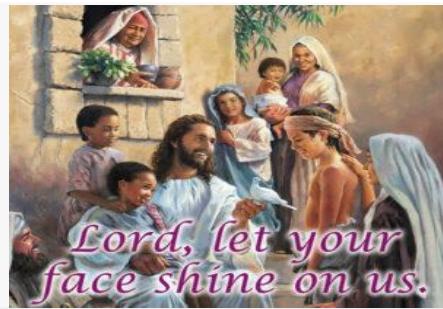


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

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Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

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

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkowicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkowicz, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heuring, Arnold Scholz, Cody Pappenfus (SE, car accident, Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul), Brayden Harren (SF, cancer treatment at the Mayo), Irene Lashinski (SF, living at home), family of +Kya Bartkowicz, Darling Langner (Has cemetery plot in Elmdale), Virgil Burg (SM, Long Prairie Nursing Home), Bernadine Bartkowicz (SE, hospitalized with pneumonia)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,271; Loose \$157; Rice Bowl \$77.41; Easter \$330; Online \$430 - **\$2,265.41**

St. Edward: Adult \$863; Loose \$122.16; Easter \$100; Online \$435 - **\$1,520.16**

St. Francis: Adult \$240; Loose \$56.50; Holy Land \$20; Easter \$190; Easter Flowers \$75; Online \$355 - **\$936.50**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (5/5)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm 1st Fri. (5/7)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (4/13)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

Upcoming Dates

April 20 Confirmation – 7pm @ St. Mary

May 2 First Communion – 10am @ St. Mary

May 12 Rel. Ed Parent Meeting – 6:30pm @ St. Mary

May 23 Senior Mass – 10am @ St. Francis

Mass & Devotions Schedule

April 19 - 25, 2021

Monday: 4/19 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 4/20
St. Mary NO Regular weekday Mass
St. Mary 7pm: Confirmation Mass
(will be livestreamed on Facebook)
Intention – Confirmation Candidates

Wednesday: 4/21 St. Anselm
St. Francis 8:00am † Janet Hartung
- G & MJ Boeckermann

Thursday: 4/22
St. Edward 8:00am † Dennis Koroll
- George & Karen Lashinski

Friday: 4/23 St. George, St. Adalbert
St. Mary 7:30am † Doris Burggraff
- Arnie Dobmeier

Saturday: 4/24
St. Mary 4:00pm † Gilbert Schmitz

Sunday: 4/25 Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Good Shepherd Sunday)
St. Edward 8:00am † Janet Hartung
- Renee Wensmann
St. Francis 10:00am † Cody Babineau
- Herb & Sharon Wielenberg



Religious Education

April 21:

Gr. 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm

First Communion Mass

Due to the social distancing necessary, our First Communion Mass has been moved to St. Mary's in Upsala: May 2 at 10am. We are sorry about any inconvenience that may cause you, however it is important for these and other celebrations to be as safe as possible. Masking, social distancing along with no food served on church grounds are still being required by the Bishop.

Youth News

Totus Tuus Coming to our Parishes

The week of July 17-23, our parishes along with the Holdingford area parishes will be hosting this Summer Vacation-like Bible School. There will be four young people from the diocese overseeing this gathering. This has become more and more common in many parishes within our diocese as Fr David had them in his former parishes. Our six parishes will also have to provide four host families.

Scholarships

Scholarships will be offered to 2021 graduating high school students who intend to continue their education at a university or technical college. The student must be a member of the parish to apply. Applications are on file at UHS with the guidance counselor as well as at 238catholic.org (or gathering space).

St. Edward will be offering a \$250 scholarship. Deadline is April 22.

St. Francis will be offering a \$500 scholarship. Deadline is April 22.

Salt orders are due to the office Mon., April 19. We are in need of 2 chaperones. If we could get at least one man to chaperone, that would be wonderful! Please contact the office if you are interested. If we do not get two more chaperones, 11 students will not get to go.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates that the Holy Spirit comes to them and fills their hearts with the love of God.



THREE SAINTS NEWS

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who donated food or money to the Holdingford Food Shelf! A big thanks also to the Religious Education students from St. Francis for the food donations!

Catholic Home Missions

Next weekend, all loose collections from all our Masses will go for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support helps dioceses that are in need to fund essential pastoral work such as faith formation and sacramental needs. All parishes throughout the United States will be taking up this collection. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal on April 24-25.

'Let the Sun Shine Run'

Race day registration will be available Saturday, April 24th from 7:30am to 10am in the parking lot behind St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring. +Ty Poppenhagen has his team getting ready! "The Healing Hearts of Suicide Survivors Support Group" strives to provide a safe place for healing and support. When your loved one or someone you know has died by suicide, your life has been forever changed. With the help of our group, you can work through the complex emotions with the support and hope of other survivors who will walk alongside you "through" your grief journey. For more information contact The Center for Life Transitions 320-774-1901.

Prayer Petition for Elderly

This weekend we prayed for some elders from each of our respective parishes. It is ever so important that we remember them by our prayers and support. It is great that some facilities are now allowing some visitation. Please contact Fr David if you would like your loved one remembered next month at Mass.

Mass Time Changes

Due to changing locations for First Communion Mass to Upsala at 10am, Mass times for the weekend of May 1-2 will be: Saturday 4pm in Elmdale and Sunday 8am in St Francis.

Thank You!!

The finance councils for the three parishes met this past week and looked over the financial reports. During this pandemic, all three parishes are currently financially healthy. The bills are being paid and there is even some in savings for emergencies and/or maintenance items. This could not be done without the generosity and faithfulness of our parishioners. Thank you so much for supporting the churches with time, talent, and treasure during these uncertain times. Keep up the good work!

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat., April 24 – 4pm

EM of HC: Joe Schumer *Lector:* Leonice Prokott

Greeter: Jan Kilian

Ushers: Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen

Confessional Updating

Are you ready to say good-bye to our temporary kneeler in our confessional? How many of you almost fall over as the kneeler was unattached? Charlie Gunderson submitted a bid of \$750 to build a permanent wall with a screen along with an attached kneeler. We plan to have an electrician do some work on it as well. If the Holy Spirit touches your heart, please be open to donating for this project. Simply bring your gift to the office or put in a marked envelope at our weekend collection.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., April 25 – 8am

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

Greeter: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

Kya Went Home to Jesus

The family of + Kya Bartkovicz would like to thank you for all your prayers as she went Home to Jesus last Sunday evening. Please keep her parents Randy and Angie in your prayers along with her little sister Emma. Her funeral will be at 10:30am on Wednesday in Flensburg. Visitation 4 to 7pm at Emblom-Brenny Funeral Home Tuesday evening and prior to the Mass.

Cemetery Maintenance

At our recent Finance Council meeting, we will be looking forward to work on our cemetery beginning soon. Thanks to Jim Roering who will be building the new road. Thanks to all the donors who gave to this project: \$10,825! Your generosity is truly amazing! Thanks to the family of Dennis Koroll as they plan to put two statues in our cemetery.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., April 25 – 10am

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Greeter: Bob Theisen

CUF Fundraiser

St. Francis Catholic United Financial is sponsoring our annual Matching Grant Breakfast on Sunday, May 2 serving from 9am to 12:30pm. Menu consists of Sausage from Paul and Kathy's Supermarket of Upsala, Pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery. A free will offering is being taken. Because of covid restrictions this year we will only be doing take outs. Proceeds go to support the religious education program.

Worker's information: Men and boys of the parish A – L work 8 – 10:30, M – Z work 10:30 until finished. Anybody else who would like to volunteer to help please call Chad, 293-7092 or Bob, 573-2933. Flyers are in the back of church if anyone wants to help post them. If you are interested in donating to the cost of the breakfast please contact Chad or Bob. And as always, new members are welcomed to join the Men's Society/CUF. If you are interested contact Chad or LeRoy, 249-8791.

Parish Fundraiser for Brayden

Upon consultation with the Harren Family, it was discussed that the parish will be doing a fundraiser for Brayden but would like to wait for Covid restrictions to lift. More info to come.....

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We are an Easter people. Whatever our circumstances may be, or the circumstances of the world, we gather this weekend in joy because our Lord truly rose from the dead, conquering death and bringing the promise of eternal life. On Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, we renewed our baptismal promises, affirming our faith, renouncing sin and evil, and promising to follow Christ in the newness of life. Let us live our lives in the joy of the Resurrection and spread the joy to all we meet.

We hope that you can join us for our Confirmation Mass this Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm. Bishop Kettler will be coming out to our parishes. The parishes from Sobieski, Flensburg and Randall will be joining us. Would it not be wonderful to have our entryway and dining room filled? Come and show your support for our sixteen young people making this step in their faith life: Emily Blonigen (Debra), Michael Blonigen (Michael), Zach Boeckermann (Zachary), Gracie George (Catherine), Kaitlyn George (Rita), Luke Harren (Michael), Faith Hartung (Faith), Abby Klein (Abigail), Jessi Lange (Cecilia), Levi Lampert (Sebastian), Anthony Nienaber (Hubert), Clara Pflueger (Bridget), Bennet Pundsack (Alfred), Christian Ripplinger (Peter), Kylie Roerick (Teresa) and Cheyenne Wuebkers (Sophia). I challenged them when they came in for their interviews of the importance of "giving back" as the last eleven years they have "received". Please encourage them to deepen their faith lives by becoming more involved in any number of ways.

Please keep the priests and deacons of our diocese in your prayers Friday, April 23 at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids. We will be taking part in a workshop entitled: "Responding to Suicide ...". There will be theological connections to mental health and suicide along with homiletic and prayer opportunities for survivors of suicide loss. With Ty Poppenhagen's passing away this past year (December 17), how can each one of us do better to normalize mental health awareness and ensure that no more families, schools, parishes and communities will have to go through such a horrific tragedy in the future.

With our new religious education coordinators (Reba Leither (K-6) and Tamara Lange (7-10)) preparing for 2021-2022, we are hoping to get things well in place before the summer begins. Especially since our K-6 is a completely different program than we have been accustomed. Did you know that for many years the parish of St Francis would pay for their children's religious education tuition? In light of the new changes coming this fall, all Finance Committees approved paying for their student's tuition this year for all grades K-11! Is there anything more important than the souls of our children? If you feel the Holy Spirit gently nudging you to make a donation, it would be most greatly appreciated. This and more information will be forthcoming at our Parent Meeting held May 12 at 6:30pm in St Mary's. Even if you do not have children, but want to be supportive or simply interested in the faith formation of our children and young people, please join us.