



The Catholic Churches

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



“And it happened that, while he was with them at the table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them... (Lk 24:31)

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 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
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Three Saints News

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council: April 23rd

Come join us for a movie- *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* at St. Mary's Church, Upsala, this Sunday, April 23rd. Following the movie we will have a social.

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

The diocesan Vocation Office will sponsor an event for families on Sunday, April 30th. "The Shepherd is Calling" is a hands-on event held in conjunction with Good Shepherd Sunday at the Mike and Alice Westrich farm (1652 Abbey Road) in Burtrum. It is geared toward parents and their elementary school-age children with activities to help them learn more about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The event, which will be held from 1 to 6:00 p.m., also includes Mass with Father Doug Liebsch (grandson of Karen Liebsch from St Mary's) at 4:00 p.m. and a hog roast. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023ShepherdisCalling>

Update on our First Communicants

As they prepare for receiving Jesus for the very first time (April 30th at 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Mary), please remember to keep them and their parents in your prayers: Gabriel Myra Barthel, Emma Lynn Bartkowitz, Alex Barbara Fuchs, Owen Christopher Fuchs, Sean Joseph Hartung, Alexander James Klasen, Nathan Keith Notsch and Jasmyn Julia Oldakowski.

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

Join us as we gather to pray for our nation. This will take place at the Veterans Memorial in Upsala. You can also pray at our area churches: Word of Life, Gethsemane, Community Covenant in Upsala and Brighter Days Family Church in Burtrum. List of prayer intentions are in the entrance of St Mary's.

Upsala AI- Anon Meeting: Starts May 10th

Every Wednesday evening from 6-7:00 p.m., all who have family or friends who are struggling with alcohol consumption are welcome. New members, members or simply seeking information, come join us. We will meet at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. For more information: www.minnesotanorth-al-anon.org or call Steve at 218-255-5164.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Vombrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, Herbie Gerads & Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

| Tuesday 4/25 | | <i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i> |
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| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary | † | Ralph & Audrey Lange ~Beth Lange & Family |
| Wednesday 4/26 | | |
| 8 a.m. St. Francis | † | Paul & Ginger Keppers ~Jane Keppers |
| Thursday 4/27 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward 12 noon-9 pm St. Mary | † | Marcellus & Frances Theisen Adoration |
| Friday 4/28 | | <i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest</i> |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | † | Deceased Members of the Prom Family ~DJ & JoAnne Prom |
| Weekend Masses | | Fourth Sunday of Easter |
| Saturday 4/29 | | |
| 10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Edward | † | Communion Service, Upsala Bernetta Czech |
| Sunday 4/30 | | |
| 8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary First Communion | † | For the People Matthew Whetzel ~Dennis & Carol Langner |
| 10 a.m. St. Edward | † | 100th Wedding Anniversary of John & Johanna Brezinka |
| 4 p.m. Mike & Alice Westrich Farm | | Fr. Doug's Intention |

Graduation Mass 2023 will be on May 21st at 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Upsala. Congratulations Graduates!

Faith Formation

K-6: Home Lesson-Mary and the Eucharist

2nd grade: Review lessons 7-9

First Communion is April 30th at St. Mary's at 10:00 a.m.

Families should arrive by 9:30 a.m. Gifts for the students can be placed on the table for Father's blessing.

Grades 7-10: Classroom Lesson: 7-8:30 p.m. on April 26th.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: May 7

Come one, come all pre-school through the 6th grade. Every Sunday at the 10am Mass in St Mary's, the children along with a teacher will be dismissed from Mass when we are about to hear the scripture proclaimed. They will return to their parents after Fr David's homily. For more info, please call Chelsea Fuchs: 491-7241 or Kayla Bathel: 232-0432.

Youth

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC

Sign-up on our website. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023.

Joyful Beauty Women's Conference Saturday, April 29th,

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Rice MN. A day for women, ages 12 and older, to be refreshed body, mind and soul in God's grace and love and a renewed passion to live out their identity and a daughter of Christ. Keynote speaker: Leah Jacobson author of *Wholistic Feminism: Healing the Identity Crisis Caused by the Women's Movement*. Tickets \$40. Call (320) 393-2527 or visit: crossrockacc.org

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: April 30th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday. Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, April 29th - 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Shari Biniek

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Ken & Deb Wensmann

100th Wedding Anniversary: April 30th at 10:00 a.m. Mass

The Brezinska family will gather to celebrate the anniversary of John (died June 19, 1985) and Johanna (died Jan 7, 1999) Brezinka. All are invited to join them as Fr David Maciej will be the celebrant for Mass. (Our regular weekend Mass schedule will remain in place.)

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

April Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

April Bank Deposit: Frank Koopmeiners

Sunday, April 30th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteer

Gift Bearers: Mike & Shelly Harren

Church locking

Starting April 23rd, St. Edward's and St. Francis Churches will be locking up at 8:00 p.m.

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.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, April 30th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Jan Kilian (c), LeAnn Beneke (c)

Lector: Tom Kilian

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Mary Frie

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klasen

Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

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 5! Contact Leonice Prokott (320) 293-6645 with questions.

Three Saints News

West Central Deanery Meeting: April 26th

Meet the Catholic women of the new West Central Deanery at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Saint Rosa (28905 County Road 17, Freeport, MN) on Wednesday April 26th. Join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a light supper and meeting. We'll get you up to date on the changes since the merger of the deaneries. For more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or Arleen Roelike, 320-282-9941.

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 16, 2023

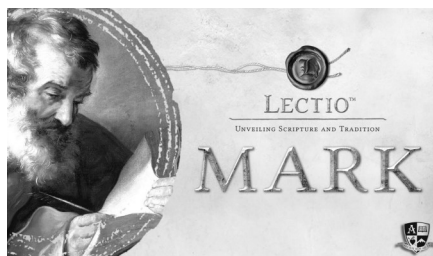
St. Edward: Adult: \$1,090, Loose: \$110, Easter: \$100,

Spaghetti Supper: \$4,865 **Total: \$6,165**

St. Francis: Adult: \$490, Loose: \$107, Easter: \$240, Mission Appeal: \$50 **Total: \$887**

St. Mary: Adult: \$940, Loose: \$103, Votive \$54.25

Total: \$1,097.25



Watch on FORMED:

St. Mark the Evangelist. Just who is St. Mark, the author of his short action packed Gospel? Take a close up look at his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

Area Church Events

Spring Mission Rally: April 25th

All are welcome to attend at Sacred Heart Church (310 4th Street NE, Staples, MN) for this mission rally: Walking together in Christ's Love." Refreshments at 7:00 a.m. , Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C. Keynote speakers are visiting delegates from Homa Bay, Kenya. Cost: \$10. Please call the Mission Office to register: (320) 251-1100 or mail a check to: The Mission Office, 11 Eighth Avenue S., St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Church Ladies' Hotdish Cook Off!: April 28th

Emblom Brenny Funeral Service is sponsoring the 1st Annual Church Ladies' Cook Off. Proceeds to benefit local hospice organizations. Tickets are \$10 with 5 and under FREE. Join us at the Little Falls VFW (1210 3rd Ave. N. E., Little Falls from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will also be door prizes and silent auction items.

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.

Honoring Marriage Day: May 6th

This event will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud at 1:00 p.m. for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60-plus anniversaries in 2023. Contact Jan Zylla: jzylla@gw.stcdio.org to learn more.

Third Annual "Helping Hospice" Rummage Sale: May 3rd & 4th CHI health at Home Hospice Team is having a rummage sale from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located at 9447 Highway 115, Randall, MN. All proceeds go to the hospice program. If you have items to donate, please contact Sharon at 749-2771.

Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" As we continue our celebration of Easter, we praise God for this miracle that brings new life to us all, and we pray that we will continue to grow in understanding of the many ramifications of this event. This week we hear the story of how two disciples making their way back to Emmaus slowly grow in understanding until the moment the stranger they'd met on the road breaks bread with them. Suddenly they recognize the Lord in their midst. My we always be open to recognize the Lord in our midst as well.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend. Did you know that nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities? Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

Thank you, thank you, thank you as what the Good Lord brought about the previous Friday evening at St Edward's with our annual Spaghetti Supper was truly amazing! It was so beautiful to see so many from all three of our parishes join us as well as from other denominations. Especially I would like to thank our cooks: Peggy Frie and Carmen Welinski. Everybody keeps wanting your secret recipe for your spaghetti sauce! Without you, we would not have had this many people. Thanks to our organizers: Sally Hansen, Joy Koroll and Ted Lewandowski as each year there are even better ideas such as the gift baskets this year! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the many volunteers who came forward in so many different ways. This could not have happened without you! No doubt God wants to continue to do great things through you! "He is Risen indeed!"