

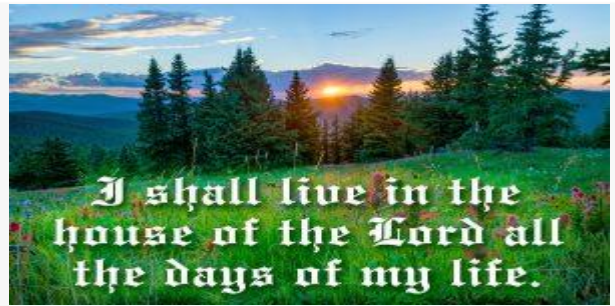
The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office before desired baptism date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled with the exception of Tues. evening.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiynek, Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg

The above prayer list will be refreshed the start of the new Liturgical Year, which is Nov. 29. All names will be cleared out. If you wish to remain on the list, call the office.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,005.00; Loose \$172.00; Landscaping \$100.00; Fall Collection \$650.00; Catholic Charities \$60.00; Online giving \$180.00 - **\$3,167.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,215.00; Loose \$98.29; Votive \$12.00; Fall Collection \$575.00 - **\$1,900.29**

St. Francis: Adult \$565.00; Loose \$68.00; Online giving \$255.00 - **\$888.00**

Mass Schedule

Oct. 12 - 18, 2020

Monday: 10/12 *St. Wilfrid*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 10/13 *St. Edward the Confessor*
St. Mary 6:00pm †† Elaine & Mark Schumer

Wednesday: 10/14 *St. Callistus I*
St. Francis 8:00am † Audrey Pflueger

Thursday: 10/15 *St. Teresa of Jesus*
St. Edward 8:00am Health of Mother of Mercy residents, tenants and staff

Friday: 10/16 *St. Hedwig*
St. Mary 7:30am †† Joe & Celia Koczur
- Jim & Mary Koczur

Saturday: 10/17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch*
St. Edward 8:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 10/18 *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
World Mission Sunday
St. Francis 8:00am †† Herman & Veronica Notch
- Don & Eileen Stiller

St. Mary 10:00am † Gerald Roering



Religious Education

Oct. 14:

No Rel. Ed Classes – MEA Break

Modified Office Hours

Office Manager hours at Upsala will be Monday, Thursday, and Friday 8am – 3:30pm until further notice. Janice will be helping at the Royalton office on Tuesdays.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (11/4)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (11/6)

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

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

Boxes of Joy

Please join this wonderful ministry experience by helping poor children receive a Christmas gift this year! The Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry that is facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Tamara Lange, from St. Mary's in Upsala, is the project leader and has organized this drive to take place in our Area Catholic Community. Gift boxes are provided and can be found in the back of each parish. Inside the box is a list of gift ideas for children between the ages of 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. The total expense for each box are the contents inside, as well as a \$9.00 shipping and handling fee. Complete instructions are inside each box. Boxes can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. The deadline is November 15, 2020. The children that will be blessed with a Box of Joy live in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Grenada, and the Bahamas. For some of these children, it will be the first Christmas gift they ever received. Please join Tamara in making this ministry a family event where we can show our love and compassion as well as share in the joy of Christmas...together! If you have any questions, please call Tamara at 320-573-4108.

October Month of Rosary

Thanks to everyone who joined us this past Saturday for our Fatima Rosary Crusade. October was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. St John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. I pray that in our homes Mother Mary will become more present.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I & II – Barb Kobylinski & Ryne Pelzer Oct. 24 @ St. Martin

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Sexual Abuse Settlement

Thanks to Fr David for helping lead this effort by giving \$500 to each of our parishes. With each parish assessed \$15,500 which together with all 131 parishes from our diocese will amount of \$2 million. This is an integral part of the total \$22.5 trust. \$14 million is to be paid by two insurance companies; \$6.5 million paid by the diocese (selling property, etc). If you are able to help “pay for the sins of others”, your donation is greatly appreciated which means that less will have to be taken from our parishes’ Saving Accounts. Life is not fair. Look to Jesus. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please make your check out to your parishes with separate envelope and note in memo line. Thank you for considering this great need.

Pray for Our Family Farms

Remember to pray for our farmer during this busy time of the year. “I feel my beliefs align with what we do every day,” said Joe Borgerding who is a parishioner from Sts Peter and Paul’s in Elrosa. “It’s a vocation, working with family in our greater community. I feel privileged to serve by producing nourishment for others, while providing a good life for my family. It’s an honor to care for a small corner of God’s creation.” Please pray daily for our farmers for a safe and beautiful harvest season.

Vocation Awareness

Please mark your calendars as November 1-7 will be a national time in which our churches are encouraged to better promote vocations. Fr David will be giving his “vocation story” the weekend (Oct 31/Nov 1). Let us pray that we will have our young men and women from our area more open to the possibility of priesthood or religious life.

Fr Willenbring’s B-day

Fr Mark (retired priest) will be celebrating his 89th b-day October 13. He was an assistant helping out here and in the Holdingford area. Let’s surprise him with a card and thanks for all his years in the priesthood. He is living at the Speltz House (priest’s retirement): 308 3rd Ave S, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379.

Children Involvement at Mass

“Thank you for your openness of allowing your children to participate more at weekend Masses by bringing forth their collection to me following the petitions. Mass servers, we miss having you help out. Duties are very limited as to what you are allowed to do during this pandemic. I am interested in having one server at each Mass wearing their vestment and mask. They could carry in and take out the cross, ring the consecration bells and receive the basket from the ushers. What do you think?”

Pro-Life Corner

Have you voted already? Bishop Kettler recently sent out a letter: “This election cycle has been especially contentious, and I understand why some people are tempted to tune out from the messiness of today’s politics. But, as Catholics, we need to be engaged in these public conversations because the future of our families, communities and nation depend on it.” Next week, there will be two attachments in our bulletin (Bishop’s complete letter and documents which are a summary of the United States Bishops). Finally, remember that our fall campaign of ‘40 Days for Life’ is nearly one-half completed. It ends November 1. Would you like to join Fr David on Thursdays? Or please call Marilou Sommers from the Holdingford area: 320-247-9838 for more information.

ST. EDWARD’S NEWS

Saturday, October 17 – 8pm

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Shari Biniek

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Fall/Winter Mass Times

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I pray that this different schedule beginning Oct 31/Nov 1 weekend of having 8am Mass on Sundays will work for most of you. It seems that the Saturday 8pm Mass during the fall/winter is the preference for people outside of our parish while our parishioners preferred 4pm Mass.

Molus/Brezinka Decorators

Did not the fall decorating in our church touch your heart? It is truly amazing in our entryway what Adeline and Lone brought about. I think that they need to take their talents on the road and help other churches! Adeline is also so faithful is taking care of all the plants outside of our church and rectory. May God bless you and your family.

ST. FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 8am

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Holly Keppers

Greeters: Rosanne Voss & Janice Wuebkers

Wielenberg 50th Wedding Anniversary

Blessings to Herb and Sharon Wielenberg and their family. It is so great to have them gather for our Mass this weekend surrounded by their children and grandchildren. May their twilight years be blessed with more they could ever ask or imagine! Continue to pray for holy marriages.

Adoration of Jesus

Come and spend with Jesus this Tues, Oct 13 from 7am-8pm even if it is only for a few minutes or one hour. Please note that there will be no benediction.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 10am

EM of HC: Renee Scholz

Lector: Brian Lange

Greeters: Rosie Harren & Rosemary Mehr

Ushers: Robert Maciej & Mikel Nelson

Home Visit Volunteer

Our brother Darwin Binek is in need of someone to come sit with him to talk, read and just help pass the time. This would be a couple of hours of “light assist” to help Kathy get some groceries, medication, etc.

Landscaping Project

We hope that you are able to see what the Good Lord has brought about in front of our church. What a beautiful blessing you have given to our faith community for years to come. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a reality. If you would like to help underwrite some of expenses, please make your check out to St Mary’s and note ‘Landscaping Project’.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We are invited to a feast this weekend. We gather around the altar of the Lord, summoned by the Holy Spirit to share in this Eucharistic meal with family, friends, and neighbors, fellow pilgrims on the journey. May this feast nourish and sustain us as we go forth in joy to continue building the kingdom in our little corner of the world and beyond.

Thank you for all your prayers as I could feel the power of the Holy Spirit in choosing Kyle Lange, Sara and Matt Herzog, and Mitch and Brooke Lange as our Youth Leaders. It was a most difficult decision, and yet after much prayer and discernment some of the things which stood out were: “presence of both males and females, one couple married, other are single/dating, different gifts and talents as well their connection with various sports”. Thank so much to Beth Lange and Niki Koopmeiners as you would have also been a great blessing. It is greatly appreciated all you two already do for Jesus. It was a win-win just having these seven people express interest in this ministry. The past few years in my former parishes, there was no one willing to step forth. God is going to do some great things in our youth!

Thanks for your prayers to the Holy Spirit in my decision making as to what Mass times will be taking place beginning first weekend of November: Saturday 4pm in St Mary’s; Sunday 8am in St Edward’s and 10am in St Francis. After much prayer, discernment and discussion back and forth, I decided what is best for our Three Saint Parishes is the known and familiar in light of this pandemic. This schedule was to be implemented this past July for the current year. However, our ACC (Mary and the Saints) committee in following diocesan recommendations proposed our present Mass schedule. I am looking at this as a temporary solution to help us get through these challenging times. We will be having meetings in the new year discussing future Mass times. The diocese is asking that we do not rotate yearly. They prefer that the Mass schedule remains stable. Which of our three communities are willing to take the Saturday Mass on a consistent basis? (Please note that the reason St Mary’s is 4pm instead of 5pm is an effort to help accommodate our farmers.)

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your kindness, understanding and faithfulness regarding the Sexual Abuse Settlement and our Court Order Reorganization. Our entire diocese is going through this difficult time not knowing what is best. Only God knows, so let’s continue to pray that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus promises us that together we will come out of this stronger than ever.

There is a possibility that I will be attending workshop at King’s Retreat House in Buffalo October 19-22. It is still uncertain due the Covid virus. Fr Virgil is willing to take the weekday Masses in my absence. Please storm Heaven for us priests that God’s will may be done.