



# The Catholic Churches

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



## Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 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  
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### Three Saints News

#### The Parish Office

We will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4th for Labor day.

#### 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.

#### Youth Food Stand

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Food Stand at Heritage Days for the youth. We had a great turnout and the youth appreciated all your support. Money made will be used to fund their trip to NCYC this fall.

#### St. Francis Festival Fall Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle. The list of raffle winners is posted in the back of church and at the central office. Thank you to all who donated prizes and bought chances.

**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 Biniak, Jim Negen, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson & Helen Heisick

### Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Monday 9/4</u>		<i>Labor Day</i>
No Mass		
<u>Tuesday 9/5</u>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Anointing of the Sick	†	Herbert Gerads
<u>Wednesday 9/6</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Anointing of the Sick	†	Norbert & Rosie Roering ~ St. Francis Men's Society
<u>Thursday 9/7</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis * Anointing of the Sick Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Arnold Scholz Adoration
<u>Friday 9/8</u>		<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary * Anointing of the Sick	†	Peter Prokott
<b>Weekend Masses</b>		<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<u>Saturday 9/9</u>		<i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i>
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Francis		Communion Service For the People
<u>Sunday 9/10</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† †	Leo & Catherine Hartung ~Ervin Y Kari Hartung Dorothy Gerads

**Please note:** The Friday Mass at St. Mary's will be changing to 7:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. starting Sept. 8th.

### Faith Formation

#### Opening Mass for Religious Education: Sept. 13th

We will have our Opening Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. If you haven't signed up for Religious Ed. yet, there are forms in church and on our 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** 16th-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.

#### Living in the Presence of God Retreat: Sept. 22nd-24th

Women are invited to attend this retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. It's a chance to Nurture you spiritual life, Deepen you awareness of the indwelling Trinity and grow with other women of faith. Contact: Sr. Christina at gfacwomen@gmail.com/ (701) 746-9401 or https://rb.gy/zm3ry9.

### **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**September Ushers:** Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

**September Bank Deposit:** Jane Keppers

**Saturday, September 9th – 8:00 p.m.**

**EM of HC:** Joyce Koopmeiners

Rebecca Schmidt (C) Judy Theisen(C)

**Lector:** Chad Koopmeiners

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** A.J. & Pam Welle

#### **St. Francis Fall Festival**

The Bazaar committee would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way last weekend, especially all the outside volunteers! Special thanks to all the raffle donations, food donations and silent auction items! Without everyone's contributions this would never have been as successful as it was. We served roughly 1,650+ meals, including children and complimentary tickets. As of Tuesday we took in almost \$78,000 (before bills paid). May God bless all of you for your generosity and hard work!

### **ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sunday, September 10th - 8:00 a.m.** (at St. Mary's)

**EM of HC:** Joan Theisen

Neil Frieler (C) & Peggy Frieler (C)

**Lector:** Jim Bartkowicz

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

**Greeters:** Jim & Julie Wensmann

**Gift Bearers:** Brent & Sandy Prokott

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

**Sunday, September 10th– 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn

Renee Scholz (C) Dave Scholz (C)

**Lector:** Kim Koehn

**Servers:** Emily Ripplinger

**Ushers:** Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger

**Greeters:** Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Jan Kilian

**Bank Deposit:** Judy Michels

### **Area Church Events**

#### **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.

**God's love is a gift** to be freely given and freely received. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English weekend will be held September 22-24, 2023, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

#### **WEEKEND COLLECTION August 27, 2023**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$660, Loose: \$114, Assumption: \$10,  
St. Edward Fire Fund: \$500 **Total: \$1,284**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$845, Loose: \$412 **Total: \$1,257**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,276, Loose: \$107, Assumption: \$10,  
Statue: \$125, Cemetery: \$20, Choir Fund: \$175

**Total: \$1,713**

**Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group:** 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 on September 9<sup>th</sup> will not be held.** Some group members are joining the Frassati Outdoor Club trip to Boundary waters Sept. 8-10. Others are encouraged to join the festivities of St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party this night starting with 4:00pm Mass. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

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

#### **Another School Year!**

As Christians we are being formed in our faith, traditions and holiness of Life. From the very beginning of life until our last breath we are being formed and prepared for the life eternal. We receive our faith from our parents and we transfer it to the next generation. We can see an ongoing process of growing in our faith.

Faith formation is a lifelong activity of expanding our conscious awareness through communal experiences that stretch us as humans into new ways of being. We don't always know when that will happen. The important thing is to provide inviting and inclusive environments so that our children, youth and adults can explore their life stories within the greater context of a connected community. Everything we do as a congregation is faith formation, not just what happens in religious education classes. Everything we do together, consciously or unconsciously, is a part of the curriculum of the congregation. We are all engaged in an interplay of teaching and learning as a community. Through these interchanges we develop our foundation; our spiritual rock upon which our individual and communal faith grows.

We know that to transmit our faith we must live it. The Catholic faith is not just an aspect of our lives, but it is our whole life. Today's secular culture, which teaches from youth that devotion to God is a private matter, makes this difficult to see. Our society makes us ashamed not only to speak about God in the workplace or to our neighbors, we are even hesitant to show a vibrant faith to our own children. In fact, we often feel uncomfortable with our own religious desires. As a result, we rely too much on Sunday Mass and Catholic schools or CCD programs to teach our children. In order to evangelize our children, we must first develop our personal religious life. We can't give what we don't have. To do this, we must participate in the Sacraments as much as possible.

Our tri-parish faith formation classes will begin in two weeks. I want to encourage all parents to seriously consider sending your children to this program of our Church. The Faith Formation Program is the most important part of the Church and as a worshipping community it is our responsibility to help the next generation to grow in FAITH. I humbly ask you, all parents, to take this as part of your responsibility to help your children to attend and benefit this Program. My sincere thanks to the DRE's, who have been working behind the scenes for many weeks already preparing for this year; to our teachers and aides; to parents who support the classroom work and faith experiences by reinforcing those lessons at home and at the Sunday Eucharist; and to all who give of their time and prayer to make this important work of the Church a reality. God Bless!  
**Fr. Jimmy**