

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

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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, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiyk

Missalettes will be in the back of the churches if you want one. Once you take it, it's yours. Please do not put them back after Mass. You can bring them home and back for the next weekend.

Mass Schedule

July 13 - 19, 2020

Monday: 7/13 *St. Henry*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 7/14 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Duane 'Whitey' Herzog
- Alan & Janel Marstein

Wednesday: 7/15 *St. Bonaventure*
St. Francis 8:00am † Jim Oehrlein
- Lorene Koopmeiners

Thursday: 7/16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
St. Edward 8:00am † Elizabeth 'Betty' Herzog
- Alan & Janel Marstein

Friday: 7/17
St. Mary 9:00am † Mark Schumer
- Joe Schumer

Saturday: 7/18 *St. Camillus de Lellis*
St. Edward 8:00pm † Jeff Kalis
- Denis & Marlene Carlson

Sunday: 7/19 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Francis 8:00am People of the Parishes
St. Mary 10:00am † Tim McDonald
- Fr. Theis

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Confirmation date is yet to be determined.
2. **Bishop Kettler continues to suspend all Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice.**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (8/5)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (8/7)

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

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

Youth - Steubenville Live Virtual Conference on July 17 - 18th

Experience hope alive at our very first virtual conference, Steubenville Live! Enjoy a virtual event like no other: live-streamed from Steubenville, Florida! No pre-recorded talks, fully interactive, and powerful worship music.

You are invited to join the Holdingford Youth at St. Mary's in Holdingford on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please call Shelley Vouk 320-248-2860 to register.

Adult - Steubenville Conference – Night of Hope

Free Livestream Conference July 19, 2020. Are you looking to be encouraged in your faith? Do you want to be set on fire with the Holy Spirit? Join us for a free three hour virtual Steubenville Conference for adults at St. Mary's in Upsala at 5:30 p.m. on July 19th. Adoration will be taking place in the church. This will be a great opportunity for our Area Catholic Community to grow in our faith as we listen to inspiring presentations by Dr. Scott Hahn and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Go to steubenvilleconferences.com/events/night-of-hope to learn more about the speakers and the schedule.

UPCOMING FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Review End of the Year Reports

Mon., July 13 – St. Mary – 7:00pm

Tues., July 14 – St. Edward – 6:30pm

Tues., July 14 – St. Francis – 8:00pm

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,800.00; Loose \$40.00; Online Giving \$250.00 - **\$2,090.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$819.00; Loose \$5.00; Votive \$21.75 - **\$845.75**

St. Francis: Adult \$740.00; Loose \$13.00; Online Giving \$355.00 - **\$1,108.00**



Please pray for Marie Atkinson who passed away July 10. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Anointing of the Sick

Fr David in his previous parishes offered the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick monthly. Elders and those with serious illnesses are encouraged to be anointed for healing and strength and not simply when near death. He plans to offer it beginning with all the weekday Masses August 4-7.

Carpenter Work

Is there any young person who is a crafty or even two or three individuals interested in making some book shelves for the office rectory in Elmdale? He or she is not expected perfection by any means as Fr David is simply hoping to create an opportunity for youth to make some spending money. Please call him or the parish office if interested.

Future Installation of Fr David

Here is some history of our recent celebrations: Fr Theis' was on a weekday at 7pm Mass in Upsala; Fr Odero's was at a weekend 5pm Mass in St Francis; Fr Kellogg's was on a weekend Mass in Bowlus. With all the Covid-19 regulations including very little music and no food, the Bishop's Office will let us know what works best for him.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Know that you can receive Jesus in this beautiful sacrament just as you did at our regularly scheduled confession times prior to the pandemic. St Mary's will return to using the confessional room. Please keep at a safe distance and the priest will have a mask available if that would make you feel more comfortable.

Mass Servers

We are sorry that you are unable to serve Mass during this pandemic. Hopefully before long, you will be able to help out once again. Would you be willing to ring the bells at Mass? That would be wonderful if you could do this as this adds so much to the Mass. If one server could come forward when we are reciting the Holy, Holy and then ring the bells at the proper times. You could return to your places while we are praying the Our Father.

Mass Count

Ushers, thanks for counting for our weekend Masses during the month of July. Amidst the Covid-19 virus, the diocese is interested in how many people are coming to church. Last week, we had 40 in Elmdale, 75 in St Francis and 90 in Upsala.

Churches Open Regular Hours

Now that our Churches have resumed having Masses, they will also return to regular schedule of being open all day as prior to the pandemic as the eight-hour restriction is no longer in place. No greater graces than stopping by to visit Jesus.

Finance Committees Meet

This week, finance committees will be reviewing Year End Reports. The trustees and Fr Jeremy will sign off on them before they are sent to the Bishop's Office. In light of the Covid-19 virus, continue to pray that you will continue to bless our parishes financially.

Camp Creation Online Vacation Bible School set for August 3-7

"Camp Creation: Day by Day with God," a free online Vacation Bible School, is being offered for parishes and families in the Diocese of St. Cloud during the week of August 3-7. It will be an 'asynchronous' experience — those who would like to participate may join in from 9 a.m. to noon each day during the VBS week or whenever they wish, after the activities have been posted there for each day. Every Day of Camp Creation will have a Bible passage from Genesis Chapter 1, songs, prayer, activities and snack ideas... and a few jokes! Start saving your empty toilet paper rolls for activities on Day 5! It will be hosted at <http://familytogether.stcdio.org/>. There is no need to register.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, July 18 – 8pm

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Joan Theisen

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Jim Czeck, Donald Welinski, Jerry Theisen

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, July 19 – 8am

EM of HC: Janice Wuebkers

Lector: Holly Keppers

Greeters: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Thanks for Prayers

This past week, we once again contracted for fuel oil with Crown Gas as we had in the past. They agreed \$.99/gallon. Thank you for your financial support during these trying times.

Fall Raffle - Please save the date: Sunday, August 23. We will have an Outdoor Mass at 2pm followed by the raffle drawing. The \$5 tickets will be coming out shortly. Thanks for helping to do your part. The Slewfoot Family Band will be performing before and after Mass. Thanks to all who donated prizes as we hope this raffle will be more successful than ever.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, July 19 – 10am

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch

Lector: Joe Schumer

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Darren Lange, Mitch Lange, Bob Blonigen

Notes from Fr David

How appropriate that in the middle of summer we hear readings from scripture that speak of the fruitful earth. Looking around outside we see an abundance of green. Trees and grass, plants and flower, gardens and fields are nourished by the summer rain and sun. When we gathered together for our weekend Masses, our faith is nourished by the Lord through the word and sacrament. Let us pray that we may be rich soil for the word of God to take root, bloom, and thrive across the earth.

I am so surprised that many of you were getting your shovels ready to help Bob with the new swimming pool in Elmdale! For right now, I think that it may be best to hold off scheduling when you are going to come use the pool. Did you know that in having eight sisters, it is in my DNA to joke around? But the difficult part and it's been said here recently that it's hard to know when to believe Fr David. Especially during these challenging times, lightheartedness is almost a requirement.

Each day, I become more and more comfortable being your pastor. As I preached last weekend, it is important for priests as well as parishioners to take time with this grief and loss. You have come to know and love Fr Jeremy. There is great sadness in Brooten, Elrosa and Belgrade. It's been said, that time heals all wounds. However more accurately stated, it is Christ who heals. With prayer over the next month or two, God will help us begin a new chapter in our parishes.

In speaking with the Bishop's Office, we need to address our music ministry. During this pandemic, it has been most challenging for everyone especially determining how best to worship. Interpretation, interpretation, interpretation. Oftentimes, I hear that this church is doing this and that church is doing that. This is what updated document 'The Art of Reopening our Churches for Public Worship' states, "limited to accompanist and cantor; congregational singing is to be omitted. Singing is to be done by cantor ONLY; additional instrumentalists could be utilized if physical distancing is possible." This will be our policy until further notice. Instrumental music is encouraged. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

On Monday, priests, deacons, seminarians and Bishop Kettler will gather in Sauk Centre at the Lynx Golf Course for a day of fun. Unfortunately, I am not much of a golfer but will join in playing cards, etc. in the clubhouse. This is a great time for us to reconnect. Thanks to their local Knights of Columbus for helping bring this about. This is the 47th annual gathering! Also, this Wednesday, priests and deacons of the diocese will be gathering at St Paul's Church in St Cloud for 'Clergy Day'. This consists of prayer, Bishop Quinn of the Diocese of Winona speaking to us, comments from Bishop Kettler followed by 4pm Mass. There will be a presentation to all Jubilarians who are celebrating anniversaries this year. Did you know that Fr Gregory Mastey from our area is celebrating his 25th anniversary? Of course, the day usually concludes with dinner and refreshments, however in light of the Covid-19 virus we will be given a box lunch to take home.

High Schoolers check out the virtual Steubenville Youth Conference to be held in Holdingford July 17-18. Adults come here to St Mary's in Upsala July 19 from 5:30-9pm. Both of these gatherings will offer dynamic speakers and a beautiful way to grow in your faith. If each one of us would take part in these and other such gatherings over the next couple of years, you would not recognize our parishes as the Holy Spirit would transform them!