



The Catholic Churches

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



Lord,
in your great Love,
answer me. (Ps 69)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
 Saturday: St. Edward: 7:30pm - 7:45pm
 Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30am - 7:45am, St. Mary: 9:30am - 9:45am
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

Appreciation Gathering for Fr. David: June 25th

Please join us after today's 10am Mass at St. Mary's. We will have a light lunch gathering to say thank you to Fr. David. Everyone welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage with Fr. David & Fr. Jerry Mischke

Check out this three-day venture in your faith September 18-20. They will be visiting two shrines and one basilica in Wisconsin. We will depart early from St. Mary's in Upsala in a chartered bus. The cost is \$695. Full payment is due by July 15th. Pamphlets are in the entrances of our churches. If any questions, please call Colleen: 1-877-453-7426.

Change for Ministry of Lector

In light of Fr. Jimmie Joseph becoming our new pastor next weekend, there will be a slight change: lectors will begin our weekend Masses with a brief introduction. Petitions will be read as usual. At the end of Mass, he or she will make any necessary announcements prior to the dismissal.

Please note: We will not have the Children's Liturgy on Sunday, July 2nd. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus): July 7th

The First Friday Novena series will meet again at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Milaca Visit: www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival to learn more.

Seven Sisters

Do you feel it is important to pray for our Priests? The Seven Sisters Apostolate is looking for additional women interested in praying for our Pastor. Please call Janel Heinen @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, 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, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 6/27		Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
6pm St. Mary	†	Tony & Edna Boeckermann
Wednesday 6/28		Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
8am St. Francis		Living & deceased members of the Charles & Loretta
Thursday 6/29		Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
8am St. Edward 12 noon-9pm St. Mary	†	Jeanette Waletzko Adoration
Friday 6/30		
9am St. Mary	†	Deceased members of the Frie Family
Weekend Masses		Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 7/1		
10am Senior Living 8pm St. Francis	†	Communion Service, Upsala Fred, Tom & Mike Freihammer ~Roger & Kathy Thell
Sunday 7/2		
8am St. Edward 10am St. Mary	†	For the People Frank Theis ~Theis Family

Mass Counts

A reminder to all ushers that we will be collecting Mass Counts for the diocese again in July. Mass Count forms will be in the Sacristy.

Youth

Totus Tuus: July 8th-14th

Thank you, host families, the many people graciously preparing meals, volunteers and also for your prayers! The Totus Tuus Team will be arriving on July 8th giving our children and young people a wonderful opportunity to grow in their Catholic faith.

Registration: Registration forms are in the entrance of our churches, on our website, or call the Central Office. Students in grades 1-6 will meet Mon.-Fri. from 9am-2:30pm and those in grades 7-12 will meet Sun.-Thurs. from 7-9pm at St. Mary's, Upsala.

Over 80 Blessings for July



Gerald Vornbrock (SM) 7/6
 Mary Jane Stich (SM) 7/6
 Joan Jendro (SE) 7/7
 Helen Heisick (SE) 7/8
 Valerian Lehner (SF) 7/9
 Rose Mary Binek (SM) 7/10
 Melvin Pundsack (SF) 7/11
 Donna Bartkowicz (SE) 7/11
 Carol Molus (SE) 7/28



Faith Formation

Confirmation and Grades 7-10 Teachers Needed

"Father God, September is fast approaching as our young people are in need of people willing to teach the faith. Help those who are being called to say 'yes' like our Blessed Mother for with You all things are possible.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

July Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

July Bank Deposit: Frank Koopmeiners

Saturday, July 1 - 8pm

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Brittany Harren(C), Janelle Roerick (C)

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Bob & Sharon Thell

St. Francis Festival: Aug. 27th

It is again time of the year to gather items for the silent auction. Canned pickles, jelly, craft items all go well. Call or text Carol 320-290-9790, Jane 320-232-3290, Rosanne 320-249-8910 or Kathy 320-293-7485, with question or donations. Thank You!

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, July 2 - 8am

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen

Lector: Jim Bartkowicz

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, July 2 - 10am

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie

Christine Weber (C), Jan Kilian (C)

Lector: Mary Frie

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Kinnlee Lynn Gerads Baptized

No greater joy than baptizing little babies into our faith. Kinnlee the daughter of Harley and Michael was born into this world December 14, 2023. Blessings to her godparents: William Gerads and Tiffany Loscheider and her grandparents Mike & Joan Gerads, Jim & Stephanie Panek and Kellie Boylan. No doubt her aunt + Katie Lynn Panek who passed away August 2021 is interceding for her new little niece! Pray that all families stay holy and close to Jesus.

Area Church Events

Immaculate Conception Church Bazaar, St. Anna

Join us on June 25th for Mass at 10am followed by Kids Games, Pull tabs, Beer Garden, Silent Auction, Bingo, Food Court, Paddle Wheel, Country Store and Raffles (quilt, cash & gun). Music by 57 Chevy from 1-5pm.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: July 8th

Join us at All Saints-St. Mary's to watch the parade at 7:00 p.m. Following the parade, we will join others in the backyard for fellowship, snacks, games and bonfire. Parise and Worship Adoration will also be available in the Church, Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for more information.

WEEKEND COLLECTION June 18, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$952, Loose: \$39 **Total: \$991**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,060, Loose: \$116 **Total: \$1,176**

St. Mary: Adult: \$942.51, Loose: \$174, Choir: \$125

Total: \$1,241.51

Area Church Events

Thank you to everyone from all three parishes that donate to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your generosity allows the diocese to give back to our churches. The diocese gives \$5 for every student in Religious Education K-12. For the 2022-23 Annual Appeal we received a total of \$540! Please pray that these 108 religious education students continue to grow in their faith and walk with Christ!

Notes from Father David

Life is difficult. Terrible things happen to us, to others across the planet, and to the world in general. But our faith gives us hope. We know that God watches over us, and has given us the promise of Eternal Life. We come to Mass on this weekend to praise and thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us, blessings that help us cope with the misfortunes, the wrongs, and the evil that we suffer. Let us glory in God's love and mercy.

It is time to say 'good-bye.' Yet in all honesty, I pray that this will simply be a time for each one of us to say 'hello' to this next chapter in our lives. As many of you have had + loved ones pass away and know all about the frailty of life. I will be moving June 28 as well as all other priests in our diocese who have received new assignments. The Little Falls area churches are not far away as I pray that our paths will often cross. I have many fond memories during my short three-year stay. I arrived when the covid restrictions were still in place (June 30, 2020). Tough times for everyone, but with the help of the Lord, we all became stronger. Reflecting upon the last three years, my heart is filled with much joy as there are too many blessings to mention.

I will never ever forget all the love, support, and prayers you bestowed upon me in July 2022 when a sexual misconduct allegation was brought against me. As I was removed from ministry, you immediately sprung into action! You were most amazing! Still to this day, it brings tears to my eyes. That was most powerful when I really did not know what was going to come about by this accusation. I knew this never happened, yet one never knows what could come about. All your letters and signatures stating your support for me filled my heart more than you will ever know. Fr David Maciej helped during this time as he filled in most admirably. It was around mid-September when I returned as your pastor. Thank-You Jesus!

One huge regret is my inability to help our parishes grow in the area of youth ministry. Your previous pastor, Fr Jeremy Theis was so gifted in that area and did much to build up this program. My prayer is that with the help of your new pastor, Fr Jimmie Joseph, restoration to more youth involvement and programs will help foster a deeper faith in our young people.

I know that God will be doing great things in your three parishes during the next few years. Without a doubt, there will come forth a greater involvement of people in any number of ways. Perhaps one of my greatest joys has been spending time with our elderly population. You are a true gift to our parishes. Thank you for all that you have done to make our parish what it is today. I will definitely miss each one of you. Until we meet again, Three Saint Parishes, know of my prayers for you as you hold a special place in my heart. If our paths do not cross on this side, I look forward to The Day when we will come together for Eternity!