

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 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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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

Mass & Devotions Schedule May 3 - 9, 2021

Monday: 5/3 *Sts. Philip & James*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 5/4

St. Mary 6:00pm † Paul & Ginger Keppers
Anointing of the Sick - Jane Keppers

Wednesday: 5/5

St. Francis 8:00am † Duane & Betty Herzog
Anointing of the Sick - Diane Herzog

St. Mary Noon – Adoration, 4pm - Benediction

Thursday: 5/6 *National Day of Prayer*

St. Edward 8:00am † Vernon Pangrac
Anointing of the Sick - Jeff Czech

Friday: 5/7

St. Mary 7:30am Healing & Strength for
Anointing of the Sick Brayden Harren

St. Edward Noon – Adoration, 4pm - Benediction

Saturday: 5/8

St. Mary 4:00pm † Elaine & Mark Schumer

Sunday: 5/9 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

St. Edward 8:00am † Deceased & Living Members of
the Wensmann Family

St. Francis 10:00am People of the Parishes

Crowning of Mary

Family Formation



May 12:

Parent Meeting – 6:30pm at St. Mary's

Upcoming Parent Meeting

All parents are expected to attend our meeting: May 12th at 6:30pm in St Mary's. This will be a wonderful time to meet our new Coordinators as well as learn more about our new curriculum for grades K-6. We will also hear about our program for grades 7-11. Come and bring your ideas you might have to help strengthen our religious education even more.



First Communion on May 2!

Please pray for our young people who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday: Megan Becker, Lane Boeckermann, Alba Eggert, Carter Harren, Wyatt Hartung, Haylee Heesen, Wyatt Klasen, Katie MacArthur, Abby Rakotz, & Gavin Welinski



In honor of Mary, Crowning of Mary will take place at Masses the weekend of May 8 & 9.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus (SE, traumatic brain injury), Brayden Harren (SF, welcome him home), family of +Kya Bartkovicz, Bernadine Bartkovicz (SE, coming home soon), Betty Zwilling (health failing, mother of Karl Hartung SM), family of +Virgil Burg (SM)

Please continue to pray for our students and their chaperones who will be making the trip to NCYC in Indianapolis in November:

Rachel Ainali	Emily Blonigen	Michael Blonigen	Gracie George
Kaitlyn George	Mitchell George	Paige Gerads	James Jensen
Katie Jensen	Kaylee Kremers	Max Lange	Tyson Leners
Ali Stock	Monica Nienaber	Beau Ripplinger	Bryce Westrich
Carter Roerick	Eli Roerick	Jacob Roerick	Kylie Roerick
Anthony Nienaber	Natalie Wensmann	Christian Ripplinger	Cheyenne Wuebkers
Michael Klasen	Jonathan Leither	Alice Westrich	Lisa Zabinski

For all 28 people to go, we need to raise a total of \$20,300. As of the printing of this bulletin, we have about \$13,000 to go. If you want to make a donation, put it in an envelope marked NCYC and drop it in the collection.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,242; Catholic Home Mission \$152.85; Religious Education \$100; Easter \$200; Online \$310 - **\$2,004.85**

St. Edward: Adult \$765; Catholic Home Mission \$208.66; Easter \$1,200; Cemetery Maintenance \$1,000; Online \$600 - **\$3,773.66**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,465.25; Catholic Home Mission \$142.36; Easter \$120; Online \$210 - **\$1,937.61**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Jeron Wiechman & Kelly Schmitz May 22 @ St. Francis

THREE SAINTS NEWS

“Let the Sun Shine Run”

“Thanks to all who participated the previous Saturday in Cold Spring for this event. There were well over 100 of us walking/running in support of Ty Poppenhagen’s family and friends! It was great to see so many of his classmates in attendance. What a powerful expression of our community and our faith! It is so wonderful how Ty’s family help our area communities grow in our awareness of the tragedies of suicide. Mental health awareness is essential. I pray that you will help us to bring forth more resources. Together let’s see to it that with Ty’s passing last December will be the last one in our area who die by suicide.” Fr David

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s collections as our three parishes gave \$503.87! This helps strengthen our church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States.

First Friday Devotions

This Friday morning at our daily Mass in Upsala, come and receive graces: Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Litany to Sacred Heart and Confessions before Mass. Home visits will take place on Thursday afternoon and on Friday. Please call Fr David if you would like to receive Jesus in the sacraments.

Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 16th at 8pm in Community Covenant Church all graduates and parents are encouraged to come. This is a non-denominational spiritual service that allows for public school graduates to find spiritual meaning that aligns with their personal beliefs. Pastors from our area Churches will be involved in bringing this about along with members of the 2021 Graduating Class.

Outdoor Graduation Mass at St Francis?

What’s the Good Lord placing on your heart? Graduates and parents this Mass (May 23 which is Pentecost) is for you as we’d love to know your thoughts. Hopefully it would be a sunny day. If raining, it is easy to move into the Church.

Memorial Day Mass

Please mark your calendars as we will have Mass Memorial Day (May 31) in St Mary’s at 9am. This is also the feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will also have special prayers for all the Veterans who sacrificed that we may worship in freedom.

61,422 Boxes of Joy!

“Cross Catholic Outreach shipped these boxes to children in need around world. Boys and girls who never received a Christmas gift in their lives received one for the first time. Not only in our three parishes giving so many boxes did you bless these children, but you gave their parents the priceless experience of watching their sons’ and daughters’ faces light up when they opened their gifts – what joy! In a year marked by the pandemic, the joy you imparted was particularly significant. You made sacrifices in order to share hope with others through *Box of Joy*, and I want to thank you for your commitment to share God’s love.” James J Cavnar, President

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COUNCIL #12604

The May meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #12604 will be held on Tues., May 4 at 8pm at St. Edward, Elmdale.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

Saturday, May 8 – 4pm

EM of HC: Dave Scholz *Lector:* Kim Koehn

Greeters: Rosie Harren

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

ST. EDWARD’S NEWS

Sun., May 9 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck *Lector:* Jeff Czech

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

Cemetery Maintenance

“Thanks to the family of Dennis Koroll who will be having statues of Our Blessed Mother along with Sacred Heart of Jesus placed in the cemetery. Linda Mader (artist who lives near St Francis) has a colored most beautiful ‘Our Lady of Grace’ statue. I seen it this past week and it will be most stunning! The cost will be \$800 (those who already donated to this project, could use that money for this statue if you so wish). Please let me know ASAP if interested.” Fr David

ST. FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sunday, May 9 – 10am

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt *Greeter:* Rosanne Voss

Mothers’ Day Carnations

Christian Mothers/Women will have carnations available for sale on Mother’s Day. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to purchase in memory of deceased women of your family. That bouquet will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Carnations may be purchased after Mass on Mother’s Day too. Free will donation.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Jesus tells us in this weekend’s Gospel, that He remains in us and if we remain in Him, we will bear much fruit. Gathered together, we are a visible sign of a community who remain in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

Let’s welcome Fr Benedict Mwangi to our parishes the weekend of May 15-16. His home diocese is in Kenya (East Africa). There will be a second collection at all Masses. Fr Benedict: “On behalf of Bishop James Maria Wainaina of Muranga diocese, I thank you for allowing me to come to do the mission appeal in your parishes. The reasons for mission are because our diocese is facing a major financial difficulty to feed, educate, financially support 50 orphans, to buy medicine, pay hospital bills for 80 children and 20 adults who are HIV positive in our two diocesan hospitals, and to pay tuition for 45 major seminarians.” Fr Benedict will fly in from Pittsburgh late Friday evening. He will be staying at the rectory in Elmdale. He has received his Covid-19 vaccination. **He would love to come to your place for a home cooked meal.** Please call me or the office if you are interested in inviting him to your home over the weekend.

Thanks for your prayers the previous Friday as I along with other priests of the diocese attended a workshop entitled: “Responding to Suicide ...”. There were three presenters, all of whom have experienced suicide in their families including a bishop from CA and a deacon from PA along with Scott and Reyne Roeder from St Cloud who spoke of their son Jackson who died by suicide. Check out more online www.jacksonroeder.com about their kind, passionate and creative son. At this workshop, I learned that what is needed most is compassion. God can turn all things into good (Rm 8:28) as there is nobility in suffering. There is so much stigma and discrimination as we need to develop a Catholic approach to supporting people with mental illness. The Church’s task is to give people back their names. They are not their mental illness/struggle. The primary task of the Church is to love and heal without the demand of a cure.

I continue to discern God’s will for our parishes regarding weekend Mass Schedules beginning the first weekend of July. It is so great to see so many people returning to Church! However, I am worried on Sundays as both of our Masses have us violating the protocols set in place by Bishop Kettler. We are asked to use every other pew, yet with so many people that is not happening. We are in a dilemma. St Mary’s has sufficient overflow with the entryway and the dining room. Bishop Kettler, myself and many priests have received the vaccine. However, it is most difficult to know how many of you have been vaccinated? I see this as an important issue as well as the fact that not one of our parishes want to have the Saturday evening Mass on a permanent basis. Come Holy Spirit Come!

St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic United Financial Council #296

Matching Grant Breakfast

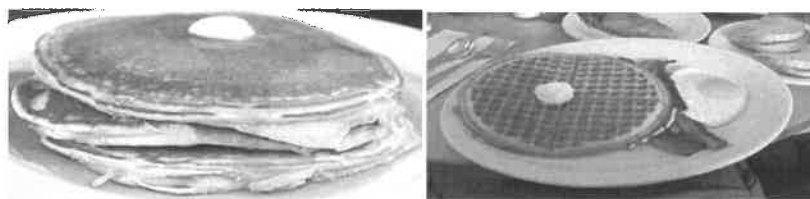


Sunday, May 2, 2021



Menu includes:

Sausage from Paul and Kathy's, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery



THIS YEAR WE WILL BE DOING TAKEOUT MEALS ONLY!!

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED. PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Mass is being held at 8am. Serving from 9am to 12:30pm

St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany on Hwy 238.
