to children in developing countries, providing them with memorable Christmas gifts and a much needed reminder of God's love. Boxes are available in the entry of each parish and instructions are inside each box. Take as many boxes as you would like. There is a large supply and the inventory will be restocked at each parish. Feel free to share this ministry with your family, neighbors and friends. God loves a cheerful giver! Our goal is to collect 100 boxes! St. Mary's is a Drop Off Center for the Box of Joy program area wide. The Drop Off Center dates are November 10th from 6-8:00 pm, November 14th from 10:00 am -2:00 pm OR boxes can be dropped off in the Parish Office during office hours. Please call Tamara Lange at 250-4688 if you have any questions and to sign up. Confirmation students looking for volunteer hours can work at the Drop off Center.

Dan Burke

an international speaker, author of the award-winning author, frequent radio and television guest, retreat master has this excellent book on prayer. Please contact Fr David if you would like to receive: Finding Peace Through Prayer: Into The Deep. Some of his words from his September 23rd talk in Holdingford: "Being good does not solve the problem of sin and the separation of God causes sin. Would you like to be forgiven? Just ask the lord... 'God, please forgive me.' Jesus is trying to shake up good people who think they are fine. There is a danger of going through the motions as Catholics". Even if you've never prayed, or if you've never developed the habit of daily prayer, God is waiting to meet you where you are and encourage you every step of the way.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., Oct. 17- 8:00am

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Shari Biniek
Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech
Greeter: Jim and Julie Wensmann **Server:** Isaac Harren
Gift Bearers: Greg & Renee Wensmann

Feast of St Edward: Oct 14

With his feast falling on Oct 13, we have moved it to Oct. 14. We will have a special Mass in St Edward. He was the first King of England to use the "royal touch," a form of laying on of hands by which many suffering from diseases were cured by him. Numerous miracles took place at his tomb, wherein his incorrupt body was enshrined. He is the patron saint of difficult marriages.

Crushed Granite Cemetery Road

Thanks to Larry's Trucking and Warehousing, Inc as they delivered 5 loads for \$2,013. The rectory driveway is also filled with the crushed granite. It is so nice now for Fr. David that he never wants to leave the rectory. He's afraid he'll wear out the driveway driving on it! 😊

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., Oct. 16th - 8:00pm

EM of HC: Roseanne Voss **Lector:** Clara Pflueger

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Allen & Renee Douvier

Breakfast/Silent Auction for Brayden Harren: Oct 31

Our little brother is 8 years old and fighting cancer! Will we do our part and help him? Serving from 9am-1pm with pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, etc. We have take-outs/curbside available, kid's activities including a project for Brayden. Cooks and servers will be in their freaky Halloween costumes. Silent Auction items can be brought to the church basement on October 30.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., Oct. 17 - 10:00am

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn **Lector:** Jan Kilian

Ushers: Brian Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger

Greeter: Mitchell & Brook Kingston

Servers: Lilli Leither

Gift Bearers: Jamie & Jenny Leners

Bank Deposit: Mikel Nelson

Notes from Fr David

Living as a disciple is a daunting task. Jesus challenges us and the way we live our lives. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus explains that keeping the commandments is not enough to merit eternal life; a disciple must give what they have to the poor and follow Him. The man who asked the question walked away sad. Even His disciples couldn't believe how difficult it was to get to Heaven. Only then did Jesus comfort them. Though we cannot save ourselves, with God all things are possible. Let us give thanks to God today for enabling us to achieve what we cannot do ourselves.

At the direction of Pope Francis, the Synod of Bishops in Rome has convoked a synod that will run from 2021 until 2023 entitled "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." It officially opens on October 10th in Rome and on October 16/17th in dioceses around the world. In time, the process will begin by listening to you. How is the Spirit alive and well in our diocese? Pope Francis deliberately wants to engage the People of God regarding what the Church needs to be doing to stay relevant.

"Thanks so much for your prayers as our workshop in Alexandria went very well. Bishop Kettler, priests and deacons connected very well in prayer, listening to various talks and praying together. Bishop Seitz from El Paso, TX specializes in the liturgy or Mass as we spent time talking about it. Some of his words: "Celebrate the liturgy as it's the most important thing I do. The early Church would sing from start to finish. There's something that music does that raises our minds to God. At Mass, we priests need to be doing no more than one thing at a time and not multi-tasking. Mass is extremely personal, but not private. Everyone has a central role. We're uniting people throughout the world and throughout time. Moments of silence are of extreme importance."

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of human life. What will each one of us do this month that will make a difference?

Thanks so much for all your prayers the past couple months. I am so grateful that Jessie Johnson and Randi Klasen stepped forward expressing their willingness to work in our parishes. Please help me welcome them. As they now introduce themselves, please remain patient as it will take time for them to get acclimated to these new positions.

"I recently moved to the Upsala area with my wonderful husband, Mike, about two years ago. We have four kids; Olivia, Riley, Wyatt and Alex. I was born in Freeport, Illinois and moved to Minnesota in the late '80's. In my spare time I garden-canning anything that is able to be canned, take care of our new chickens and enjoy camping. A fun fact: my grandpa grew up in Swanville." ~Randi Klasen
"My husband, Jeff, and I live south of Avon on a small lake. Both our sons, Jeff and Will, are grown up already (it goes by fast). One is married and the other engaged. I have two pairs of ducks-the first pair given to us by Janice Wuebbers (so fun). I enjoy spending time outside gardening, foraging and drying wild foods, running/walking, and hanging out on the pontoon. For fun I am trying to learn Spanish and watercolor painting. ~Jessie Johnson