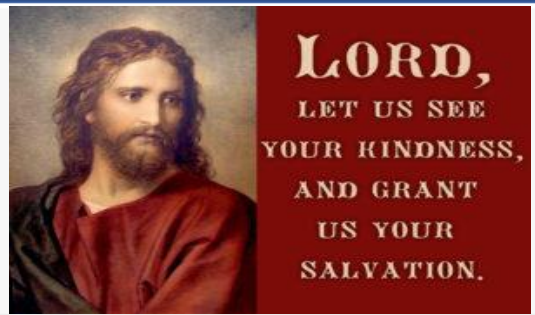


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Mary 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch (SM): 573-4127 Kathy Koehn (SM): 573-2363

Judy Theisen (SF): 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners (SF): 573-2728

Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

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

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with
Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before
setting a date.

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

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson,
Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung,
Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Robert Maciej,
Cody Pappenfus, Brayden Harren (SF, chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters
(2nd & 3rd degree burns), Rodney Bartkovicz (SE, stage four cancer),
Lorene Koopmeiners (SF, recovering at home)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,134; Loose \$115; Confessional Remodel \$100 -
\$2,349.00

St. Edward: Adult \$1,050; Loose \$81; Votive \$47.50 – **\$1,178.50**

St. Francis: Adult \$395; Loose \$84 - **\$479.00**



Schedule for Cemetery Masses

July 14 – St. Edward at 7pm

July 28 – St. Francis at 7:30pm

Aug. 4 – St. Mary at 6pm

Bring
your
lawn
chairs!

Mass & Devotions Schedule

July 12 - 18, 2021

Monday: 7/12 *St. John Gualbert*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 7/13 *St. Henry II*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Brian Boeckermann
- C & S Boeckermann

St. Francis 7am – Adoration, 8pm – Benediction

Wednesday: 7/14 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*
St. Francis 8:00am Special Intentions

Thursday: 7/15 *St. Bonaventure*
St. Edward 8:00am Rainfall for farmers

Friday: 7/16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
St. Mary 9:00am † Lorene Prokott
- Renee Scholz

Saturday: 7/17 *Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne*
St. Francis 8:00pm † Izzy Hartung
- G & MJ Boeckermann

Sunday: 7/18 *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
St. Edward 8:00am People of the Parishes
St. Mary 10:00am † George Casazza
- Jackie Wolbeck

Religious Education

Grades 7-10 Teachers Needed

Did you ever wish that you knew your Catholic faith better?
There's no better way to learn than by teaching. We are in need
of teachers to help out on Wednesday evenings. Please contact
Tamara Lange for more information.

Youth News

Youth Rosary/Lake Night

The Youth Group will be meeting at Pillsbury Lake at 5:30pm on
Tues., July 13 for the rosary and an evening at the lake. Contact
Mitch Lange for more information.

Totus Tuus: July 17-23

Our six parishes (including Holdingford area) have very few
children and young people registered. Three years ago (before
the pandemic), our numbers were more than doubled! Please
call our parish office to get signed-up or call Jamie Heurung (250-
7332) from Holdingford for more information.

Food Stand

There will be a food stand at Upsala Heritage Days Sat., Aug. 14
as a fundraiser for the NCYC and Youth Groups. Mark your
calendars. There will be a sign up sheet for students to
volunteer.

Area Church Gatherings

Freeport Festival: July 11

Come and join Sacred Heart Parish for a day of fun. Cash raffle
takes place at 4pm.

Sacred Heart Parish in Flensburg: July 18

Come and support our neighboring parish for this raffle drawing.
Tickets are \$100 with grand prize of \$10,000! Only 400 chances
are being sold. Drawing at 3:30pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Bazaar: July 25

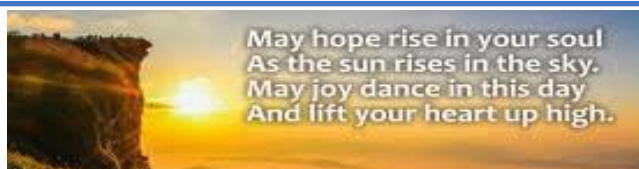
Come to Little Falls as the day starts with indoor Masses
celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30am with polka and country gospel
music by LaVerne & Friends. Event includes entertainment by
LaVerne and the Starlites, fun for the whole family and "Gone
Bizarre" raffle at 3:30pm. All cash grand raffle drawing at 4pm.

Seven Dolours Parish Festival: August 8

Come to Albany for their indoor polka Mass at 10:30am with
music by The Nite Owls. Chicken dinner with homemade pies
served from 11am to 1:30pm. Grand raffle drawing at 6pm.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Festival: August 22

Our day begins with Mass with music by LaVerne & The Starlites
at 10am in our church. Chicken and ham dinner served indoors
and outdoors starting at 11am. Event includes food and
beverage stands, silent auction, fried bread, bingo, country
store, fancywork, cake walk and games for kids.



THREE SAINTS NEWS

Attention Mary and the Saints Parishes

"We had a meeting the previous week which includes two representatives from each of our six parishes from our ACC (Area Catholic Community, which is called Mary and the Saints). The Diocese is asking us to dissolve all Pastoral Councils and eventually our current ACC group as well. There will become a new "Joint Pastoral Council" including representation from all parishes. Our current ACC group will be working on necessary bylaws. We ask for your patience as well as discern if you might be interested in serving on this new council. This Fall is the goal for having this "Joint Pastoral Council" established. Our next ACC meeting will be August 4th @ 7pm in St Mary's of Upsala." Fr David & Fr Gregory

Mass Count during July

Thanks to the ushers who are counting the people who come for our weekend Masses. The Diocese asks all parishes during this month to submit our July attendance. No doubt, this is part of the future planning as our churches are not growing in numbers. Let's pray that our Mass attendance will begin to grow as the COVID virus begins to take leave. Continue to invite family and friends to our Masses. Last weekend the count was: SE: 84, SF: 91 and SM: 81.

Summer Picnic at St Edward's:

July 21 at 5:30pm

Why not invite everyone from our three parishes? Come one, come all from those in nursing homes to those just born! With the low turnout for Totus Tuus/Summer Vacation Bible School, please consider coming for a cookout. Let's see if we can fill our parish grounds!

Lynx National Golf Course: July 12

For over 30 years, priests, deacons and seminarians of the diocese have been gathering every summer in Sauk Centre for a time of golfing, fellowship and meal. The Sauk Centre area Knights of Columbus have graciously underwritten the expenses along with Boerboom Church Supplies who service most parishes within our diocese. Remember to pray for all our priests and deacons, but especially for our seminarians and any new young men scheduled to begin studies in the fall.

Helping Hands Thanksgiving Meal?

Pastors from our surrounding churches met July 8th. It was a consensus to table this idea for this year. We believe that Jordie's in Bowlus and Little Falls High School host a meal.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., July 17 – 8pm

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida Lector: Rebecca Schmidt
Servers: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Fall Festival News

The Grand Raffle chance books are ready to pick up. New this year – there are Quilt Raffle chance books too! They are on the table in back of church.

Also, please help get the word out. The flyers are in the back of church. Please pick some up and write down which towns you will hang them in.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., July 18 – 8am

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Jeff Czech
Greeter: Sally Schleper Server: Isaac Harren
Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel
Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Cemetery Mass

We hope that many will be joining us for our Mass held this Wednesday at 7pm. Our cemetery's natural beauty is breathtaking, but its spiritual bounty is far greater. It is here, more than anywhere else, that we can learn to pray for souls; and it is here that we learn how these souls also pray for us. No doubt, many of us grew up praying for the poor souls in purgatory, but did we really understand the depth of this devotion?

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sun., July 18 – 10am

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke Lector: Michelle Fleischhacker
Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian
Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger
Servers: Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger
Gift Bearers: Volunteers Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

Maintenance Position

To date, we have received no interest. We really need to have someone step forward. No doubt your schedules make it challenging for you to help lock and unlock our church. Yet what are we to do? Do you know of someone who may be interested? Please contact Fr David.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We have responded to the call of the Lord by gathering together in this holy place to worship God, to listen to the Word, and to share in the Eucharist. When we leave, we are asked to go forth as changed persons, nourished by the Lord as so that we can witness to our faith outside these four walls. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus sent the disciples out to carry on His mission, empowering them with His authority. In baptism, we have been empowered by Christ to carry on His mission as well. May our celebration inspire us to renew our commitment to the Christian mission.

It is with great sadness mixed in with feelings of joy for Janice Wuebkers. She recently resigned from her position here as Office Manager for our three parishes. She is looking forward to her new position in St Cloud. No doubt she will be greatly missed. Please stop by the office to extend your thanks for her hard work and dedication. Since her arrival at this position October 2018, her work in the office has been most greatly appreciated. Her three-week notice is effective July 27. Perhaps you or someone you know may be interested in helping out temporarily until we determine how best to move forward? I prefer not to take too much advantage of her kindness as Janice has assured us that she'd be willing to come in during the evening hours to help out if necessary.

Once again, help me welcome back all who may have been away from the Eucharist since the pandemic hit us. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to make everyone feel more comfortable especially during our weekend Masses. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we begin our new Mass schedule. This past weekend, near the end of Mass we recognized people celebrating their birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions. Your former Pastor in St Mary's and St Edward's (Fr Dale Ettl from 2004-09) had done this, so some of you recognize this interaction. I have done something similar in previous parishes. St Francis this may be new to you, so I ask for your patience. Like all things, it will be dependent on the Holy Spirit as the next few months will determine if this is God's will for our parishes. I am praying that the more we come together during our weekend Masses will help us to become the Body of Christ that we are called to become.

I pray that you are having a restful summer. Please reach out to me if you would appreciate a home visit. It has been said, "relationships need to take place before mission" as I strive to get to know you and your family better. Let's continue to pray for our farmers. "LORD God, bless them with bountiful rainfall and a harvest which will bring fair market prices for all their labors. Amen."

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY - DR. MICHAEL BARBER

How do we respond when we are asked, "Are you saved?" In this episode of the Augustine Institute Show, Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber discuss what salvation means, and how faith and works aid us in our journey. To learn more, check out Dr. Barber's book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know!*

