

The  
**Catholic Churches**  
of

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 6, 2022**

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**Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon**

**Save the Date**

Feb 11: Sobieski Valentine Dinner in Randall: CANCELED  
Feb 12: Valentine Dinner @ St Mary's: CANCELED  
Feb 13: Quilt Bingo 1pm in Sobieski: DATE PENDING  
Feb 12/13: Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after all Masses  
Feb 12/13 Bishop's Annual Appeal Announcement weekend  
Feb 19/20 Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend  
Feb 19: Word of Life Valentine Dinner at 6 pm  
Feb 20: Mylan Joan Fuchs (SF) Baptism 10am SM Mass  
Feb 20: Quilt Bingo 1pm @ St Mary's: DATE PENDING  
Feb 26: Men's Conference @ St Francis Xavier in Sartell  
Feb 27: "Mass on Ice"/Horseshoe Lake at 3pm  
Feb 27: St. Francis CUF Matching Grant Breakfast:  
DATE PENDING  
Mar 1, 3 & 4: Anointing of Sick at Daily Masses  
Mar 2: Ash Wednesday  
Mar 4: First Friday Home Visits  
Mar 4: Stations of the Cross: SE (after all Lenten weekday  
Masses: Tues, Wed & Thurs)  
Mar 6: Skywarn Spotter Training 2-4pm at St Mary's: Tom  
Kilian (232-5705)

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson,  
Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka,  
Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene  
Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Brayden  
Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Millie Spring (chemo, 1  
1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, cancer), Bruce Wolters  
(burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM,  
recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (Pastor at Opole/  
Rice, dialysis, in need of kidney transplant), Joe Primus  
(SM, Covid), Rita Lange (SF, blood clots), Darwin Biniek, &  
Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto's) Linus & Marjorie Lehner  
(SM, Mother of Mercy), Arnie Czech (SE, Covid, at home),  
Tom & Jan Kilian (SM, Covid, at home)

family of + Rosemary Jarnot (St Hedwig's), **family of  
+Leonard Czech (SE), family of +Peter Prokott (SM)**

**WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan 23, 2022**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$405, Loose: \$80, Votive: \$ 110.50  
Funeral fund: \$5, Solemnity of Mary: \$10 Total: **\$610.50**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$560, Loose: \$67, Funeral Fund: \$20  
Total: **\$647**  
**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,025, Loose: \$64, Votive: \$25  
Total: **\$1,115.25**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

**JESUS SAID TO SIMON,  
"PUT OUT INTO  
DEEP WATER AND  
LOWER YOUR NETS  
FOR A CATCH."**

Luke 5:4

**Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule**

<u>Monday 2/7</u>	
4-8:00 pm St. Mary	Visitation for Peter Prokott
<u>Tuesday 2/8</u>	<i>Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>
10:00 am St. Mary 6:00 pm St. Mary	† Peter Prokott Funeral † Leo & Katherine Hartung Adoration & Benediction (SF ) 7 am-8 pm
<u>Wednesday 2/9</u>	
8:00 am St. Francis	† Scott Keppers
<u>Thursday 2/10</u>	<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i>
8:00 am St. Edward	† Dennis Koroll ~Leonard & Eileen Koroll
<u>Friday 2/11</u>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes / World Day of the Sick</i>
7:30 am St. Mary	† James Scepaniak ~Marlene Scepaniak
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>
<u>Saturday 2/12</u>	<i>Anointing of the Sick after all Masses</i>
4 pm St. Francis	† Paul & Ginger Keppers
<u>Sunday 2/13</u>	
8 am St. Edward	† Kevin & Gloria Roth ~Margaret Carlson
10 am St. Mary	For Holy Marriages

**Wedding BANNS**

Joseph Larson (SE) & Andrea Gawarecki  
February 11, 2022 at St. Mary's, Chatfield MN  
Fr. Gregory Mastey presiding

**Faith Formation**

**Grades 7-10 Classes Suspended**

Please continue to pray that the COVID-19 with the fast-spreading omicron variant is becoming less and our classes can resume. Thank-you parents for doing your part from looking over the past/future lessons and praying together. Bishop has said that our current protocols will be re-evaluated at the beginning of Lent in early March.

**K-6: February 9<sup>th</sup>** – No Classroom lesson, but packet pick-up and sign-up for meals for March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.

**Confirmation Class:** Feb 6 from 7-8:30pm with masks  
Feb 16 7:30-9pm with masks

**Youth News**

"Mass on Ice" at Horseshoe Lake: Feb 27  
Youth, all ages, young at heart and all families are invited to join Fr David and Fr Doug Liebsch for Mass at 3pm. This will be a time of food, games and fishing!

**Area Church Gatherings**

**Valentine's Banquet: Feb 19 at 6pm**

All are invited to Word of Life Church. Cost is \$16 per person. RSVP's by Feb 14. Musical entertainment by worship leaders from Anoka and St Michael. Meal catered by Tutti Fruitti's including pork and chicken. Call church office 573-4450.



*Over 80 Blessings for February*

Bill Koehn 2/8 SM  
Arnold Scholz 2/9 SF  
Eileen Koroll 2/23 SE  
Christine Wuebkers 2/24 SM  
Marge Roering 2/27 SM



## **ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sun., Feb. 13, 8:00 am Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Dennis Biniek

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

**Greeters:** Sally Schleper

**Gift Bearers:** Scott & Karla Van Wienen

### **St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper Meal**

There will be a meeting for the spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction after the 8 am Mass in the Church basement on Sunday, February 20th. Anyone interested in helping or has new ideas, is welcome to attend.

## **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sat., Feb. 12, 4:00 pm Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**EM of HC:** Rosanne Voss

**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt

**Server:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Sarah Roerick

## **ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sun., Feb. 6, 10:00 am Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**EM of HC:** Rosie Harren **Lector:** Kim Koehn

**Server:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Jan Kilian

**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn

### **Passing of Collection Baskets Suspended**

Upon recommendation of some parishioners, we will have the basket at the entrance of our church in which you can place your gift/offering. During this next month, it is wise to have as few people as possible touching the baskets.

## **Three Saints News**

### **Blessing of Throats**

Please call the office or Fr David if you missed out on this blessing. He would love nothing more than to come visit you at home or you can make an appointment and come in.

### **World Day of the Sick/Our Lady of Lourdes: Feb 11**

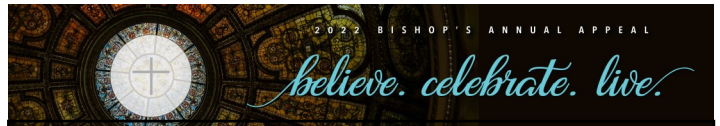
This was introduced by Pope St John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

### **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Feb 12/13**

Those elderly and seriously ill are encouraged to receive this sacrament at the conclusion of our Masses. No doubt your bodies are weakening and can greatly benefit from this Jesus strength. Especially in light of cold, flu and COVID-19, it is more important than ever. Why wait until your health is seriously impaired? Fr David can't help but wonder many how people staved off the COVID or had a milder case or headed off another serious illness such as cancer or heart disease, etc. by being anointed regularly?

### **CPR Class at St. Mary's on Tues. Feb. 8**

This class will be at 5 pm and anyone may attend. Contact Jeanette Gerads to sign up (320) 836-2966.



### **Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### **Notes from Fr David**

God calls each of us to greatness. We may not feel worthy of such a calling, but this is natural. We hear in this weekend's readings that Isaiah, Paul and Simon Peter – giants of our faith – felt unworthy when they were called by the Lord. Jesus calls each of us to discipleship as well. Let us reflect on how we are called to be a disciple and pray for the courage and confidence to follow Him.

Thank you for doing your part regarding the new protocols/directives from Bishop. No doubt it is most challenging for everyone. I am sorry if I have offended anyone as I remind myself that the Bishop is the ultimate Pastor of all our parishes in the diocese. As health officials asked Bishop Kettler to take these current measures, let us pray that by the beginning of Lent/early March these current protocols will be lifted.

Would you be so kind as to send some love, gratitude and prayers to Bishop Kettler? The Holy Spirit recently placed this on my heart. No doubt he has been under great pressure since he reinstated these COVID protocols. Would it not be phenomenal if he would receive hundreds of cards from our area thanking him for being our bishop? I sent a card thanking him and stating I'll be praying a novena of a daily rosary for him as well as our parishes will be offering three Masses for him in the next few weeks. Bishop Donald Kettler, P.O. Box 1248 St. Cloud, MN 56302

Thank you so much as you are the best parishioners ever! Just ask my mother! The way that you showered my mother in Arizona with b-day cards was so greatly appreciated. She was surprised to say the least. I talked to her this past Monday and she still can't get over your love and kindness as she said, "someone even gave me \$20"! She plans to send a thank-you in the bulletin. She's looking forward to meeting you this coming summer.

I hope and pray that some of our men are considering the Men's Conference to be held in Sartell February 26 from 8:30am – 4pm. This is an excellent opportunity for us men to deepen our faith lives. The main speaker is Msgr. Thomas Richter from Bismarck Diocese. I went to College Seminary with him in Fargo. You won't want to miss him! There be Mass with Bishop Kettler, various talks and discussion groups along with an opportunity to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here is what one gentleman said: "Such gatherings have played a large role in deepening the spiritual life of my parish. We shared deeply, build community and then speak about ways for our parish can grow." Cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call 320-258-7615 or email [jzylia@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jzylia@gw.stcdio.org). You can register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMC2022>