



The Catholic Churches

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



“The Lord is kind and merciful” ~Ps 103

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: St. Francis: 7:15 -7:45 a.m., St. Mary: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Area Events

Mardi Gras Celebration: February 19th

Join in the fun at the Holdingford Legion from 2-5:00 p.m. Chicken and fries provided— bring a dish to share. Music by The Old Tyme Country Boys (formerly The Walzateers).

40 Days for Life: Opening Rally: February 25th

We will be starting at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) at 10:00 a.m. and proceeding to St. Augustine's for a program and pizza. Our Lenten Campaign is from February 22nd to April 2nd. Please join us with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness to protect the Sanctity of Life. We come together at Planned Parenthood to pray for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers as well as for the conversion of all who participate in the abortion industry. Please consider spending an hour in prayer with your fellow parishioners on Thursday Afternoons from 1:00-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers 247-9838.

Cor Jesu: March 3rd

Cor Jesu is an initiative of the Diocese of Saint Cloud's Eucharistic Revival Team to draw the people of the Diocese to the Eucharistic through an evening of Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation.

Cor Jesu, Latin for "Heart of Jesus," is an opportunity to encounter Jesus's merciful love in the Eucharist and meet him face to face. Mass begins at 6:30p.m. at All Saints, Holdingford with Adoration and Reconciliation to follow.

Three Saints News

Thanks from St Cloud Diocesan Pastoral Council

"Thanks for hosting our meeting with Bishop Kettler at St Mary's February 4th in Upsala. Thanks for your wonderful musicians and choir along with the ladies in the kitchen for their time and energy. We are still talking about the great meal they served us and the special cake for Bishop Kettler as he begins his retirement. All was great!" Cheryl Weller, Secretary

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Scepaniak, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Herbie Gerads

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 2/21</u>		<i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Peter Prokott
<u>Wednesday 2/22</u>		
7:15 a.m. St. Mary	†	Brian Wensmann
12 noon St. Edward	†	Dolores Czech
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Donald Wensmann
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†	Mike Schiller
<u>Thursday 2/23</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Ramona Heurung *Stations of the Cross after Mass
<u>Friday 2/24</u>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Doris Landowski *Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. St. Edward		
Weekend Masses		First Sunday of Lent
<u>Saturday 2/25</u>		
10 a.m. Senior Living		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	†	Communion Service, Upsala Leroy Harren
<u>Sunday 2/26</u>		
8 a.m. St. Francis		
10 a.m. St. Mary	†	For the People Donald, Elizabeth & Duane Herzog

Faith Formation February 22nd

Students attend Mass for Ash Wednesday

Confirmation: Class after the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: February 19th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30– 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday.

Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

Speaker Jen Messing is coming to St. Mary's: March. 1st

Starting at 7:00 p.m., this evening is open to anyone in the community grades 7th & up who would like to join us! The topic is: The Theology of the Body 101: Love, Identity & Purpose.



Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC on our website or go to: NCYC 2023 Sign Up. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023.

Bishop Kettler Thanks You

"Dear Fr David and everyone with St Edward's, St Francis and St Mary's – Three Saint Parishes. Thank you for your nice messages and very kind gift. Your thoughtfulness and care are most appreciated. I pray for all of you and thank you for being really good parishes. I'll miss you, but it is also nice to slow down a bit. God bless you all." (With Bishop Kettler's visit to our parish February 11th, we included in a card \$100 from each of our parishes. He will be retiring to his home in Sioux Fall, SD.)

End of Life Workshop: February 28th

Catholic United Financial is offering a free workshop at 7:00 p.m. at St Mary's in Upsala. Typical questions about end-of-life issues are: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Join us to become informed about these issues. "To save your seat please RSVP to 1-800-441-9949 or workshops@catholicunited.org"

ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Saturday, February 25th - 4:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann**Lector:** Shari Biniek**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann**Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Sheila Biniek**New Child of God: Peter Allan Wensmann**

We welcome a new little brother to our faith! Blessings to his parents Kris & Carrie. Bless his godparents for stepping forth: Mike Kremers, Sara Seleen and Don Jensen. Congrats to his big sister Lucy and his grandparents Ken & Deb Wensmann and Allan & Jeanette Kremers.

Spaghetti Supper: April 14 from 5-7:30pm

It was decided that WE will be having this supper without the raffle. Please get your ideas together for baskets to donate. As stewards of God's gifts and talents which He has given us, we are counting on you to share them! Proceeds go to support our church. Thank you!

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**February Ushers:**

Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Wednesday, February 22nd - 8:00 p.m.**EM of HC:** Judy Theisen**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt**Servers:** Carter Roerick**Gift Bearers:** Alan & Renee Douvier**Sunday, February 26th - 8:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Rosanne Voss**Lector:** Jim Scholz**Servers:** Volunteers**Gift Bearers:** Chris & Abby Fuchs**St. Francis CUF Matching Grant breakfast: February 26th**

We will serve our annual breakfast in the St. Francis Church Basement from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Menu consists of sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery along with all the toppings & beverages. Free Will offering to support our Religious Education program. Worker info: Men & boys of the parish are asked to help. 1st shift A -L 8-10:30 a.m. 2nd Shift M-Z 10:30 a.m. until done. Anyone interested in donating towards the breakfast contact Chad Koopmeiners 293-7092 or Bob Theisen 573-2933.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Our production is moving forward. There is still time for you to be a part of it- back stage, on stage or in the choir. Call Bob at 573-2933 if you are interested. Practice schedules are on the table in back of church. Main actors are practicing Sunday, February 19th at 1:00 p.m.

ST MARY'S NEWS**Wednesday, February 22nd - 6:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Chantelle Frie**Lector:** Tom Kilian**Servers:** Emily Ripplinger**Ushers:** Mary Frie**Greeters:** Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Theresa Lange**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian**Sunday, February 26th - 10:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** LeAnn Beneke**Lector:** Leonice Prokott**Servers:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger**Ushers:** Darren Lange & Mitch Lange**Greeters:** Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger**Gift Bearers:** Dave & Renee Scholz**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann**WEEKEND COLLECTION February 12, 2023**

St. Edward: Adult: \$870, Loose: \$84, Votive: \$123.01, Central MN Catholic: \$100, Funeral Fund: \$10 **Total: \$1,187.01**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1032, Loose: \$82 **Total: \$1,114.00**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,371, Loose: \$191 **Total: \$1,570.00**

ST MARY'S NEWS continued**Annual Smelt Fish Fry & Raffle**

On Friday, March 31st, St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having its 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. 4-8:00 p.m with the cash raffle at 7:30 p.m. We will be selling raffle tickets after St. Mary's 10:00 a.m Mass starting Sunday, February 19th. Tickets are \$100 each. The tickets will also be available at Nelson Insurance, the parish office and after 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday until the raffle. It would be great if each family bought or sold at least one ticket! Thank you in advance for your support.

Notes from Father David

Called by the Holy Spirit, we gather this together this weekend in praise and thanksgiving to worship the Lord. We sing "Alleluia" as an acclamation of joy to great our Lord as He speaks to us in the Gospel. But in just a few days we will pause this joyous exclamation until April 8 with our Easter Vigil. On Wednesday, Lent will begin and we will take our annual opportunity to focus on our sinfulness, our need for forgiveness, and the sacrificial suffering and death of our Lord. May the joy of our faith in the risen Lord sustain us during the coming penitential season.

WOW, our Valentine Mass and Dinner was simply unbelievable last Saturday evening! The Dining Room was decorated most beautiful as it was second to none! It was especially great to see people from our three parishes as well as the surrounding area join us. I loved how non-Catholics were welcomed. It was heart-warming seeing and hearing the joy of the Lord fill our hearts! Thanks to BJ and Nina Lange for catering the meal as it was excellent. It was most encouraging to have young people from our parishes welcoming and serving us (no doubt his mother + Diane Lange was beaming down from Heaven). No doubt there are many graces when our three parishes come together. May this be a sign of great things to come as we have our Fish/Smelt Fry, our Journey with Jesus to Calvary, our Spaghetti Supper, our Fall Festival, etc. fast approaching.

I hope that you were able to join us this past Tuesday online for the consecration of Bishop Patrick Neary as our Bishop of St Cloud Diocese. The Cathedral was filled. It was the most beautiful celebration I have ever witnessed! Each parish was given only two tickets. Please ask our parishioners about their experience: Jim Wensmann (SE), Collin Prom (SM), Dave and Renee Scholz (SM) and Gerry and Mary Jane Boeckermann (SF). Everybody and everything (music, ministers, hospitality, decorations, etc) were at the "top of their game" as Bishop Patrick said. There were about twelve to fourteen Bishops (mostly from our province which includes the Dakotas and Minnesota) in attendance along with well over one hundred priests. Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning some of us priests had a holy hour praying that God would bless our diocese. My favorite part was when the bishops each laid hands on the head of Bishop Patrick (which signifies the Holy Spirit coming down) and later on when they hugged/embraced him. It brought tears to my eyes. Much is being asked of our Bishops. Please remember to pray for Bishop Patrick daily that he would receive God's strength.

What are your plans for Lent? We will have Stations of the Cross along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following weekday Mass Tuesday through Thursday in our parishes. Friday evenings we will also gather for stations and adoration at 7pm as we alternate within of our parishes. Stations is a great way to grow in our faith as we recall the love of Jesus as He carries the cross. I will also make the Sacrament of Reconciliation more available during this holy time of the year. We will have confession available for our religious education students March 22 from 6:30-8pm as well as March 26 in Holdingford at St Mary's from 2-5pm everyone is invited to attend.

Each year at this time, I speak to you about the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These ministries provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16-county diocese. The theme this year is: "Do this in memory of Me." Your generosity makes this work possible. I know that you will do what you can from \$1 or \$100 or \$1000, any amount that you give will be most appreciated. This year's goal for our diocese is \$1,400,000. St Mary's goal is \$5,978, St Francis: \$5,412 and St Edward's: \$5,966. Without you, the services these ministries provide wouldn't be possible. You will receive a letter and info from the diocese. March 4/5 weekend, will be "Commitment Weekend" in our parishes in which we will hear a recorded message along with words from Bishop Patrick Neary.