

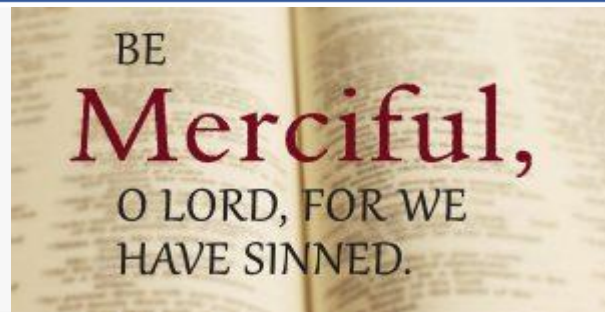
The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

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Emergencies only after 9pm

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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 cancelled.

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, Mark Schumer, 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

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Mass Schedule

Feb. 24 – March 1, 2020

Monday: 2/24 *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 2/25

St. Mary 6:00pm † Gerald Roering

Wednesday: 2/26 **Ash Wednesday**

St. Francis 9:00am † Lori Scherping
- Lorene Koopmeiners

St. Mary 6:00pm † Doris Vos
- Linus Vos Family

St. Edward 8:00pm People of our Parishes

Thursday: 2/27

St. Edward 8:00am †† Mike & Lucy Koroll

Friday: 2/28

St. Mary 7:30am † Duane 'Whitey' Herzog
- Alan & Janel Marstein

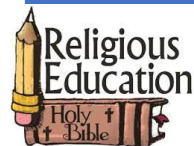
Saturday: 2/29

St. Edward 8:00pm † Norman Liebsch
- Eileen Koroll

Sunday: 3/1 *First Sunday of Lent*

St. Francis 8:00am People of our Parishes

St. Mary 10:00am † Lucille Zabinski
- Zabinski Family



Religious Education

Feb. 26:

NO CLASSES – Please attend Ash Wednesday Mass

ADDITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:

7:00am – All Saints, St. Mary – Holdingford

Noon – St. Stanislaus, Bowlus

7:00pm – Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

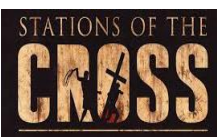
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday after the 10am Mass at St. Mary's (except March 29)

Fridays at 7:30pm – alternating between St. Francis and St. Edward.

- St. Edward – Feb. 28, March 13, 27

- St. Francis – March 6, 20, April 3



A heartfelt thank you to all who planned for, decorated and worked at the St. Valentine's Meal. It was a special evening. Also, thank you to those who attended and helped to support future youth activities.



A warm thank you to all who sewed the quilts, prepared for, and worked at the Quilt Bingo. Many hours of work go into making the quilts and they were all very beautiful. Thank you to those who attended the Quilt Bingo to support the Mission Circle.

Email scam alert! There is someone pretending to be Fr. Theis, and other area priests, sending emails to people asking for money. Delete them – they are scams. The emails will look like they came from Fr. Jeremy Theis, or whichever priest they are pretending to be.





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 \$1,703.00; Loose \$139.00; Central MN Catholic \$60.00 - **\$1,902.00**

St. Mary's Quilt Bingo Net - \$3,522.64

St. Mary's Valentine's Meal GROSS - \$3,683.00

St. Edward: Adult \$1,089.00; Loose \$70.00; Votive \$21.00; Central MN Catholic \$175.00 - **\$1,355.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$785.00; Loose \$58.00 - **\$843.00**



Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten season. Join us for a 40-day journey of welcoming his tender love, beginning with short, daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Live in Christ's love and let him transform your life. Sign up to receive these reflections straight to your inbox every morning: <https://formed.org/lent>

THREE SAINTS NEWS

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Transformed by faith and sent in service to all." The appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Wednesday, February 26 – 8pm – Ash Wednesday

EEM: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen, Neil Frieler, Peggy Frieler

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Austin Wensmann & Michael Blonigen

Greeters: Anthony Nienaber & Zach Bartkowicz

Gifts: Pat & Kris Blonigen

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Saturday, February 29 – 8pm

EEM: Dorene Czeck, Adeline Molus, Ralph Schleper, Julie Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Servers: Emily Blonigen & Monica Nienaber

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen

Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

NEW TRUSTEE: We welcome and thank John Kokett for his willingness to serve the parish as a Trustee.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: St. Edward is in need of people who are interested in becoming EM of HC's. Please contact the office.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Wednesday, February 26 – 9am – Ash Wednesday

Volunteers needed for all Ministries.

Sunday, March 1– 8am

EEM: Rosanne Voss, Sylvester Tschida, Janice Wuebkers, Judy Theisen

Lector: Brianna Wuebkers

Servers: Clara Pflueger & Cheyenne Wuebkers

Gifts: Craig & Rosanne Voss

Greeters: Rosanne Voss & Janice Wuebkers

St Francis CUF Matching Grant Breakfast is set for Sunday, February 23, serving 9:00am to 12:30pm. Men and boys of the parish are asked to help. M - Z from 8 to 10:30 and A - L from 10:30 until finished. Each family is asked to bring 1 dozen sweet rolls. If anyone would like to donate towards the fundraiser which supports religious education for our youth, please contact Chad Koopmeiners (573-5667) or Leroy Pflueger (573-2192). Thank you!

Journey with Jesus to Calvary: I still need people for in the play – actors, extras and choir members. It was decided to drop the Friday night performance this year. The performances will be on Wed., April 1 – 7:00pm, Sat., April 4 – 7:30pm, Sun., April 5 – 1:00pm. If you want to be a part of this year's production or want to help in any way call Bob at 573-2933.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Wednesday, February 26 – 6pm – Ash Wednesday

EEM: Brian Lange, Beth Lange, Karen Liebsch

Servers: Collin Prom & Christian Ripplinger

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family

Greeters: Rosie Harren & Jayne Lange

Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

Sunday, March 1 – 10am

EEM: Cindy Koehn, Chantelle Frie, Jan Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Lector: Tom Kilian

Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners Family

Greeters: Rosemary Mehr & Mary Frie

Ushers: Duke Lange & Michael Lange

Smelt/Fish Fry: The St. Mary's Fish Fry & Raffle is Friday, April 3rd. We will start to sell raffle tickets after Mass on Sundays starting March 1st. All parishioners are asked to buy or sell AT LEAST on \$100 ticket. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Church!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday

March 7 – First Reconciliation – 9am at St. Mary's

March 18 – Rel. Ed. Penance Service

LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

"The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its two-fold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through the spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises."

- Ceremonial of Bishops, 249

The current discipline is as follows:

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. That is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.

- The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

- The law of fasting permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon, or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons from 18 years of age to 59 years are obligated to fast.

- The law of abstinence from meat applies to all persons who have completed their 14th year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages 7 to 14 also follow the law of abstinence.

The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social"