

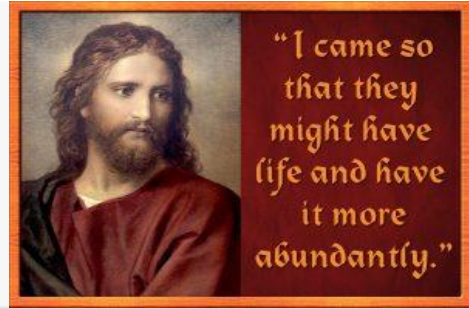
The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office three months before desired baptism date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Audrey Pflueger, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Joann Pinke, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson

Mass Schedule

May 4 - 10, 2020

Monday: 5/4
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 5/5
Livestream 6:00pm † Doris Vos
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel - Linus Vos Family

Wednesday: 5/6
Livestream 6:00pm † Edna Boeckermann
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel

Thursday: 5/7
Livestream 6:00pm † Jeffery Kalis
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel

Friday: 5/8
Livestream 6:00pm † Elaine Schumer
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel - Rob Schumer

Saturday: 5/9
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sunday: 5/10 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Livestream 10:00am † Virginia 'Ginger' Keppers
YouTube & Facebook - Jane Keppers

The Bishop has announced that all churches are to remain closed through May 18.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed to visitors. Please call if you need something. **Bulletins will be online only.** If someone doesn't have online access, call the office and we can mail them.

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the week of May 4 - 10:

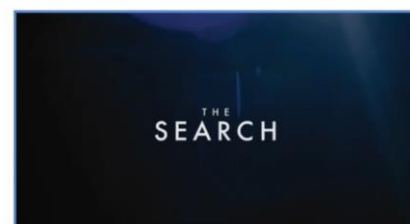
Parking Lot Adoration at St. Mary's. The Blessed Sacrament will be in the entryway. You can face your vehicle toward the Blessed Sacrament, but please stay in your vehicle. If you have your vehicle running, please use the parking brake so your lights turn off.

Day:	Adoration:	Confessions:	Night Prayer:
Tues., May 5:	7 – 9pm	7-8:15pm	8:30pm
Wed., May 6:	11am – 1pm	11am-1pm	9pm
Thurs., May 7:	7 – 9pm	7-8:15pm	8:30pm
Fri., May 8:	7 – 9pm	7-8:15pm	8:30pm

Confessions – Also by appointment.

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



THE SEARCH
Augustine Institute Original Series

What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary	12-6pm	First Wednesday
St. Edward	12-9pm	First Friday
St. Francis	7am-9pm	Second Tuesday

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,815.00; Holy Land \$50.00, Overseas Poor (CRS) \$50.00, Easter \$1,270.00; Online Giving - **\$3,365.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,260.00; Easter \$350.00 – **\$1,610.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$860.00; Easter \$530.00; Central MN Catholic \$20.00; Holy Land \$15.00; Online Giving \$100.00- **\$1,525.00**

The office is still operational and thus we are still counting on your generosity for the collection. Several options are available:

1. Automatic Withdrawal – If you are interested, you can visit the website and print off the form you need, or call the office and we can send you the form.
2. Drop your envelopes at Stearns Bank in Upsala
3. Mail to the office at: Church of St. Edward, St. Francis, or St. Mary, PO Box 249, Upsala, MN 56384.

****If there are any parishioners between the ages of 18 – 50 who would feel comfortable coming in to count collections, please call the office.****



Please pray for Paul Keppers who passed away April 22nd. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please pray for Audrey Pflueger who is on hospice.

THREE SAINTS NEWS

UPCOMING LIVE-STREAM EVENTS

Theology of the Body Free Virtual Conference May 8-10, 2020. Visit the website under the Upcoming Events tab for a link for more information.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Good Shepherd Sunday – May 3, 2020

Question: Can Catholic Parents Thwart a Religious Vocation?

This question should not need to be asked. But it must be asked, because parents who consider themselves good Catholics in other respects sometimes openly ridicule aspirations toward a religious life or even forcibly prevent their child from entering a seminary or convent.

Many reasons are given for this animosity toward a religious vocation. For instance, their child is "too young to make up his own mind." This suggestion overlooks the fact that a youngster enters a seminary, religious house or convent only to train for a religious course, and never takes final vows until he is old enough to assume full personal responsibility for his decision — usually at the age of 25 or more.

"It is not an appealing kind of life." Parents base this statement upon their own interests and preferences — not upon those of their child. Obviously, the young person

finds strong appeal in a religious life, else he would not consider it. Moreover, if the life is as unappealing as the parents picture it, the child has ample opportunity to discover this for himself and withdraw from training with good grace.

"My child knows nothing about life and does not know what he would miss in a religious vocation." If this argument were valid, the person who decided to become a doctor would first be encouraged to spend several years as a sea captain or merchant mariner, visiting the ports of the world. Only then would he know what he was giving up by starting a practice which would confine him to one place. To carry the analogy even further, the girl who intended to get married should first become a nun, for the nun experiences many compensations which the wife misses.

"Once he joins a religious community, he will be lost to us for life." This argument also lacks validity, because parents usually do not object to other careers in which a similar loss might ensue. For example, the young man who makes the Army his career might be transferred to overseas bases and would see his parents much less frequently than if he were a priest or brother. Since World War II, Americans have moved around at a faster rate than ever before and it is not uncommon for a young man or woman to marry and set up a home thousands of miles from where the parents live. Few parents would actively object to the marriage of a son or daughter on those grounds.

What should you do when your child expresses an interest in the religious life? In the first place be grateful that God has blessed your own family life by giving you a potential religious. Certainly, the presence of a priest, brother or nun in a family is often as much a reward to parents for their efforts in God's behalf as it is due to any special qualification in the candidate himself. If your instinctive reaction to the call is one of joy and thanksgiving, you manifestly possess a healthy Christian outlook. If, on the other hand, you resent or reject the stirring of a religious vocation in the soul of your young one, you should take stock of yourself. In either case, permit him the basic privilege of making up his own mind about so vital a question. Encourage him to think about his vocation and to seek advice from priests, brothers or sisters who can discuss its rewards and difficulties most effectively and intelligently. Provide him with good spiritual reading — Catholic books, magazines and newspapers — from which he will learn about the many kinds of service a religious may perform. See to it that he consults a priest immediately. Pray that he will see God's will and follow it — and that you will accept God's will as well. If he does embark upon a religious life, always remember him in your prayers. For the religious, no less than the layman, must fight against his human nature in order to achieve his own salvation.

Source: *Catholic Family Handbook, The* by Rev. George A. Kelly, Random House, Inc., New York, 1959

