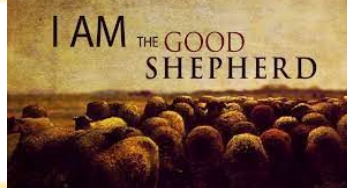




# The Catholic Churches

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



*"I know my sheep, and mine know me." Jn 10:14*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 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

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728  
(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

### Three Saints News

## Congratulations First Communicants!



### Over 80 Blessings for May

Adeline Molus (SE) 5/12  
Loretta Peterson (SE) 5/17  
Melvin Gerads (SM) 5/28



### The Shepherd is Calling: April 30th from 1-6:00 p.m.

When you come to Mike and Westrich farm (1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum) you will see participants divided into groups to visit activity stations, including a visit to the barn to hold and pet sheep; eucharistic adoration; a "Dress like a Shepherd" craft, in which each person can decorate a flour sack towel to wear around their head and personalize a wooden stick to be their staff; and seminarians sharing their vocation stories and a skit about Fatima. Outdoor Mass with Father Doug Liebsch at 4:00 p.m. followed by a hog roast!

### National Day of Prayer: May 5th at 7:00 a.m.

Did you know that this day was founded in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman? Presidents Reagan and Clinton also emphasized its importance: "... on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and an individuals." Please join us at our Veterans Memorial in Upsala. There is a list of prayer intentions along with list of our churches in the entrance of St Mary's.

### Sunday Readings for Preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: May 7th

Next Sunday is the kick-off as we hope to have many children involved. No registration required. After the opening prayer, Father will call forth the children in which they will be blessed and then dismissed along with their teacher/s. They will return to their parents after the creed/petitions. For more info, please call Chelsea Fuchs: 491-7241 or Kayla Barthel: 232-0432.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of April 25th, the diocese has raised \$952,919 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 5,106 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Biniek, 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

<b>Tuesday 5/2</b>		<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church-Memorial</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	David Huls *Anointing of the Sick
<b>Wednesday 5/3</b>		<i>Saints Philip &amp; James, Apostles-Feast</i>
8 a.m. St. Francis	†	Norbert & Josie Roering ~St. Francis Men's Society *Anointing of the Sick
<b>Thursday 5/4</b>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Joe & Angie Korman ~Linda Langer *Anointing of the Sick
12 noon-9 pm St. Mary		Adoration
<b>Friday 5/5</b>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary 12	†	Marlene Scepaniak *Anointing of the Sick
noon-9 p.m. St. Edward		Adoration
<b>Weekend Masses</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Saturday 5/6</b>		
10:00 a.m. Senior Living		Communion Service in Upsala
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	†	Frank, Agnes, Gertrude and the deceased Czech Family Members ~Jeff & Stanley Czech
<b>Sunday 5/7</b>		
8 a.m. St. Francis		For the People
10 a.m. St. Mary	†	Betty & Sunny Zwilling ~ Kari & Ervin Hartung

### Faith Formation

#### End of the Year Celebration!

Our last Religious Education Session for ALL grade levels will be on May 7th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Summer packets, surveys & re-registration will be available

#### Teachers Needed for 2023-24

Thanks to Chantelle Frie who has taught our Confirmation Class over ten years! You are amazing as you will be missed! As she steps down, is the Holy Spirit nudging you to consider this ministry? Perhaps team teach with one or two others? We are also in need to teachers for grades 7-10. God is inviting you to step out in faith this Easter Season by looking into this ministry!

### Youth

#### Totus Tuus: July 9th-14th

Our Vacation Bible School will be at St. Mary's this summer. We need two host families (each family provides a place to stay for two college age students). In addition, we will need other volunteers to provide an evening meal Sunday through Thursday. Grades 1-6 meet from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and grades 7-12 from 7-9:00 p.m.

#### Graduation Mass: May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in St Mary's

Please join us as we celebrate our young people graduating and taking that next step in life! As we pray for them and bless them, remember that they are not just our future church, they are our church now! Thanks to the Junior Class for hosting a light reception for them and their family.

#### List of Graduates

No doubt, we may have forgotten someone please let us know: Mitchell George, Paige Gerads, Hope Hartung, Maddie Koetter, Max Lange, Matthew Lehner, Tyson Leners, Hannah Luedtke, Carter Roerick, Jacob Roerick, Natalie Wensmann, Bryce Westrich and Andrew Young.

#### Baccalaureate Service: Gethsemane Church at 7:00 p.m.

All graduates are invited for this special service. This is for all denominations to gather as Christian while recognizing our young people.

### **ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Saturday, May 6th - 8:00 p.m.**

**EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck

**Lector:** Jerry Theisen

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek

**Greeters:** Jim & Julie Wensmann

**Gift Bearers:** Ralph & Sally Schleper

#### **Longtime Parishioner Margaret Carlson**

Margaret lives at St Otto's Care Center in Little Falls and she loves receiving the weekly bulletin. Did you know that she will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> b-day on July 11? It is truly amazing how alert and active she remains. She's always at the Masses. Her husband Arnie (only 74 yrs old) went Home to Jesus April 15, 1993. Did you know that Margaret prays 4-5 rosaries a day? Please remember to keep her and all our elderly/shut-ins in your prayers.

### **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**May Ushers:** Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

**May Bank Deposit:** Mary Jane Boeckermann

**Sunday, May 7th - 8:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Syl Tschida, Rosanne Voss (c), Judy Theisen (c)

**Lector:** Mary Jane Boeckermann

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Sarah Roerick

#### **Candle Holders**

We have red and blue tall votive candle holders available. The cost is \$2 each. With a 6 day candle it is \$5 each.

#### **Mothers Day Flowers: Sunday May 14th**

We are again looking to have carnations available for bouquets in honor of deceased Mothers. Also to take home. This is a fundraiser for Elevate (formerly birthline). We are outsourcing to a new supplier as the prices have gone up dramatically. More information next week.

#### **St Francis Fall Festival: August 27th**

Thanks to everyone working so diligently behind the scenes. Know that you are greatly appreciated. Did you know that this coming year will be the last that Albany Home Bakery will bake the chicken? This is a huge part of our equation which is now in jeopardy. "Come Holy Spirit Come and bring into place other possibilities." Secondly, Joyce Koopmeiners (232-0592) has been Co-chair of Raffle Tickets for many years. This year will be her last as we hope someone or a group will step forward. It will be important that they have some knowledge of Excel or computer skills, organization, create lists, obtaining prizes, printing of tickets, etc.

### **ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday, May 7th - 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn, Jan Kilian (c), LeAnn Beneke (c)

**Lector:** Mary Hollenkamp

**Servers:** Emily Ripplinger

**Ushers:** Pat & Lisa Zabinski

**Greeters:** Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger

**Gift Bearers:** Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie

**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian

#### **Scholarship**

St. Mary's will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a 2023 graduate who intends to continue their education at a university or technical college. The student must be a member of St. Marys. Applications are available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gather space of St. Mary's church. Submittance deadline is May 5th! Contact Leonice Prokott (320) 293-6645 with questions.

#### **St. Mary's Cemetery Clean Up: Saturday, May 13th**

Bring rakes and join us at 9:00 p.m. to get the cemetery in shape for Memorial Day and for our loved ones. Many hands make it happen!

#### **Carter Roerick ends Ministry as Mass Server**

It is awesome how many years Carter has faithfully served Mass over the years! He is truly an example of dedication for all of us. May 14<sup>th</sup> at our 8am Mass will mark his final time (beautiful how our Mass intention is for his grandfather: + Gilbert Roerick). No doubt Carter will continue to serve Jesus and our parish in numerous other ways.

### **Three Saints News**

**WEEKEND COLLECTION April 23, 2023**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$632, Loose: \$54, Votive: \$119, Spaghetti Supper: \$50, Catholic Home Missions: \$72 **Total: \$927**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$561, Loose: \$134, Easter: \$30, Candles: \$10, Catholic Home Missions: \$20 **Total: \$755**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,858, Loose: \$380, Catholic Home Missions: \$173 **Total: \$2,411**

#### **Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena: May 5th**

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - an evening of Mass, Adoration and reconciliation. Visit: [www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic - Revival](http://www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival). This is part of the Eucharistic Revival to strengthen, educate and celebrate the beauty of the Catholic Church. Next event is May 5th at St. Catherine's, Farming, MN at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Knights of Columbus: May 6-7th**

We will have our annual Tootsie Roll Drive on the weekend of May 6th & 7th for all 4 parishes of the council (including St. Stanislaus, Bowlus) after Masses. Free will offering.

#### **Upsala Alanon Meeting at Gethsemane Church**

Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. Family members have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar problems. Every Wednesday evening from 6-7:00 p.m. beginning May 10th, all who have family or friends who are struggling with alcohol consumption are welcome. For more information: [www.minnesotanorth-al-anon.org](http://www.minnesotanorth-al-anon.org) or call Joel M. at 218-255-5164.

#### **Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: May 13th**

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Our next meeting is on May 13th. Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

#### **Notes from Father David**

"The Lord is Risen!" As sheep willingly follow their own shepherd, whose voice they recognize and who calls them by name, we willingly follow the Lord Jesus, for we know His voice and He calls us each by name. As we gathered together on this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray that we become more attuned to His voice so that we may more effectively continue His mission in the world.

First Communion is traditionally also a festive occasion for families of the First Communicant. Traditions surrounding First Communion usually include large family gatherings and parties to celebrate the event. Special clothing is usually worn. The clothing is often white to symbolize purity. Girls often wear fancy dresses and a veil attached to a headdress, as well as white gloves (long or short). In other communities, girls commonly wear dresses passed down to them from sisters or mothers, or even simply their school uniforms plus the veiled headdress and gloves. Thanks to all the parents, godparents, family members and teachers (Roseanne & Grace Throener) who helped bring this day about. Let us continually fall more and more in love with the Holy Eucharist.

As you may or may not know, I donated one of my kidneys back in June of 2016. I had intended to donate to a priest friend, however I was not a match. He shortly thereafter received a kidney from a deceased donor. Since I was already working with the University of MN, I decided to proceed forward and donate anonymously to a male gentleman who lived in Washington D.C. It seems the Holy Spirit brings people to me who have kidney challenges: "My name is David Segura and I'm from Avon. I belong to the parish of St Anna. I'm in need of a kidney transplant. I have been doing dialysis for the past three and a half years. If you ever thought about donating and need more information or have questions, please call me: 320-293-9097. My wife Anita and I will be at St Mary's Church on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will speak for a few minutes at the conclusion of your 10am Mass. We greatly appreciate this opportunity." "He is Risen indeed!"