

# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## *Palm Sunday*

*April 5, 2020*

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Emergencies only after 9pm

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

Judy Theisen: 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners: 573-2728

### 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.

## Mass Schedule

April 6 - 12, 2020

Monday: 4/6  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 4/7  
Livestream 6:00pm St. Mary's Quilting Ladies  
- Mary Frie

Wednesday: 4/8  
Livestream 6:00pm † Veronica Toenies  
- Darrell & Annette Wegleitner

Thursday: 4/9 *Holy Thursday*  
Livestream 6:00pm †† Ted & Lucille Opatz  
- Jeff Czech

Friday: 4/10 *Good Friday*  
Livestream 3:00pm Service – No Intention

Saturday: 4/11 *Easter Vigil*  
Livestream 8:30pm † Eleanor Thell  
- Roger & Kathy Thell

Sunday: 4/12 *Easter Sunday*  
Livestream 10:00am Mary Jane Prokott  
- Renee Scholz

### 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 a bulletin.

### ONLINE MASS

Fr. Theis will be streaming the Mass on the St. Mary's Facebook page. St. Mary's Church, Upsala. Also on YouTube.

### SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the week of April 6 - 12:

**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.

Sun., April 5: 11am – 1pm

Tues., April 7: 11am – 1pm

Wed., April 8: 7 – 9pm

Thurs., April 9: 3 – 5pm & 7 – 9pm

**Confessions** – By appointment, by the side door of St. Mary's Church during parking lot adoration. Please remain in your vehicle until you are next. All confessions will be at St. Mary's.

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2020

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

St. Gregory the Great Council 12604

With regards to the celebration of the novena beginning with Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast of Mercy according to Our Lord's express wish, it is greatly recommended to give honor to the Divine Mercy, in answer to Jesus' claim and appeal, by offering the novena for both His general and particular daily intentions. The General Intentions are: 1. The conversion of the whole world; 2. That the Divine Mercy becomes known so that everyone will extol Christ's goodness. Schedule:

4-10-2020 Good Friday 6:30pm livestream

4-11-2020 Holy Saturday 3:00pm livestream

4-12-2020 Easter Sunday after 10am Mass livestream

4-13-2020 Easter Monday 6:30pm livestream

4-14-2020 Easter Tuesday after 6pm Mass livestream

4-15-2020 Easter Wed. 6:30pm livestream

4-16-2020 Easter Thurs. 6:30pm livestream

4-17-2020 Easter Friday after 6pm Mass livestream

4-18-2020 Easter Sat. after 10am Mass livestream

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### Divine Mercy Novena (continued from the right)

Due to the situation with the Coronavirus, the Novena will be held at St. Mary's, Upsala only. Devotions on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday will be livestream only.

Please do your best to keep yourself informed, as this schedule and situation could change, especially after Easter Sunday. Let the situation that we are presently challenged with increase our prayer life rather than diminish it. The world needs prayer and our Lord's Divine Mercy now more than ever. Please join us in Praying this beautiful and powerful novena. The novena will be approximately 25 minutes. If you have questions, call John Kokett at 573-4239.



## 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

### **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 Bartkowitz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Joann Pinke, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS (from 3-28 & 29-2020)

**St. Mary:** Adult \$560.00; Online Giving \$180.00 - **\$740.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$180.00; Easter \$100.00; Rice Bowl \$20.00; Holy Land \$20.00- **\$320.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$165.00; Holy Land \$20.00; Easter \$230.00; Online Giving \$100.00- **\$515.00**

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS (from 3-21 & 22-2020)

**St. Mary:** Adult \$75.00; Votive \$21.50 - **\$96.50**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$26.00; Catholic Relief Services \$10.00 - **\$36.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$10.00; Easter Flowers \$5.00 - **\$15.00**

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.

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

**Sunday, April 5 at 8:30pm, Fr. Theis and Fr. Mastey will livestream Night Prayers on Facebook.**

**Palms:** Due to the current health crisis we are in, we will not be able to distribute palms this year.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

**Spaghetti Supper:** Postponed

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

**Tall Red Votive Candle Holders:** There are some available for \$2 each. Contact Bob if interested, 573-2933.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

**St. Mary Scholarship:** St. Mary's will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a member of St. Mary's in Upsala who is graduating from a public or private high school in spring of 2020. The deadline is April 15. Contact Leonice at 573-4965 with questions.

### **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.

FORMED has many great things you can use and learn from:

[www.238catholic.formed.org](http://www.238catholic.formed.org) (Google Chrome)

## Lent Prayer a Day

Holy Week - Sunday

Loving God, I am just beginning to realize how much you love me. Your son, Jesus was humble and obedient. He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask you for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to you. I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give you glory. Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from you. Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.

Holy Week - Monday

God of love, My prayer is simple: Your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me. I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you. I cannot feel protected from my many weaknesses until I turn to you for forgiveness and your unalterable love. Help me to share this strength, protection and love with others.

Holy Week - Tuesday

God of such unwavering love, how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus? I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in his suffering. Give me the strength to see his love with honesty and compassion and to feel deeply your own forgiveness and mercy for me. Help me to understand how to "celebrate" this week. I want be able to bring my weaknesses and imperfections with me as I journey with Jesus this week, so aware of his love.

Holy Week - Wednesday

My savior, do you invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection? Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to destroy my love and trust in you. Help me to be humble and accepting like your son, Jesus. I want to turn to you with the same trust he had in your love. Save me, Lord. Only you can save me.

Holy Week - Thursday

Loving Provider, you gather me in this upper room with your son, to be fed by your love. At that supper, Jesus told us to "love one another" and I know that is the heart of his gift, his sacrifice for me. I ask that I might find the source of my own heart, the meaning for my own life, in that Eucharist. Guide me to the fullness of your love and life.

Holy Week - Friday

My Lord, your son has suffered so much, shed so much blood. I was born with so many faults and my nature is so full of weakness, and yet your son Jesus has died on the cross. For me. I know your grace has the power to cleanse me of my many sins and to make me more like your Son. Thank you for your goodness and love for me. I ask you, Father, to watch over me – always.

**1 Make an act of faith**  
Come up with your own prayer or use a traditional one to express to the Lord our faith in his real presence in the Eucharist.

**2 Make an act of love**  
Say a prayer that expresses your love and gratitude to the Lord. Thank Him for his infinite love as well.

**4 steps for Spiritual Communion**  
Catholic Link

**3 Express your desire to receive him**  
As you are not able to physically receive the Lord, express your desire to receive Him in your heart.

**4 Invite Jesus to come into your heart**  
With a humble and contrite heart we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.