



The Catholic Churches

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



The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 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. Edward: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

St. Mary: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363

(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

Three Saints News

Phone Information:

If your landline phone has been disconnected please call or email us with a contact number. Thank you!

World Youth Day in Lisbon August 1st - 6th

“World Youth Day is without a doubt a gift, a gift from God inspired by the Holy Spirit through St. John Paul II, and it has been a gift that just continues to give to the church,” Bishop Edward J. Burns of Dallas told OSV News. “One of the things I learned when I was working at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is that of all the men who are ordained every year to the priesthood, 35%-38% of them went to World Youth Day. Please keep all our youth in your prayers that they grow strong in their faith!”

Vocations Paschal Challenge: August 19th

Men 9th -12th grade: Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch & Seminarians beginning at 8:30 am with closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. Church of St. Paul, 300 Sinclair Lewis Ave., Sauk Centre. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023PaschalChallenge>.

Over 80 Blessings for August



Caroline Sadlowsky (SM) 8/4

Dee Booth (SE) 8/15

Stanley Czech (SE) 8/16

Marjorie Lehner (SM) 8/22



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 8/7		<i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions. Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>
No Mass		
Tuesday 8/8		<i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary 7 a.m.-7 p.m. St. Francis	†	Arnold Scholz ~Sheila Gardner Adoration
Wednesday 8/9		<i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	David Voss
Thursday 8/10		<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Dorothy Gerads Adoration
Friday 8/11		<i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i>
9:00 a.m. St. Mary	†	Bill Pohlman
Weekend Masses		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 8/12		<i>Saint Jane France do Chantal, Religious</i>
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†	Communion Service Deceased Members of Thell & Freihammer Families
Sunday 8/13		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	†	For the People Joe, Elaine & Mark Schumer

Faith Formation

23/24 Religious Education Registration



If you have not registered for Religious Education, please scan the QR code, fill out the registration form at the back church or visit: <https://forms.gle/wofZhaebr536sg4s6>

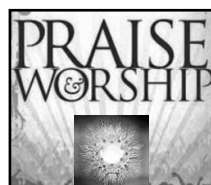
Youth

Youth Director

There is an immediate opening for a Youth Director. Please fill out an application on the website, call the Parish Office or let Fr. Jimmy know.

Youth Group Food Stand: Heritage Days, August 12th

The youth group from our parishes is once again having a food stand at Upsala Heritage Days on August 12th. If anyone is willing to help us out again, it would be greatly appreciated! All proceeds will go to support those going to NCYC this fall and the youth group. Please come out after the parade at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy some great food and support our worthy cause. If you can help, please call Mike Klasen (320) 248-3600 or Chad Koopmeiners (320) 293-7092. Thanks!



Praise and Adoration: August 7th

Join the Holdingford parishes at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints - St. Mary's. There will be music and of course, **Jesus!**

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

August Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

August Bank Deposit: Frank Koopmeiners

Saturday, August 12th- 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Joyce Koopmeiners (C) & Judy Theisen (C)

Lector: Jim Scholz

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Dan & Sarah Roerick

Church Cleaning: August 7th

It's that time of year again! We will be washing dishes and giving our church and shed an overall cleaning beginning at 6:00 p.m. If that doesn't work for you, please feel free to come before. A list will be available in the church basement of what needs to be done.

St Francis Festival Auction meeting: August 8th

Meet in the church basement at 7:15 p.m. Please call and get your auction items in. Call or text Carol (320) 290-9790, Jane (320) 232-3290, Rosanne (320) 249-8910 or Kathy (320) 293-7485 with questions or donations.

St. Francis Fall Festival: August 27th

Our Fall Festival is fast approaching. If anybody would like to volunteer to help out the day before or the day of, call Craig Voss 573-2068 or Bob Theisen 573-2933. The job and donation slip you received with your raffle tickets asks you to bring 2 cakes. If you feel like doing more the Cake Walk needs extra cakes this year.

Additional raffle chances are available at the Parish Office or contact Joyce Koopmeiners (320) 573-2728.

If you have items for the silent auction (Canned pickles, jelly, craft items etc.) Call or text Carol (320) 290-9790, Jane (320) 232-3290, Rosanne (320) 249-8910 or Kathy (320) 293-7485 with questions or donations. Thank you!

Please note: We will have a Festival worker's Mass on Saturday, August 26th at 4:00 p.m. Anyone may attend.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, August 13th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Joan Theisen,

Ted Lewandowski (C) & Jim Wensmann (C)

Lector: Jerry Theisen

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Steve & Kathy Blonigen

Please note: Our 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass will be at St. Mary's and the Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Francis

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, August 13th- 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie

Cindy Koehn (C) & LeAnn Beneke (C)

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Servers: Emily Ripplinger

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Mitchell & Brook Kingston

Gift Bearers: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Cake Walk at Heritage Days: August 12th

Be prepared to bring your baked items to the Cake Stand that day. Thank you! Contact: Mary Frie 573-2311

WEEKEND COLLECTION July 30, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$745, Loose: \$139 **Total: \$884**

St. Francis: Adult: \$465, Loose: \$123, Votive: \$186.70

Total: \$774.70

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,249, Loose: \$166.57 **Total: \$2,415.57**

Upsala Heritage Days: August 12th

Have fun and come support our Youth Group Food Stand St. Mary's Cake Walk Stand at this year's Upsala Heritage Days. The Theme is 'Let Freedom Ring' in honor of our Veterans. Parade starts at 4:00 p.m.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: August 12th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 8:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The next meeting is on August 12th. Call or text Janel (320)290-2877 for more information.

Fall Marian Shrines Pilgrimage: October 8th-11th

Join our faith communities Marian Shrine Pilgrimage to three shrines in Wisconsin, including participation in the first ever Solemnity Mass at "The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion", an official Marian Apparition site. We will also visit Holy Hill Basilica and The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. JeriCo Christian Journeys is arranging all transportation and accommodations. This is open for all parishioners of our ACC. The price \$895 per person is all-inclusive. Please join me, Deacon Dan, (Holdingford New Evangelization Coordinator) as your Spiritual Director for this amazing opportunity. Brochures are available in the back of our churches. To register contact: Colleen@jericochristianjourneys.com or 1-877-453-7426.

Notes from Fr. Jimmy

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you all again for keeping our Elmdale parish family in your prayers and thoughts. We have been blessed with many good people to work and make everything back to normal and we are moving forward. We are still in the cleaning process, and it will take time since there is a lot of cleaning needed. The restoration work will begin eventually, keep us in your prayers.

This week we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The scene of the Transfiguration must change the heart of anyone who looks at it. Peter, James, and John will not return as the same people they were when they arrived on the mountaintop. The beauty of the resplendent Jesus and the glimpse of his coming passion uplift and transform us. Like the disciples at Pentecost we are touched by the Holy Spirit. The love of God has affected our hearts.

Changed by this sight of Jesus, we look for directions and guidance. How are we to care for, respect, and love others? We hear the voice of God the Father saying: "This is my beloved Son...listen to him." Jesus wants us to value God above all with daily prayers and attendance at Sunday Mass. Then he wants us to be faithful to our obligations to family, friends, community, and work. Many people depend on us, we love them and care for them.

At every Holy Eucharist, we see the glory of God being revealed in him with our own eyes. We hear the voice of God with our own ears. Thus, our message is altogether reliable. In this dark world, this message is a shining lamp. If we focus on the light and not the darkness, the day will dawn, and the morning star will rise in our hearts. Wish you all a fruitful week.

God Bless!

Fr. Jimmy