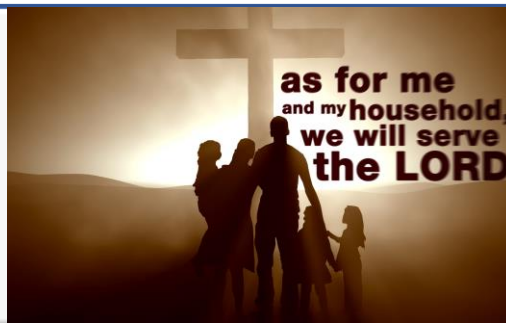


# The Catholic Churches of

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



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

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### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45pm  
Sunday: St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am, St. Mary 9:15 – 9:45am  
Tuesday: St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

### PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch (SM): 573-4127 Kathy Koehn (SM): 573-2363  
Judy Theisen (SF): 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners (SF): 573-2728  
Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

### 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

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting a date.

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

## Mass & Devotions Schedule Aug. 24 - 29, 2021

Tuesday:	8/24	<i>St. Bartholomew, Feast</i>
St. Mary	8:00am	† Paul Ampe <b>*Note time change*</b>
Wednesday:	8/25	
St. Francis	8:00am	† Jerome Gerads
Thursday:	8/26	
St. Edward	8:00am	† Katy Panek
Friday:	8/27	<i>St. Monica, Memorial</i>
St. Mary	9:00am	† Cindy Fleischacker
Saturday:	8/28	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
St. Francis	8:00pm	† Scott Keppers -Jane Keppers
Sunday:	8/29	
St. Edward	8:00am	People of Our Parishes
St. Mary	10:00am	† George Casazza -Jackie Wolbeck

**Office Hours: Mon 9am-12pm, Thurs & Fri 9am-2pm**

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### Welcome Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch

Please join us for our Fall Festival at St Francis this weekend. We are blessed to have Bishop Kettler celebrate the 10am Polka Mass along with Fr Doug con-celebrating! Come to the festival and meet our new Vocation Director. We have three new seminarians who will be starting this fall.

#### Helping Hands Collection

Thanks for your generous offering this past week. All totaled, we gave \$903.85! Is that not amazing? It is so great to see our churches cross denominational lines and work together for the greater good!

#### Helping Hands Free Bicycles

Praise the Lord as 11 bikes found new homes. \$114.55 was collected in free will offering. There are still 6 bikes remaining, so contact Karen Kobylinski or Fr David if you know of anyone in need.

#### Eucharist Ministers Sanitize

"EM ministers, please remember to sanitize your heads before you distribute holy communion. The mask will be optional. I plan to wear face covering for weekend Masses. Also, after much prayer and discussion, we will not be making the Precious Blood available at Masses for the time being. With the Delta variant on the rise, I believe that for now it is best to be on the safe side. I had hoped to bring it back in September." 😊 Fr David

#### Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory the Great, 12604

If you know of anyone that would like to become a knight, has questions, or needs more information, please contact any officer or Grand Knight Jeff C. at 320-630-2753. All Catholic men are welcome.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus, Frank & Doreen Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Joe Fuchs, Brayden Harren (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns), Rodney Bartkovicz (SE, stage four cancer), family of +Katy Panek, family of +Heather Hennek, family of +Don Maciej

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$981; Assumption of Mary \$471; NCYC Donation \$1,000; Helping Hands \$396 - **\$2,848**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$2020; Assumption of Mary \$182; Helping Hands \$376.85; Online \$145 - **\$2,723.85**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$5935; Assumption of Mary \$100; Helping Hands \$131 - **\$6,166**

### Faith Formation News

**Family Formation Kick-off—August 29 after 10am mass for students in grades k-6 and their families.** We still need cookies and kitchen helpers. Contact Reba Leither 701-426-1607.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/s Needed

"Please consider teaching this year from 7:30-8:30pm Wednesday evenings. Classes will take place three evenings per month. This class last year was taught by Reba Leither. Please, please be open to stepping forth and being God's vessel for our young people."

Fr David

### Area Church Gatherings

#### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Festival: August 22

Food stands, games, music, bingo  
Raffle Drawing at 7:30pm

#### St. Rosa Parish Festival--September 5

Outdoor Polka Mass-10am  
Games, Food Stands, Music  
Bean Bag Tournament—12:30pm  
Quilt Auction—2pm  
Grand Raffle & Cash Raffle Drawings—7pm

#### Holy Cross Church Bazaar, Harding—September 5

### THREE SAINTS NEWS continued

#### **Tropical Storm Grace in Haiti**

This storm followed a recent earthquake adding devastation to an already reeling population. Once again, to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering, Bishop Kettler is asking that every parish of the Diocese of Saint Cloud take up a special collection on a weekend in September. This special appeal will become part of the Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

#### **Priest's Retreat at St John's: August 22-26**

Please keep in prayer Fr Virgil Helmin and numerous priests from our diocese who will be on retreat in St John's. Abbot John Klassen will be the Retreat Master, so no doubt it will be an anointed time.

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9/11**

Join Bishop Kettler on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for a Mass held in honor of First Responders and commemorating all the lives lost. This will be a Day of Remembrance held at St Boniface Church in Cold Spring. Bishop Donald: "It is important for us to gather and pray for those who serve and to give thanks for their service."

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

#### **Sat., Aug. 28 – 8pm**

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners Lector: Clara Pflueger

Servers: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Volunteers

**Cemetery Trivia** 25 cents goes to Jim Krych from Holdingford, Jim Gerads, Chad Koopmeiners and Jim Scholz from St Francis who knew the correct answer was Elizabeth "Beth" Gerads with the headstone inscription: "There is only one real tragedy in life, and that is to fail to become a Saint." She was only 19 years old when she went Home to Jesus: Feb 6, 2013. Continued prayers for her parents Pete and Becky as there is nothing worse in life than having to bury a child.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

#### **Sun., Aug. 29 – 8am**

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Adeline Molus

Greeter: Megan Wensmann Servers: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

**St Edward's Day: October 17** What are some ways which we could enhance our celebration? Please consider how we may make this more special than ever! Following the 10am Mass we will have food and fellowship. What about some activities or events for our children? Please contact Kaye Nienaber (232-0633) or Jeff Czech (573-2677) if you have any ideas.

#### **+Donald Maciej-87 Went Home to Jesus**

Please remember to keep Jeanette, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in your prayers. He was a longtime parishioner and choir member and served as commander of the Bowlus American Legion Post #642. Join us this Sunday for 4pm parish prayers and visitation until 7pm. Visitation also one hour prior to the 11am funeral on Monday followed by burial in parish cemetery. Luncheon afterwards in the church basement.

#### **Thank you**

The family of Bernadine Bartkowicz would like to thank everyone for your kindness after our loss. We would like to thank Father David Grundman for the special prayers and time spent with mom and family. Thank you to St. Edward's church for the beautiful mass and meal. All your prayers and kind gestures were appreciated and will always be remembered.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### **Cake Walk Success**

Thank you to all those who brought baked goods and helped to make our Heritage Days Cake Walk a success once again. We raised a total of \$413.75.

### Sun., Aug. 29 – 10am

EM of HC: Jan Kilian

Lector: Jan Kilian

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Gift Bearers: Volunteers Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

#### **Tuesday Evening Mass Rescheduled**

Each summer, the monks of St John's Abbey invite all priests and deacons and their wives for evening prayer, social and dinner at the Great Hall of St John's. As Abbott John Klassen said, "... gather to give thanks for our enduring friendship and to nurture relationships for the years ahead." Please note our Tuesday Mass will be at 8am (Aug 24) in St Mary's.

#### **+Marcia Osberg-79 Went Home to Jesus**

Marcia, a longtime faith-filled parishioner, was very involved in the "Together Encountering Christ" (TEC) retreats in Belle Prairie. She also played the guitar and directed a youth choir at St. Mary's Church in Upsala known as the "Rainbow Children." She loved to share her faith through music and was a dedicated leader in the church community. A celebration of her life will be held Friday, August 27 at the Miller-Carlin Funeral Home in Upsala from noon-2pm. A memorial service will be held outdoors, across the street, at Borgstrom Park at 2pm.

### NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

This weekend, we hear Joshua ask the tribes of Israel which god they will serve. They had other options, for their neighbors worshipped other gods. We have other options as well. We could choose to serve wealth or status or power or pleasure, allowing something else to lead us and drive us in another direction. Perhaps some of our family and friends have chosen some of these paths. Yet we come to Mass this weekend, along with our families, our friends, our neighbors, as a sign of our commitment to serve the Lord. Let us recommit ourselves to serve God, to follow Christ on our journey through this life to the life promised to us in baptism.

Thanks for your support at our Heritage Days last Saturday in Upsala. I am hoping that the same blessings will come upon our Fall Festival in St Francis this Sunday! Did not the Food Stand truly rock? The food was out of this world! The youth and adults helping out were second to none as the service was excellent. A special thanks to Chad and Niki Koopmeiners from St Francis who made this possible. From organizing the workers to ordering the food, it was truly amazing how much work you put into this day. Words fall short for your dedication and commitment to your faith. All proceeds went directly to the youth who will be attending NCCY in November. Lastly, the morning parade was most interactive seeing the young children running back and forth. They loved getting wet with the water truck! Let's think about next year and possible float which our churches, youth group, religious education, various ministries, Men's/Knights of Columbus or Christian Women might become involved. No doubt each and everyone of you are just sitting around waiting to be asked to do another thing! 😊

Fall Kick-Off is upon us as our Religious Education year gets started for grades K-6 this coming Sunday, August 29! Did you hear that we have about 15 registered for kindergarten? Thanks to the St Francis Men's Society and St Francis Christian Women for providing a meal following our 10am Mass. You two groups are the best, for you are always willing to help out wherever it is needed. St. Francis, I also greatly appreciate all your help in this transitioning to this new family program. We know how in year's past, you had your own program for grades 1-6. I firmly believe that by having all three of our parishes come together, we will become stronger. Also, thanks St Francis, for taking the lead for so many years in underwriting the entire cost of Religious Education. Your leadership helped our Finance Committees from St Mary's and St Edward's take a leap of faith this year by covering the entire cost for all their children and youth. Lastly, I am especially looking forward to having the parents take a significant role in the teaching of their children. Parents, I know that we are asking a lot of you, but without a doubt I believe that you are up to the challenge.