



The Catholic Churches

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



He is
Risen!
Rejoice!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 7:15 - 7:45 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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Three Saints News

Retreat Weekend in Belle Prairie: May 5-7

Please check out the forms in the entrance of our churches or simply go online. Koinonia is for anyone who is concerned about his or her relationship with God, would like to enhance their own spirituality and is willing to spend time with a group of people with the same basic interest. A friend of Fr. David on his experience of Koinonia: *"I continue to do weekends at least once a year now because it helps regenerate my spirituality. When I came in, I was an atheist. I didn't have faith in anything. I didn't believe in anything. But like I said, it was the inclusion. For me, that was an important thing."*

Expand our Eucharistic Ministry

In all of our parishes, we are resuming the practice of making the cup available at weekend Masses. We would love for you to consider becoming a minister and help us out. Remember that no one is worthy, but we are called to get involved in our faith communities.

Pre-Funeral Planning

Have you completed filling out the forms which Fr David gave you? It would be great if you could return the scripture readings. He would love to get together to discuss some of your plans. It would work well to have a copy of your plans at our office.

Loved ones in need of Mass Intentions

Perhaps you would like to have Masses said for loved ones who have gone Home to Jesus. Oftentimes, parishes have so many that it can be difficult to get Masses said. Please reach out to our Mission Office in St Cloud: (320) 251-1100. In foreign countries, there is a great need for Mass intentions. Those stipends are a huge blessing for priests serving there.

Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Novena Schedule

Monday - April 10th - at Elmdale at 7 p.m.

Tuesday - April 11th - at Upsala at 7 p.m.

Wednesday - April 12th - at Elmdale at 7 p.m.

Thursday - April 13th - at North Prairie at 7 p.m.

Friday - April - 14th - at Bowlus at 7:15 p.m. * note time

Saturday - April - 15th - at Upsala at 7 p.m.

Happy Easter!

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 Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, Herbie Gerads & Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 4/11	
7 a.m.-7 p.m. St. Francis 7 p.m. All Saints- St. Hedwig's	Adoration Confirmation
Wednesday 4/12	
11 a.m. St. Francis	† Herbert Gerads Funeral Mass
Thursday 4/13	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward 12 noon-9 pm St. Mary	† Brian Wensmann Adoration
Friday 4/14	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Mike Schiller ~Karen Schiller
Weekend Masses	Divine Mercy Sunday
Saturday 4/15	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Communion Service, Upsala Case Kaiser ~The Kaiser Family
Sunday 4/16	
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	† Rich Boeckermann ~Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann For the People

Faith Formation

Confirmation April 11th

All are welcome to join us at Confirmation at St. Hedwig's, Holdingford, at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday, April 11th. Any choir members who'd like to participate are invited to do so. Come to a short choir practice at 6:30 p.m. before the celebration.

Grades 9 & 10 April 12th

Attend Christopher West talk in Sauk Centre.

Youth

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC

Sign-up on our website or go to: NCYC 2023 Sign Up.

This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: April 15th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays: Even months are at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street), and at St. Mary's Church in Upsala on odd months. The April 15th meeting will be held in Holdingford and the May meeting in Upsala. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: April 16th

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

Family Mass Serving

How can we encourage more children to become Mass servers? What about having one of their parents or grandparents join them? Perhaps this could help take away any fears and worries. All grades are encouraged to check it out. Even if your child/grandchild has yet to receive First Communion and are interested, please encourage them.

The Shepherd is Calling: April 30

Elementary aged kids and families are welcome to join in from 1-6:00 p.m. at the Mike & Alice Westrich Farm 1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum, MN. We invite you to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep. Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, scripture and hands-on-time with lambs. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. with a hog roast to follow. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Free will offering on day of event. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023ShepherdisCalling>.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**Saturday, April 15th- 8:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann**Lector:** Adeline Molus**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann**Gift Bearers:** Brent & Sandy Prokott**Spaghetti Supper: April 14th**

St. Edward's Church will be having it's 16th Annual Spaghetti Supper from 5-7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Thank you in advance for your support. Anyone putting together a gift basket should bring it to the church by April 10th. We will be selling chances for the baskets at the event.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**April Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida**April Bank Deposit:** Frank Koopmeiners**Sunday, April 16th - 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday****EM of HC:** Rosanne Voss**Lector:** Jim Scholz**Servers:** Volunteer**Gift Bearers:** Barry & Colleen Harren

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped make the Journey with Jesus to Calvary a success. The actors, choir, backstage crew, the ladies who served the coffee & cookies and the parents who brought their children to all the practices and performances. It was all of you working together that made this year's performances what they were...a meaningful and powerful start to everyone's Holy Week. We had 330 people attend and all were moved by what they heard and saw. Thank you again and God bless you this Easter season.

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sunday, April 9th - 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday****EM of HC:** Chantelle Frie, Christine Weber (c),

Renee Scholz (c)

Lector: Leonice Prokott**Servers:** Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber**Ushers:** Tom Kilian**Greeters:** Randy & Jane Tretter**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Linda Langner**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann

THANK YOU to all who supported the St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle! Whether you bought a raffle ticket, worked a shift, brought bars, or ate the meal, it all helps us immensely! We appreciate it! A HUGE thank you also to the committee members for your devotion this big event! This year, we served 402! It was another great success thanks to all of you. What a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Raffle winners are:

\$5000 Jeff Roerick	\$100 Tom Kilian
\$3000 Travis Schneider	\$100 Carol Langner
\$1000 Dennis Rahn	\$100 Greg Wensmann
\$500 Dave Brezinka	\$100 Elmer Frie
\$500 Gail Maty	\$100 Brian Burgraff
\$300 Kris Holmen	\$100 Tim and Sheila George
\$300 Bob Blonigen	\$100 Rosemary Mehr
\$200 Glen Bueckers	\$100 Brock Weber
\$100 Collin Prom	\$100 Craig Roerick
\$100 Mitch & Brooke Lange	\$100 Tricia Opatz/Mary Thomalla

Congratulations to Emily Ripplinger who placed 3rd in the 49th Annual Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship held on April 1st at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud!

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 2, 2023**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1725, Loose: \$59, Easter: \$250**Total: \$2,034**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,223, Loose: \$161, Central MN Catholic Magazine: \$ 20, Easter Flowers: \$40, Catholic Relief: \$50, Easter: \$35 **Total: \$1,529**

St. Mary: Adult: \$3,190, Loose: \$146, Votive: \$ 74.16, Central MN Catholic Magazine: \$ 20, Rice Bowl: \$11, Easter Flowers: \$175, Smelt Fry Raffle: \$15,700 **Total: \$19,316.16**

Help Nourish Your Local Food Shelf

Please consider making a donation to help your neighbors in need. Place items in the boxes provided by the display in the Gathering Space at St. Mary's or place cash/checks in an envelope marked Food Shelf and put in the collection baskets passed on Sundays or drop them at the church office.

BREADtalks-Eucharistic Revival: April 16th

The Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting a series of talks throughout the diocese's five regional deaneries, each at a different brewery. The next events will be on: April 16th at 2:00 p.m. Thousand Lakes Brewing, Parkers Prairie, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. Bad Habit Brewing Co., St. Joseph. To learn more visit: www.stcdo.org/eucharistic-revival.

West Central Deanery Meeting: April 26th

Meet the Catholic women of the new West Central Deanery at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Saint Rosa (28905 County Road 17, Freeport, MN) on Wednesday April 26th. Join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a light supper and meeting. We'll get you up to date on the changes since the merger of the deaneries. For more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or Arleen Roelike, 320-282-9941.

Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered sin and defeated death. No longer so sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us: a life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death. Jesus has shown us the way to the Father. The crosses we carry – our fears and struggles, our sorrows and our traumas – are united with the cross of our Lord, which did not end in pain and death but with joy and life. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal. Alleluia.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all who helped bring out our Smelt and Fish Fry along with Journey with Jesus to Calvary. God has great plans for our parishes. These two gatherings spoke volumes of your faith. The good number of people helping at St. Mary's is most remarkable. Young and old and many, many young at heart pitching and doing their parts. I did not know that we have so many middle age couples in our parish! Thanks to those who worked many, many hours organizing this evening. It was unfortunate that Bishop Patrick cancelled his visit to our parishes due to the weather.

In St. Francis, each year the Holy Spirit touches my heart in new and powerful ways: *"No longer disinterested bystanders ... we become united with Christ. We become companions with Jesus on His journey to Calvary."* When Ms. Anna was speaking and singing of Mother Mary, the love pouring forth was unmistakable and most evident: *"Jesus, Jesus I am here. He just looked into my eyes ... the eyes of His mother. All I wanted to do is to be near Him, to hold and comfort Him."* There were not many dry eyes including yours truly. All those remembering their lines is always most remarkable. I cannot remember what I said one hour ago. No doubt the Holy Spirit was breathing within each and everyone. Next year, we will have all our students grades 1-11 here Wednesday evening.

I have no doubt that the same love and support will pour forth on St Edward's Spaghetti Supper this Friday (April 14). Did you hear that they have the best homemade sauce ever? The meal is second to none! We will also have gift baskets and other fun activities for all ages. More people than ever have volunteered to help out. Let's make this gathering most special and allow the Resurrection Graces to flow in new and powerful ways!

Our young people have been busy preparing for their confirmation this Tuesday (April 11) in Holdingford. Please storm Heaven for them with your prayers. Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill them like never before! I spoke to a few of them and they expressed their strong desire to be confirmed. We will be blessed to have Fr. Tom Olson (retired priest in St Cloud) as the main celebrant as he will be taking Bishop Patrick's place. Please pray for young people: Claire Arvig, Bryce Binek, Hunter Boeckermann, Noah Bockermann, Nathan Breth, Peyton Gerads, Carter Hartung, Daniel Kokett, Kaylee Kremers, Kaylea Loscheider, Monica Niennaber, Erica Roske, Madison Tschida, Dustin Yurczyk and their teacher Chantelle Frie. "He is risen indeed!"