



The Catholic Churches

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

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.

(Mt 22:15-21)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

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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.
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Monday 10/23	Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
No Mass	
Tuesday 10/24	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Nick Stodolka ~Brock & Christy Weber
Wednesday 10/25	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Roman & Aurelia Sundermann ~Jane Keppers
Thursday 10/26	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Mike, Lucy, Dennis Koroll Adoration
Friday 10/27	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Linus Lehner
Weekend Masses	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 10/28	Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Communion Service Deceased members of the Charles & Loretta Gerads Family
Sunday 10/29	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† David Breth For the People

Three Saints News

Reminder: Saturday Mass for St. Francis will change to 4:00 p.m. on November 11th.

Ushers: October Weekends Mass Counts

This is the last October Weekend Mass. Please return the completed Mass Count form to the Parish Office. Results will be sent to the diocese. Thank you!

St. Edward's Fire Fund

Visit our website to see fire 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! **Raffle tickets for \$100 each are now available in the Parish Office** and will be sold after Masses on Oct. 21st and 22nd. Drawing for the winners will be on Dec. 1st at our **Spaghetti Supper** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. 4-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. Free will offering.

Living Rosary & Turkey Bingo: Oct. 29th

Don't miss this event! All are welcome to join in 6:00 p.m. Living Rosary & 7:00 p.m. Turkey Bingo. Anyone who would be available to help with Bingo or in the kitchen, please contact: Mary 573-2311 or Nicole 630-4374.

St. Francis Men's Society: Oct. 23rd

We will have a meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Francis church basement.

Knights of Columbus Reminder: VA escorts on Oct. 29th.

Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kuroswki, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Jim Negen, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson & Helen Heisick

World Mission Sunday Oct. 21st/22nd

Today is World Mission Sunday, a day when we celebrate responding to the call to Mission with the words, "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." Our prayers and sacrificial gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the St. Cloud Mission Office support the efforts of clergy, religious and lay missionaries striving to act upon the call to love and serve as Christ around the world. If you forgot your World Mission Sunday envelope, you can send it to the parish office or directly to the St. Cloud Mission Office at: 11—8th Avenue So., St. Cloud MN. 56301.

Mission Office Auction - Support our missions!

Visit the link to bid on items until Oct. 31st. <http://scmo.betterworld.org/auctions/mission-month-auction-2>

Global Day for Peace: Oct. 27th

Bishop Neary is asking all of us to participate in this global event for peace with a day of fasting, penance and prayer as called for by Pope Francis.

"War does not solve any problem: it sows only death and destruction, increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War Cancels out the future. May weapons be silenced, and let us heed the cry for peace of the poor, the people, the children. Take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not in words—in prayer, with total dedication."
~ Pope Francis

Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Neary for Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27th.

Lastly, Consider making a financial contribution to the Catholic Relief Services who are on the ground in the Holy Land meeting urgent humanitarian needs. Send to: "Holy Land Relief" St. Cloud Mission Office, 11-8th Ave. S. St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Faith Formation

Oct. 22nd– 28th
K-6 Home Lesson: Vessels and Vestments
2nd grade: Lesson 4
7-10 & Confirmation: Class 7-8:30 p.m.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

October Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners

Saturday, October 28th – 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Brittany Harren (C) Janelle Roerick (C)

Lector: Jim Scholz

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Chris & Abby Fuchs

Church Locking

Starting on Monday, Nov. 6th, the church will be locked at 6:00 p.m. It will go back to 8:00 p.m. in the spring.

All the flowers on the cemetery need to be removed by Sunday, Nov. 12th. Any flowers left on the cemetery after the 12th will be removed and discarded.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. (at St. Mary's)

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen

Joan Theisen (C) Jim Wensmann (C)

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Dennis & Diana Trettel

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, October 29th– 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Jan Kilian (C) Christine Weber (C)

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski

Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klasen

Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Sept. 27th –Nov. 5th

Support our local 40 Days for Life campaign in St. Cloud on E. St. Germain and Wilson Ave. We need 2 volunteers per hour to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Thursday afternoons from 1-7:00 p.m. To sign up call/text Marilou Sommers 247-9838. If Thursday doesn't work for you, you can stop by any time M-F 7am-7pm. Call the Campaign Coordinator: Judy Haag 453-7592.

Box of Joy

Join us in our 6th annual Box of Joy Christmas gift ministry. You have a chance to share the joy of Christmas and the love of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world. Boxes of Joy are delivered to children in Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada and Honduras. If you don't have time to fill a box, feel free to purchase some school supplies, hair accessories, small toys, candy (no chocolates), tooth brushes and paste, soap, bandages, apparel, etc. and drop them off any time during office hours at St. Mary's Church or Lange's in Upsala. All gifts need to fit in a 9 x 12 inch box. The Knights of Columbus will pay for the \$9 shipping fee of each box! The BOJ drop off center will be open at St. Mary's November 8th from 5:00-8:00 pm, and November 11th and 12th from 8:00-12:00 pm. There is an opportunity for Confirmation students to acquire volunteer hours at the drop of center.

WEEKEND COLLECTION October 8th, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$465, Loose: \$80, World Mission: \$28, Fire Fund: \$1,200 **Total: \$1,773**

St. Francis: Adult: \$415 Loose: \$137, Votive: \$115.50, World Mission: \$20 **Total: \$687.50**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,599, Loose: \$141.84 Votive \$71, World Mission: \$447 **Total: \$2,258.84**

Men's Breakfast & Retreat: Men on Fire

All men are welcome to attend on Oct. 28th, 8:00-11:30 a.m at the Church of St. Mary, Alexandria. There will be Mass with Bishop Neary, Breakfast, Music, and a Keynote Speaker: Fr. Peter Anderl "Men as Spiritual Leaders" Visit: stmaryalexandria.org.

Engaged Couples Retreat: Oct. 28th

This event will be held at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Visit <https://stcdio.org/engaged-couple-marriage-preparation/>

Notes from Fr. Jimmy

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, THE BASIC SACRAMENT

(continued from last week)

Here are suggestions for how to make our participation in the Eucharist meaningful and experiential:

Reverence: Jesus was angry when he saw people making the Temple less reverential. He said, "Stop turning my Father's house a marketplace." (John 2:16). Often people show me pictures of their visit with Pope. They dressed like queens and kings and are at the best of their behavior. Going to a Town Hall meeting and going to Mass is different. How respectfully do we enter the Temple of God? Proper attitude brings proper disposition.

Preparation: The amount of preparation one takes shows the importance of the event that one is going to attend or the importance of the person whom one is going to meet. To make the Eucharistic celebration memorable, two kinds of preparations, namely, remote preparation and immediate preparation are necessary.

1. Remote preparation:- The key to remote preparation is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember the words of Jesus: "If your brother has something against you, reconcile with him before you offer your gifts at the altar..." (Mt:5:23-24). St. Paul repeated the same in a more aggressive way. According to Paul sharing of the 'cup and bread' with a blemish heart will invite curse not blessing.

2. Immediate preparation: Today as we are busy and are distracted by too many things, it is not easy to switch over from one activity to another like a machine. We need time to dispose ourselves for the next item in the agenda. This is true with regard to the liturgical celebration too. Once a lady said: "I am there at the Church at least five minutes before the Mass begins. I open the missalette and go through the readings of the Mass." Another person said: "When I enter the Church, I mark the sign of the cross on my forehead and reflect about my baptismal call." We need to develop a way to create the right disposition.

3. Participation: The entire Eucharistic Celebration is one single action. If we miss one part then, we miss the whole. For instance, through the penitential rite we prepare ourselves to listen to the Word, listening to the Word prepares us to make the commitment (offering), offering enables us to receive Jesus in our hearts and this in turn transforms us and commissions us to serve the Lord. Active and conscious participation in the full celebration is not an obligation, it is a right and a privilege. Yes, it is our right and privilege to know how much God loves us and then to rethink how much we love him in return. I encourage you to attend and celebrate the real presence of God at the Holy Eucharist with deep faith and trust in the Lord and enjoy the beauty of life, the God-given gift. Please try to find time and consider attending Mass not just only on weekends but also at least once on weekdays. The Lord is with us in the Holy Eucharist.

Blessings, Fr. Jimmy