

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

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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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Audrey Pflueger, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson

Fr. Jeremy Theis will be leaving our parish cluster. His last day will be June 28. Fr. David Grundman will be our new pastor starting June 30. If you are able, please join us for a gathering for Fr. Theis June 28th after the 10am Mass until 1:00pm at St. Mary. No gifts please.

Mass Schedule

June 22 - 28, 2020

Monday: 6/22 *Sts. Paulinus of Nolan, John Fisher & Thomas More*

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 6/23
St. Mary 6:00pm St. Mary Quilting Ladies

Wednesday: 6/24 *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*
St. Francis 8:00am Deceased Relatives of Gilbert & Carol Gerads

Thursday: 6/25
St. Edward 8:00am † Ray Jendro
- Joan Jendro

Friday: 6/26
St. Mary 9:00am Special Intention
- Jim & Mary Koczur

Saturday: 6/27 *St. Cyril of Alexandria*
St. Edward 8:00pm † Ken Heisick
- Helen Heisick

Sunday: 6/28 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Francis 8:00am People of our Parishes
St. Mary 10:00am Deceased Members of the Frie Family

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Night Prayer:** Fr. Mastey hosts Night Prayer on Facebook at 8:30 or 9:00pm check Facebook for updates.
- Confirmation date is yet to be determined.
- Bishop Kettler continues to suspend all Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.**

Area Catholic Community (ACC) Weekend Mass times starting July 4, 2020:

St. Edward: Saturday @ 8:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi: Sunday @ 8:00am

St. Mary: Sunday @ 10:00am

All Saints: Sunday @ 8:00am

Immaculate Conception: Sunday @ 10:00am

St. Columbkille: Saturday @ 5:00pm

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Pray for All Fathers and Priests

God our Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
may they find the courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers,
who have supported and challenged us;
may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.
We remember fathers around the world,
whose children are lost or suffering;
may they know that the God of compassion,
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us,
with fatherly love and advice.
Most importantly, all our Priests,
our spiritual Fathers, who guide,
teach us and lead us to You
and who feed and nourish us
with Your Sacraments.
We remember fathers, grandfathers
and great-grandfathers,
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nurture us with their love.
Amen

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,621.00; Loose \$23.00; Votive \$23.00 - **\$1,667.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,095.00; Loose \$66.00; Votive \$17.00 - **\$1,178.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,425.00; Loose \$6.00 - **\$1,431.00**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

From the Bishop: It was announced that the diocese and survivors of clergy sexual abuse reached agreement on a framework to resolve all abuse claims against the diocese and parishes. In the next couple of weeks, the diocese will file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as part of this resolution. I am grateful to everyone who worked to reach this agreement. Please continue to pray for justice and healing for all abuse survivors. Some details, including what parishes will be asked to contribute to the compensation fund for survivors, are still being worked out. You will receive more information about this in the near future as well as updates about the process.

An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Edward & St. Francis will be open 12 – 8pm

St. Mary will be open 8am – 4pm

If you have any symptoms of being sick please stay home.

Please wash your hands before and after prayer.

Urgent Need for Blood

The American Red Cross will be at St Mary's Catholic Church Wednesday, June 24 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Walk ins are welcome to fill in empty spots. Appointments – call 1-866-236-3276 or go to RedCrossBlood.org. Masks are required – if you don't have one they will be provided. If possible do the Rapid Pass online otherwise somebody will help you with it at Church. Starting June 15, for a limited time only, the American Red Cross is testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional service to our valued donors. The antibody test will provide insight to potential past exposure to this coronavirus as some COVID-19 carriers can be asymptomatic. Results of your antibody test will be available in your Blood Donor App, or in the donor profile on RedCrossBlood.org 7-10 days after your donation. Learn more about antibody testing. If you're feeling well, your donation is urgently needed. Your single blood donation may help save more than one life! Appointments are strongly encouraged.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, June 27 – 8pm

Lector: Jerry Theisen

Greeters: Jackie Oldakowski & Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Mike Urbanski, Shawn Urbanski, Scott Wensmann

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, June 28 – 8am

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Greeters: Rosanne Voss & Janice Wuebkers

Fall Festival Raffle: Please call the office if you would like to donate a prize to the fall festival raffle.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, June 28 – 10am

Lector: Michelle Fleischhaker

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren, Bob Blonigen

Raffle: The Finance Council has decided to not hold the annual cash raffle this year.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (7/1)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (7/3)

St. Francis 4 – 8pm Second Tues. (7/14)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

Updates have been posted as we have been getting them. These are the latest guidelines as of June 10, 2020.

Please note, churches are not designed to be sterile environments. There may be unintended direct or indirect contact with others. That said, we are taking recommended precautions to assure the safest environment we can but you are responsible for your own health and safety. To help us gather in a safe and loving way, Bishop Kettler has given some important directions. Here are the ones most applicable to us.

1. **Bishop Kettler continues to suspend all Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.**
2. If you feel sick, have a compromised immune system, or are uncomfortable with the possibility of getting the virus, please do not take a chance by attending Mass. Please stay home.
3. Anyone who is over 65 years old is encouraged to stay home. You know your health condition so use your best judgment. And if nothing else, consider attending a daily Mass with fewer people so others who work during the week may attend a weekend Mass.
4. We may fill our church up to 50% of seating capacity. Pews are marked for your use. Ushers will seat you.
St. Edward – 110
St. Francis – 115
St. Mary – 250 (including the dining hall and entryway)
5. People will be counted as they arrive for Mass. When capacity is reached, people will have a couple options.
Try a different time or place for Mass.
Watch Mass.
6. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of church.
7. Churches will be sanitized after each Mass. All the surfaces normally touched will be wiped down by volunteers. If you are over the age of 65 or otherwise at risk, please do not volunteer after Mass.
8. Practice social distancing. Please keep six feet apart. However, members of the same household may sit together.
9. The Bishop is strongly encouraging face coverings, and gloves may be worn. Please remove the mask and gloves when receiving Holy Communion.
10. All ministers must wash or sanitize their hands before and after Mass. This includes priests, sacristans, lectors, greeters, ushers, and musicians.
11. No servers or extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. This will be evaluated after a time.
12. Holy Water Fonts will remain empty. They will be filled again when restrictions are lifted.
13. Hymnals and Missalettes have been removed. To keep multiple people from handling the same books.
14. We will not have processions. The priest will enter Mass from the sacristy and return to the sacristy after Mass.
15. The Sign of Peace will be omitted. The bishop will reinstate this part of Mass when restrictions are lifted. We can turn to one another and say "Peace."
16. Congregational singing is to be omitted. There may be some music by an instrumentalist and cantor. Lengthy Mass parts are to be said.
17. Social gatherings are discouraged. If visiting takes place, please go outside for the fresh air and keep your distance.
18. Daily Masses will no longer be live-streamed. Please attend a live Mass on weekdays or watch another option.
19. Anointing of the Sick. Please call for a priest if you are deathly ill, having major surgery, or have a serious health concern.
20. Baptisms are allowed
21. Confirmation. We are waiting for the Bishop's office to inform us how to proceed with Confirmation.
22. Weddings and Funerals. These liturgies may now be celebrated according to the precautions as set in this document.
23. Please be patient. This is new for us as well. We are learning as we go and we desire that this process be as safe as possible for everyone.