



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Lk 14:25-33

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Edward~ 7:15-7:45 p.m.,
Sunday: St. Francis~ 7:30-7:45 a.m., & St. Mary ~ 9:30-9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

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ADORATION

St. Edward's –monthly, the 1st Friday of the Month, 12-9pm
St. Francis– monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7am-7pm
St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday 12-9pm

Marriage BANNS II

Matthew James Herzog & Anna Jane Lehner
October 22, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi



A Theology Day: Sept. 9

"The Synod at the Halfway Point: Where are We Now?" — is presented by Kristin Colberg from 9 to 11:15 a.m. at Emmaus Hall, St. John's University, Collegeville. In this synchronous event (in-person at SJU or online webinar), Colberg explores the theology of synodality, Pope Francis' vision for the Church and what it means to more fully become a "listening church." Participation is free but preregistration is required at www.CollegevilleMN.com/TheologyDay or call 320-363-3560

Rural Catholic Singles Group: September 10

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The September 10th meeting topic is Conflict Resolution. Fire and Fellowship in the back yard after. Bring a lawn chair and beverages and snacks if you wish. Water and snacks will be provided. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

Blue Mass: Sept. 10

St. Mary Parish in Alexandria hosts a Blue Mass at 5 p.m., with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. The special Mass is to honor first responders and other emergency personnel. It is an opportunity to thank them and their families and to pray for their continued safety.

Daughters of Isabella's meeting: Sept. 12

at Our Lady of Lourdes basement at 1:00 PM. Note date changes due to Labor Day Holiday. Thank you.

Please pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Biniek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Bruce Wolters, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek (SE), Linda Mader (SF), Marlene Vornbrock (SM), Roger Thell (SF) Helen Heisick (SE)

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 9/6</u>		
6 pm St. Mary		No Mass
<u>Wednesday 9/7</u>		
8 am St. Francis		No Mass
<u>Thursday 9/8</u>		<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8 am St. Edward		No Mass
<u>Friday 9/9</u>		<i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i>
9 am St. Mary		No Mass
Weekend Masses		The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>Saturday 9/10</u>		
8 pm St. Edward	†	Bernetta Czech
<u>Sunday 9/11</u>		
8 am St. Francis	†	Betty & Willie Boeckermann
10 am St. Mary		For the People

The Central Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. Money Counters count on Tuesday as the Bank will be closed. Thank you!

Fr David's Private Masses Offered for this week

9/6 +Ann Marie Hartung, 9/7 +Edwin Fuchs, 9/8 Betty Wolf-Kane, 9/9 Alcuin Harren

Spiritual Bouquets for Fr. David

Spiritual Bouquet forms that can be filled with prayers for Fr. David are in the back of our churches. You can drop yours off in the collection basket or at the Central Office. They will be mailed to Fr. David to give him encouragement. Thank you!

Faith Formation

Our new year is about to begin! There will be a kick-off Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's on Sunday, September 18th with coffee and rolls to follow.

Youth

EPIC Youth Nights: September 21

Students from any parish in Grades 6-12 can join in on Wednesday nights at 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's in Holdingford for Mega-Fun games & Faith Filled Friendship! Everyone welcome from all parishes! For information contact Kyle.VanOverbekeyouthminister@tworiverscatholic.com.

Albany Pioneer Days: Sept. 15-18

Remember the good old days? **Bring the whole family** and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the 48th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany on September 15, 16, 17 & 18. This year is a four day show and we are featuring Ford and Fordson tractors, vehicles land related equipment and Cushman Gas Engines. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in-between!! Check the website www.albanypioneerdayss.com for details or call 320-249-0331



Over 80 Blessings for September

Jerome Stich (SM) 9/3
Eileen Stiller (SF) 9/5
Elmer Frie (SM) 9/23
Donna Scholz (SF) 9/26



Arts and Crafts Booths

St. John the Baptist Church, Swanville– Oct. 1

If you would like to have a booth to display your crafts at our 38th Craft/Raffle event from 9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. contact Charee 573-4271 or cpelzer@leadstone.com

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, September 3 - 8:00 p. m.

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Ted Lewandowski

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jackie Wolbeck

Mark your Calendar

Due to a wedding, Adoration for St. Edward's will change from Friday, October 7th to Friday, October 14th. Thank you!

There will be a 5:00 p.m. Mass instead of the usual 8:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday October 15th with a celebration for the feast of St. Edward to follow. Father will hear Confessions at 4:15 p.m. before Mass.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, September 4 -10:00 a.m.

September Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

EM of HC: Syl Tschida

Lector: Barb Moorman

Server: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Lloyd & Judy Lashinski

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, September 4 - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Renee Scholz **Lector:** Kim Koehn

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen



St. Francis Fall Festival

Thank you to the many many helping hands who made this year's St. Francis Fall Festival such a success! It did not rain and also was not too hot! What a perfect day to enjoy each other with music, food and activities! Special thanks to Bishop Kettler who, along with Fr. Maciej, presided over our 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Silent Auction Committee would like to thank everyone who donated or purchased items. It was a great success!

Diocesan Stewardship Day 2022 is Friday, September 16.

This one-day retreat will include presentations, reflection time and celebration of the Eucharist. For more information, visit our website: <https://stcdio.org/stewardship>. To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/53D7LW6>

WEEKEND COLLECTION August 28, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$765 Loose: \$72, Rel. Ed. \$10, Assumption \$50, Cemetery Plots: \$200 **Total: \$1,097**

St. Francis: Adult: \$5,890, Loose: \$328, Assumption \$5 **Total: \$6,223**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,846, Loose: \$221, Assumption: \$25 **Total: \$2,092**

Mother, Mentor, Confidante

"As we mark the month of Mary's birth, it is a good time to assess just what role Mary plays in our lives. Over the years, I have come to see her as Mother, Mentor, and Confidante."
~Maria V. Gallagher (Author of *Joyful Encounters with Mary: A woman's Guide to Living the Mysteries of the Rosary*).

The Eucharist and the Four Pillars of Stewardship Retreat:

Sept. 16th, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Seven Dolors Church, Albany. Join in for a day of reflection on God's presence in our lives and to listen for what He is calling us to do. This retreat will include inspiring talks by Fr. Michael Troha, time for quiet reflection, small-group discussion, lunch and Mass. Cost: FREE (*includes lunch*) Contact Anna Kampa at 258-7654 email AKampa@gw.stcdio.org.

Catholic Women's Conference: Sept. 17

Need some time for yourself this fall to focus on your faith? Then you won't want to miss the upcoming Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, September 17, at St. Mary's Parish in Alexandria. The Diocese of St. Cloud, in partnership with the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, is hosting. See above for website to register.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development : Sept 18

Just a reminder that our diocese takes up a special collection for the work of the USCCB's Catholic Campaign for Human Development on September 18. You should find an envelope in your packet specially marked. Questions? Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org.

Koinonia Retreat: Sept. 23-25

Adults, ages 20 and over, are invited to consider making a Koinonia retreat weekend, Sept. 23-25, at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie. There's a poster on our parish bulletin boards explaining what the weekend is about. There are also a few registration forms in the entries. It's a wonderful way to renew one's Catholic faith. Any questions, call Fr. David Maciej at (320) 232-0346. Cost is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Oct. 7-9

Looking for ways to grow in your marriage? This retreat may be for you! It will be held at Christ the Kings Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. To find out more visit: www.wmme.org or call Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720.

Grow in your Faith

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Sept. 8

The Church celebrates Mary's birth on September 8th nine months after the celebration of her Immaculate Conception (December 8th). She was born to Joachim and Anne who were deeply grieved by their childlessness. They became devoted to extensive prayer and fasting asking God that they might conceive. An angel sent a message to Anne "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoke of in all the world. St. Augustine considered the birth of Mary to have 'cosmic and historic significance.' He said" She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the Valley." ~catholicnewsagency.com

A Note from Father

Today's Gospel has a difficult, challenging message from Jesus: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." We are told by Scripture scholars that the word "hating", as used here, does not carry the same meaning as everyday usage gives it. Rather, it means to "love less than". Indeed, how could Jesus ask us to hate anyone, much less members of our own family? That being said, he does give us the teaching that no one else is to be preferred over him. That in itself is difficult. We ask for his grace, not that we might love our family members less, but that we would love him with a love that is greater than any other love that we give to someone else.
Fr. David Maciej