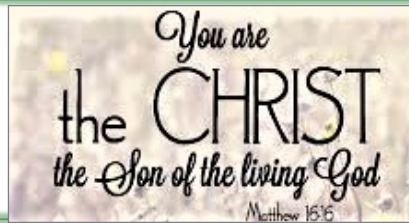




The Catholic Churches

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



Who do you say that I am?

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 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.
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Three Saints News

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, Sept. 1st & Monday, Sept. 4th for Labor day. Blessings to everyone for safe travels and for wonderful gatherings.

Wedding BANNES III

Tyler Roerick & Katie Maus
September 2, 2023 at Sacred Heart, Freeport

St. Francis Fall Festival: Aug.27th

Fun for the whole family begins after the 10:00 a.m. Mass with a homemade chicken and ham dinner. Stay for live music by LaVerne & the Starlites and Cruise Control. There will be Kids Games, Cakewalk, Fried Bread, Straw Stand, Country Store, Silent Auction and Grand Raffle.

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!

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Sept. 5th

We will meet at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.

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

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Monday 8/28		Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
No Mass		
Tuesday 8/29		The Passion of St. John the Baptist
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Alvina Theis
Wednesday 8/30		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Fred, Tom & Mike Freihammer ~Roger & Kathy Thell
Thursday 8/31		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Joe & Angie Korman ~ Linda Langer
Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary		Adoration
Friday 9/1		
9:00 a.m. St. Mary * Anointing of the Sick	†	Elizabeth Molus ~Adeline Molus
Weekend Masses		Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 9/2		
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Francis		Mass- For the Residents For the People
Sunday 9/3		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† †	Dale Wegleitner Leona Burggraff-Borg

Faith Formation

Opening Mass for Religious Education will be on Sept. 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. If you haven't signed up your children yet, there are forms in the entry of church and on the website.

Youth

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.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Sept. 16th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays: Even months are at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford and at St. Mary's Church in Upsala on odd months. The **September** meeting will be held in Upsala. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. For more information contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

Over 80 Blessings for September



- Jerome Stich (SM) 9/3
- Edmund Eggert (SM) 9/4
- Eileen Stiller (SF) 9/5
- Ione Brezinka (SE) 9/19
- Marietta Mueller (SM) 9/21
- Elmer Frie (SM) 9/23
- RoseMary Pundsack (SF) 9/25
- Donna Scholz (SF) 9/26
- Jake Gerads (SF) 9/30



ST FRANCIS' NEWS

September Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

September Bank Deposit: Jane Keppers

Saturday, September 2nd – 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Brittany Harren (C) Janelle Roerick (C)

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Allen & Diane Herzog

Holdingford Area Community Picnic in the Park: Sept. 10

Everyone welcome to join in from Noon to 3:00 p.m. for food, games and music hosted by the Holdingford Lions.

Grief Support Group

CHI Health at home is sponsoring a support group for those who have lost a loved one in the past year or two. Meetings will be on 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 11/27, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Rose Room at St. Gabriel's Hospital (808 3rd Street SE, Little Falls) This is a free service. Registration is requested by feel free to just show up. Contact: Chaplain Blaine MacNeil (320) 631-5588 or email: blaine.macneil@commonspirit.org.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Sept. 16th

All Women are invited to join for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Fall Conference Registration at 9:00 a.m., Mass with Bishop Neary at 11:00 a.m., Speaker: Kathy Janku "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" at 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Quilt drawing, door prizes & closing prayer at 2:30 p.m. Registration: \$20 payable to St. Cloud DCCW. Mail to Lora Knafka, 11719 16th Ave. N.W., Rice, MN 56367. Call (320) 393-2701 for questions.

Plan for 40 Days for Life: Sept. 27th - Nov. 5th

Opening Rally: Sat., Sept. 30th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Closing Rally: Sat., Nov. 4th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

If you would like to join in this peaceful walk for an hour, (7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday) visit: <https://signup.com/go/SKYavGJ>

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, September 3rd - 8:00 a.m. (at St. Mary's)

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen

Jim Wensmann (C) & Julie Wensmann (C)

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Ted Lewandowski & Jim Bartkowicz

Greeters: Raymond Prokott

Gift Bearers: Mark & Kaye Nienaber

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, September 3rd – 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie

LeAnn Beneke (C) Christine Weber (C)

Lector: Jan Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family

Gift Bearers: Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Area Church Events



Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena : Sept. 1st

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - an

evening of Mass, Adoration and reconciliation. This is part of the Eucharistic Revival to strengthen, educate and celebrate the beauty of the Catholic Church. Next event is at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud at 6:30 p.m. with Fr. Doug Liebsch. Visit: www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival.

St. Rose Fall Festival : Sept. 3rd

Food, Games, Bingo, Cakewalk, Beer Garden, Dice all start after the 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Polka Mass. Music by LaVerne and the Starlites then JMDS in the evening. \$20,000 cash raffle at 7:00 p.m. Join in the fun!

Becoming Eucharist Events Postponed: Sept 8th & 9th.

The retreat in Albany and family event at Lake George will be rescheduled. Watch for a new date.

St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party: Sept. 9th

Mass begins at 4:00 pm, followed by food, games, and fun from 5:00 – 10:00 pm. We will have a Silent Auction, Wine Wall, Bingo, 50/50 Raffle, kids' games, inflatables, along with a beer garden and burgers & more. This year we are featuring Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. All are invited to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

WEEKEND COLLECTION August 20, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$870, Loose: \$202, Assumption: \$190, St. Edward Fire Fund: \$1050 **Total: \$2,312**

St. Francis: Adult: \$835, Loose: \$85, Assumption: \$335, Assumption Loose: \$63 **Total: \$1,318**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,843, Loose: \$183.75, Assumption: \$348 **Total: \$2,374.75**

Notes from Fr. Jimmy

Before I received my driver's license, I spent a few hours practicing my driving skills. Patrick was my guide and instructor. He had me drive the free-ways, the highways, the city streets, all kinds of roads. I did all the driving. Patrick just sat beside me. Never once did I feel any sort of nervousness. A few weeks later, after securing my driver's license, I went for a drive. This time I was all alone. All at once my legs and hands started to shake. My heart began to beat rapidly. "Why?" I asked myself, "I have my license now...before I had no license ... but I never experienced any fear at all". I started to rethink. Then I came to the insight that I needed. When I drove before I was not alone. Beside me was a person who was an expert in driving and he could control the car in case of any danger. Though he was not driving, his mere presence gave me confidence. Presence of the other is a great strength.

The readings for this weekend confront us with two basic questions, Who is Jesus? And why belong to the Church? Our answers to these questions should fill us with urgency to live the faith. The awareness of God's presence is the most powerful strength that I can have on my journey of life. Peter realized the need of Jesus' presence in his life many times, because he knew Who Jesus is. The example of Peter walking over the water is a telling example of this fact. As long as he was in the presence of Jesus, Peter could walk on water. The moment he got distracted, he began to sink (Mt 14:22-33).

We can think of experiencing God's presence in a numerous ways. The Eucharist, however, is the only place where we can experience the real presence of Jesus. We celebrate the Eucharist everyday. It is highly desirable to reflect on this aspect of the Eucharist – the importance of God's presence. We have the opportunity to attend Mass daily and that definitely will help us to face the problems of our lives.

The institution of the Eucharist was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. He said, "I will not leave you alone. I will be with you till the end of the world." After the institution of the Eucharist Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me." His promise of staying with us is made permanent through the mystery of the Eucharist. "If God is for us who can be against us" (Rom 8:31). Blessings,
Fr. Jimmy