



# The Catholic Churches

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



"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound." 1 kgs 19:13a  
"I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word." Ps 130:5

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 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.

**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

#### New phone number?

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

### Wedding BANNERS I

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

### 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!

### The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times

*Please note that this is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

- 7:00 a.m. All Saints
- 8:00 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi
- 12:00 noon St. Columbkille
- 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala
- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception

**Blessing for Collin Prom** will be at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, Aug. 13th at St. Mary's. Please keep Collin in your prayers as he discerns about his vocation to the priesthood.

**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 Biniek, Jim Negen, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Joe Primus, Gary Larson & Helen Heisick

### Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Monday 8/14		<i>Saint Maximilian Koba, Priest and Martyr</i>
No Mass		
Tuesday 8/15		<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis 6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† †	Don, Rita & Brian Wensmann Ralph Lange ~ Beth Lange & Family
Wednesday 8/16		<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Rita Ritter
Thursday 8/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Don Maciej Adoration
Friday 8/18		
9:00 a.m. St. Mary	†	Leona Burggraff-Borg
<b>Weekend Masses</b>		<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Saturday 8/19		<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†	Communion Service Tony & Ann Marie Hartung
Sunday 8/20		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	†	Betty Boeckermann For the People

### 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.

#### Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: August 19th

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 August 19th meeting will be held in Holdingford. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. For more information contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

#### 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>.

\*For those of you seeing this bulletin online early: Don't forget to support our Youth Food Stand and Cakewalk at Heritage Days this Saturday, August 12th! Thank you!

### **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**August Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

**August Bank Deposit:** Frank Koopmeiners

**Saturday, August 19th- 8:00 p.m.**

**EM of HC:** Rosanne Voss

Mary Jane Boeckermann (C) & Alice Westrich (C)

**Lector:** Barb Moorman

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Sheldon & Karla Tschida

#### **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 20th - 8:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann,

Neil Frieler (C) & Peggy Freiler(C)

**Lector:** Shari Biniek

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Barb George

Please note: Until our church is repaired the 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. Keep Praying!

### **ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday, August 20th- 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** LeAnn Beneke

Cindy Koehn (C) & Jan Kilian (C)

**Lector:** Mary Frie

**Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

**Ushers:** Tom Kilian

**Greeters:** Randy & Jane Tretter

**Gift Bearers:** Randy & Donna Roske

**Bank Deposit:** Mike Klasen

#### **Mass at the Vatican: August 15th**

At the request of the priests and staff at Cross Catholic Outreach, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of St. Mary's Church, Upsala on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the Vatican by His Eminence Cardinal Konrad Krajewski. Anyone with special intentions for our church may submit them to [crosscatholic.org/day-of-prayer](http://crosscatholic.org/day-of-prayer).

#### **Rural Life Celebration: August 20th**

An outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary will be at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of St. Nicholas Church, Belle River (9473 Co. Rd. 3 N.E., Carlos, MN) to honor Catholic families who have farmed the same land for 100 years. Bring your own lawn chair. Food and family entertainment will follow.

#### **WEEKEND COLLECTION August 6, 2023**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,025, Loose: \$88, Assumption: \$5

**Total: \$1118**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$277.80, Loose: \$102 **Total: \$379.80**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,297, Loose: \$174.62, Votive \$39.80,

Choir: \$125 **Total: \$2,636.42**

**Fall Marian Shrine Pilgrimage\*\* The deadline for signup is August 27th!** (From Deacon Dan) I, along with Jericho Journeys, have organized a **Wisconsin Fall Marian Shrine Pilgrimage** for this October 8 – 11, 2023. I invite all of you to prayerfully consider joining me, your spiritual director for this pilgrimage, on this journey of faith. Mary awaits! This is now open to our whole diocese, and any friends you want to bring! Stops will include, "**The National Shrine of our Lady of Champion**", where we will participate in the very special, first ever, local Solemnity Mass for this shrine; an historic event. This shrine is the only approved Marian Apparition Site in the US. Next we will go to "**Holy Hill**" and then finish in La-Crosse at "**The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**". Father Gregory Mastey will join us at our last stop in La Crosse for a private Mass in the Shrine. This trip will be hosted by Jeri-Co Christian Journeys. For much more information about the pilgrimage and the shrines, **For questions**, contact Colleen at JeriCo Christian Journeys. Ph. 1-877-453-7426 Email: [colleen@jericochristianjourneys.com](mailto:colleen@jericochristianjourneys.com)

#### **Notes from Fr. Jimmy**

##### **The Feast of Assumption:**

The Solemnity of the Assumption on Tuesday, reminds us of the many graces God has bestowed on the Blessed Virgin, especially that she was raised up to heaven to be united with her Son. In 1950, Pope Pius XII officially recognized the assumption of Mary into heaven as part of divine revelation. The well-known prayer, Litany of the Blessed Virgin, addresses Mary as the "cause of our joy." This title of Mary is most appropriate for the feast of her Assumption into heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation this year, so please see the Mass time for our Parishes.

Mary's entire being found joy in the Lord. She spread that joy to others, even the pre-born baby John, who leapt for joy at the sound of Mary's voice as she carried Jesus into their home in her womb ([Lk 1:44](#)). Mary was also present in the upper room at Pentecost ([Acts 1:14ff](#)) and surely exulted with joy as her Spouse, the Holy Spirit, filled the apostles, who then brought three thousand people into the Church.

Finally, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory ([Catechism, 966](#)). "She already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Body" ([Catechism, 974](#)). She has been "exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son" ([Catechism, 966](#)). Her assumption is a sign of sure hope (LG 68, Vatican II) that Jesus will raise us up to live with Him forever.

The Lord in His word commands us to rejoice with Mary as she is honored as the mother of the Church. Since Mary is honored, all the members share her joy. Wish you every blessing of this amazing feast of Mary, our Mother!

##### **St. Edward's Church Fire update:**

Most of the items such as pews, tables, chairs, and everything from the kitchen have been cleaned and stored. The statues will be moved next week for cleaning and restoration. We are in the process of various fundraising plans. You can go to our website ([www.238catholic.org](http://www.238catholic.org)) and find out more information on making donations, share this information with your friends. Please pray for the success of our Church restoration process, and let us make this intention as part of our daily prayer. And know of my prayers for your intentions.

Blessings!

Fr. Jimmy