

The  
Catholic Churches

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 3, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE  
Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,  
Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary ~ 9:15-9:45 am  
Tuesday St. Mary ~ 5- 5:30 pm  
PRAYER LINES  
(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728  
(SE) Sally Schleper 573– 2127  
*Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon*  
Upcoming Events  
April 7: Chrism Mass with Bishop Kettler @ 7pm St Mary's Cathedral  
April 8: Journey with Jesus to Calvary @ 7:30pm/Bishop comes  
April 8: Smelt/Fish Fry at St Mary's from 4-8pm/Bishop comes  
April 13: Guest Speaker for K-10: 7-8:30pm, All are invited!  
April 22: Spaghetti Supper at St Edward's 5-7:30pm  
April 23: First Communion Retreat at St Mary's 9-10:30am  
April 24: 6pm Youth Mass at St Mary's  
May 7: Vocation Event for younger aged kids @ the Westrich's  
June 11-17: Summer VBS/Totus Tuus with the Holdingford area.

Three Saints News

Guest Speaker Gina Bauer Coming: April 13!

Fr David is hoping that we will St Mary's Church! All parents, youth and children have been personally invited to come for an evening of learning more about our faith: 7-8:30pm. We especially invite ALL parishioners as we discern if we might want to invite Gina back on a monthly basis next year. It seems one essential way to bolster our children/youth in their faith is to have their parents and grandparents involved.

Become a Listener for our Catholic Church?

Pope Francis is asking that our parishes/diocese to find "listeners" to help us in group and/or one-on-one settings. What will a listener do? A one-on-one listener will host a conversation with individuals about their experience of faith and the Catholic Church. Afterward, the listener will submit summary notes to a diocesan database. A group listener will facilitate a group experience that includes prayer, silence, individual reflection, small group conversation, and large group sharing. Training is provided and one opportunity will take place April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at St Mary's in Upsala or online sign-up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stcdiosynodlisteners> Our diocesan goal is to listen 12,000 people in the next two months. Please contact your ACC council members if you have any questions.

Please pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, In Thanksgiving: Brayden Harren & Millie Spring: Cancer: FREE, Judy Gerads (SF, recovery), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (rehab at Country Manor in Sartell), Carol Langner



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ~ John 8:1-11

Mass, Devotions & Events

| Tuesday 4/5         |   | Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest  |
|---------------------|---|---|
| 6:00 pm St. Mary    | † | Cindy Fleischhaker ~Michelle Fleischhaker<br>* Anointing of the Sick & Stations |
| Wednesday 4/6       |   |   |
| 8:00 am St. Francis | † | Irene Harren<br>*Anointing of the Sick & Stations                               |
| 12-4pm St. Mary     |   | Adoration & Benediction   |
| 7 pm St. Francis    |   | Journey with Jesus  |
| Thursday 4/7        |   | Saint John the Baptist de la Salle, Priest                                      |
| 8:00 am St. Edward  | † | Emil & Mathilda Carlson ~Margaret Carlson<br>*Anointing of the Sick & Stations  |
| Friday 4/8          |   |   |
| 7:30 am St. Mary    | † | Virgil Burg   |
| 4-8 pm St. Mary     |   | Smelt & Fish Fry  |
| 7:30 pm St. Francis |   | Journey with Jesus  |
| Weekend Masses      |   | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  |
| Saturday 4/9        |   |   |
| 7:30pm St. Francis  |   | Journey with Jesus  |
| 8 pm St. Edward     | † | Jordan Wensmann   |
| Sunday 4/10         |   |   |
| 8 am St. Francis    |   | Healing for Brayden Harren & Millie Spring : cancer FREE                        |
| 10 am St. Mary      | † | Brian Wensmann  |
| 1 pm St. Francis    |   | Journey with Jesus  |
| 7-9 St. Edward      |   | Confessions   |



Over 80 Blessings for April

Werner Gerads 4/9 (SM)  
Daniel Gerads 4/10 (SM)  
Raymond Kurowski 4/11 (SE)  
Nita Roerick 4/13 (SF)  
Doreen Gerads 4/15 (SF)  
Dan Lange 4/19 (SF)  
Millie Gerads 4/30 (SM)



Faith Formation

**K-6: April 13** ... Parents and children are encouraged to come to St Mary's to hear our special Guest Speaker Gina Bauer 7-8:30pm. Please help us fill the church. Invite others to come and join us.

**Grades 7-10:** No Class April 6

Instead of our regular class on April 13, we are having Gina speak to us from 7-8:30pm. Youth and parents, you will just love her! Please invite your friends to join us.

Youth News

**Sunday Night Youth Mass: April 24 @ 6pm**

Thanks to those who came last Sunday evening in St. Mary's! It was truly amazing to see their hunger for Jesus and their fire of the Holy Spirit. We only have two Youth Masses remaining until summer. We'd love to see more youth from our area.

Area Church Gatherings

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Contact Janel for more information: 290-2877.  
Next topic: April 9th: Catholic Dating

**Catholic United Financial matching grant breakfast and quilt raffle-Palm Sunday, April 10th at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford. 9 am - 12:30pm. Free will offering with proceeds going towards the religious education program.**

**Ham Bingo & Bake Sale at St. Stanislaus in Bowlus, April 9 & 10:** Bake sale before and after Mass and Bingo. Ham Bingo starts at 1:30 pm. Funds go to our new roof.

**ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sun., April 10th, 8:00 am Palm Sunday**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Adeline Molus & Shari Biniek **Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

**Greeters:** Sally Schleper

**Gift Bearers:** Doug & Jackie Wolbeck  
**St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper Friday, April 22, 2022**  
Please call Joy Koroll 573-2214 to volunteer. (We will have a raffle in the Fall-No Silent Auction this year).  
**Holy Thursday at 8 pm**  
Please note a correction as we will have adoration until 10pm. Secondly, might you be interested in having your feet washed? You need not be a parishioner from St. Edward. The symbolism is very powerful as we remember how Jesus served His disciples. Please call the parish office.

**ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sat., April 9nd, 8:00 pm Palm Sunday**

**EM of HC:** Chad Koopmeiners  
**Lector:** Chad Koopmeiners & Volunteer  
**Server:** Volunteers  
**Ushers:** Roger & Kathy Thell  
**Gift Bearers:** Sheldon & Karla Tschida

**“Journey with Jesus to Calvary”**  
**Shows:** April 6th at 7 pm, April 8th at 7:30 pm, April 9th at 7:30 pm, April 10th at 1 pm. Bob Theisen 573-2933  
**Holy Saturday Vigil: 8pm**  
Unfortunately we have no baptisms. However, please join us for this beautiful celebration. We have many scripture readings. Please be open to reading one of them. You need not be a parishioner from St Francis. Call the office.

**ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sun., April 10th, 10:00 am Palm Sunday**

**EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn **Lector:** Jan Kilian & Chantelle Frie **Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen  
**Ushers:** Duane Harren  
**Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson  
**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Randi Klassen  
**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann

**St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle-Friday, April 8th 4-8pm. Cash raffle @ 7:30pm ~The Bishop is coming!**  
Calling all St. Mary's Parishioners! Our 6th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle is this week! If you're a St. Mary's Parish-ioner and haven't been contacted to help, please **contact Laura Ripplinger ASAP to sign up. 333-9184.**  
The raffle tickets are now on sale, \$100 each. They are available at the St. Mary's parish office, Nelson Insurance, and also from DJ Prom. A table will be set up in the back of church following weekend masses to pick-up and purchase raffle tickets as well. Please keep in mind that this is one of the main fundraising event for St. Mary's Church each year. It would be great if each family sold or purchased at least one ticket!

**THIS** Thursday, April 7th is our BIG preparation day! We will need help cleaning fish, making lots of haluski and potato salad, and setting up. Meet in the church kitchen 4pm or later. Please bring (and don't forget to label your things): Skillets, choppers (for onions and potatoes), stainless steel mixing bowls, paring knives, mixers, and cabbage (sauerkraut) shredders if you have them.  
We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies (on Thursday or Friday) to help contribute. The day of the fish fry (Friday, April 8th) we will need lots of helping hands! The two shifts to sign up for are 4-6:30pm, 6:30-9pm, or stay for it all! Call Laura Ripplinger to sign-up. (320.333.9184)

**WEEKEND COLLECTION March 27, 2022**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$542 Loose: \$66, Votive: \$70.50  
Easter Flowers \$70, Catholic Relief: \$90, Total: **\$838.50**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$1093, Loose: \$179, Easter Flowers: \$20, Catholic Relief Services: \$125, Central MN Catholic: \$40 Total: **\$1,457**  
**St. Mary:** Adult: \$3,049 Loose: \$164, Votive: 43.25, Easter Flowers: \$175, Catholic Relief Services: \$235 Total: **\$3,666.25**

**Thank you**  
St. Mary's, thank you for allowing the Upstage Players to host our dinner theatre in your fellowship hall in January. It is a beautiful space and worked well for the production. We appreciate your willingness to work with us to make the event a success! Upsala Upstage Players  
**Matching Grant Breakfast**  
Thank you Thank you Thank you to everyone who supported and worked at our Matching Grant Breakfast. We served 307 people and took in \$3,900. We still have a few donation coming in and a couple of bills but it was a very successful breakfast. God bless you all.  
**The Shepherd is Calling: May 7 at Mike and Alice Westrich's**  
Come and join Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch from 9am-12:30pm. Mass will be at 11am with a hog roast to follow. RSVP by April 22 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShepherdisCalling>. Information cards in the entry of church.

| Holy Week Schedule             |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Palm Sunday:</b>            | <u>Saturday</u> -5pm St. Columbkille & 8pm St. Edward   |
| <b>4/9 &amp; 4/10</b>          | <u>Sunday</u> -8am St. Francis & 8am All Saints<br>10am St. Mary & 10am Immaculate Conception |
| <b>Holy Thursday:</b>          | 8pm St. Edward with Adoration until 10pm  |
| <b>4/14</b>                    | 7pm All Saints-St. Hedwig's with Adoration until 11pm   |
| <b>Good Friday:</b>            | 12 noon St. Mary & 12 noon St. Columbkille,   |
| <b>4/15</b>                    | 3pm All Saints-St. Mary's & 8pm St. Francis   |
| <b>Easter Vigil:</b>           | 8pm St. Francis-Easter Celebration to follow  |
| <b>4/16</b>                    | 8:30pm Immaculate Conception-Wine & Cheese after Mass   |
| <b>Easter:</b>                 | 6:30am Arban, 8am St. Edward, 8:15am St. Columbkille  |
| <b>4/17</b>                    | 10 am St. Mary & 10:15am Immaculate Conception  |
| Individual Confession Schedule |   |
| April 2/3                      | After all Masses  |
| April 9/10                     | After all Masses  |
| April 10                       | 7-9pm St. Edward  |
| April 11                       | 7-9pm St. Francis   |
| April 12                       | 7-9pm St. Mary  |
| April 13                       | 12-1pm St. Mary   |
| April 14                       | Holy Thursday<br>7pm St. Edward   |
| April 15                       | Good Friday after the 12 noon Service St. Mary & 7pm St. Francis before Mass                  |



**Notes from Fr David**  
As we approach the holiest week of the year, we get a taste of God's rich mercy and boundless generosity, eventually realized through Christ's ultimate sacrifice. The stories and reflections we heard in our scripture readings illustrate the care God has for us all, despite our flaws, despite our sins. The fact that we heard these words in context of celebration deepens their meaning, for the Eucharist itself memorializes the sacrifice Jesus made and enables us to receive Him at the table of plenty.  
Praise the LORD as us five priests heard your confessions! It was most beautiful as you opened your souls to Jesus. Just know that our Loving Father is never outdone. Expect many graces to come into your lives. Such is the beauty of God's graces in that oftentimes priests are more blessed than the penitents. Check out the schedule for individual confession times the next few weeks. I will also be in the confessional before and after weekend Masses.  
I appreciate all the positive feedback the new Youth Center at the Rec Center. Josh Klein (763.242.7237) along with Pastor Steve from Community Covenant Church are hoping that April and May it will be up and running. Some activities taking place will be board games, foosball, other games, sit around activities along with homework help. We will have adult supervision. This is an afterschool opportunity for those in grades 7-12 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Remember this endeavor is meant to be collaboration from our entire community. Please reach out to me or Josh if you have any ideas.  
Praise the Lord as Emmalynn, Carter and maybe even Brayden Harren from St Francis are wanting to become Mass Servers! Other children and youth, our Church needs nothing more than for you come forth to see if serving Mass is something for you! Please just give it a try. With COVID becoming less and less, I could see a summer trip to Valleyfair or Twins baseball game or other activities. Please give me a call. Parents and grand-parents, the Holy Spirit placed on my heart that you simply decide if your child is old enough. In the past, you had to receive First Communion. However, as we recover from this pandemic know that even if your children are younger but have an interest, please reach out to me.