

The Catholic Churches

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 10, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,
Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary ~ 9:15-9:45 am
Tuesday St. Mary ~ 5- 5:45 pm

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
(SE) Sally Schleper 573- 2127

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.

Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Upcoming Events

April 13: Guest Speaker for K-10: 7-8:30pm, All are invited!
April 22: Spaghetti Supper at St Edward's 5-7:30pm
April 23: First Communion Retreat at St Mary's 9-10:30am
April 24: 6pm Youth Mass at St Mary's
May 1: First Communion:10am St Mary's & 2pm St Francis
May 7: Mike & Alice Westrich Farm 9am-12:30pm
June 11-17: Summer VBS/Totus Tuus with Holdingford area

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

Area Church Gatherings

Life is Messy

Please join the Christian Women to hear Kristin Molitor speak on the book, *Life is Messy* on Tuesday, April 19th 2022 at 6:00 pm. Hospitality following in The Gathering Space at the Church of St. Benedict's in Avon. All are Welcome! Free will offering.

Hospice Volunteers

There are opportunities in the Upsala area for Hospice Volunteers who provide companionship for a couple of hours per week to give caregivers a brief respite. Contact Centracare Hospice at (320) 259-9375 to volunteer today.

Please pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, In Thanksgiving: Brayden Harren & Millie Spring: Cancer: FREE, Judy Gerads (SF, recovery), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), **Dennis Biniek (SE, recovery from colon cancer) Family of +Marcella Vos (sister of Valeria Lehner, SF)**

Lent

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Sunday 4/10		
1 pm St. Francis		"Journey with Jesus to Calvary"
7-9 pm St. Edward		Confessions (also after Masses)
Monday 4/11		
7-9 pm St. Francis		Confessions
Tuesday 4/12		
6 pm St. Mary	†	Brian Lange Stations of the Cross
7am –7pm St. Francis		Adoration & Benediction
7-9 pm St. Mary		Confessions
Wednesday 4/13		
8:00 am St. Francis	†	Sr. Sharon Patrick Stations of the Cross
Noon-1pm St. Mary		Confessions
7-8:30 pm St. Mary		Speaker: Gina Bauer –Retreat Night
Thursday 4/14		Holy Thursday
7pm St. Edward		Confessions
8pm St. Edward	†	Bernetta Czech
Friday 4/15		Good Friday
Noon St. Mary		Confessions following
8 pm St. Francis		7 pm Confessions beforehand
Weekend Masses		Easter
Saturday 4/16		Vigil
8 pm St. Francis	†	Joseph & Mary Gerads
Sunday 4/17		Easter Sunday
8 am St. Edward	†	Kya Bartkowicz
10 am St. Mary	†	Rich Boeckermann

Holdingford Holy Week Schedule

4/14 Holy Thursday: 7pm All Saints-St. Hedwig's
Adoration until 11pm
4/15 Good Friday: 12 noon St. Columbkille,
3pm All Saints-St. Mary's
4/16 Easter Vigil: 8:15pm Immaculate Conception-
Wine & Cheese Reception after Mass
4/17 Easter: 6:30am Arban, 8:15am St. Columbkille,
& 10:15am Immaculate Conception

Faith Formation

Grades K-10: Class 7-8:30pm

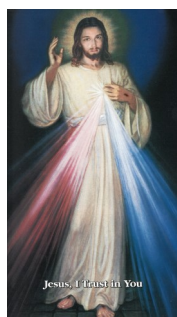
Guest Speaker Gina will be coming to St Mary's. Please help remind everyone that we are meeting at 7pm! Come students, parents, grandparents and everyone to fill the Church! Thanks to our confirmation students helping out with a skit/play entitled: "Forgiven". For more info on Gina, please see:

www.ginabauer.com

Three Saints News

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

Pamphlets are in our churches. Novena starts Good Friday (April 15) and ends April 23. Chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads with a specific intention each day. This is a most powerful novena.



The Knights of Columbus will lead us in the Divine Mercy Novena in our parishes:

4/15 – Upsala noon after Good Friday service
4/16 – Elmdale 3pm
4/17 – Bowlus 9am following Mass
4/18 – North Prairie 7pm
4/19 – Upsala following 6:30 Mass
4/20 and 4/21 – Elmdale 7pm
4/22 – Bowlus 7pm
4/23 – North Prairie 7pm

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Thur., April 14th, 8:00 pm Holy Thursday

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck

Sun., April 17th, 8:00 am Easter Sunday

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Jeff Czech

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz

Volunteers for Holy Thursday Mass?

One of the biggest privileges a priest has is to wash feet on Holy Thursday in imitation of our Lord. Jesus sets the example. He lowered Himself to be one of us and to live among us. Men, women, youth or children as all ages are invited. We will have limited number of chairs, so you will have to take turns. You need not be a parishioner from St Edward. Nine volunteers to bring up newly consecrated holy oil; Two volunteers to distribute the Precious Blood. We will conclude with “Thursday Night Prayer” as adoration ends at 10pm.

Good Friday: Divine Mercy Chaplet/Stations of the Cross

Sorry about the late notice, In St. Edward at 3pm (April 15), we will begin the Novena to The Divine Mercy along with reciting the chaplet. Then it will be follow by the Stations of the Cross.

Spaghetti Supper Friday, April 22, 2022

Please come and enjoy yourself! The Bishop will not be able to attend: He sends his thanks and regrets that it won’t work this year.” Collen Haider, Office of the Bishop.

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Fri., April 15th, 8:00 pm Good Friday

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt & Clara Pflueger

Sat., April 16th, 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Holly Keppers & Chad Koopmeiners

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

Gift Bearers: Sly & Ellie Tschida

Journey with Jesus

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this year’s performance happen.

Easter Vigil –April 16

Everyone is invited to join us in St Francis immediately following the Easter vigil Mass for our traditional Easter celebration! Food and beverages for all ages will be provided. All are welcome!

First Communion Mass: May 1

Thanks to Fr David, Reba Leither, Lisa and Gracie George (their teachers) and the parents of our three First Communicants for organizing this special Mass. It will take place at 2pm. We will still have the regularly scheduled Saturday 8pm Mass.

Three Saints News

Fasting on Good Friday

Put very simply--Jesus commands us to fast and pray. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Blessing of Easter Meal

Food will be blessed Holy Saturday or Easter morning for your Easter meal, when fasting is ended and the Church is filled with joy. You are encouraged to bring various foods items and place them before the altar of our three churches Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 3, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,246 Loose: \$49, Votive: \$20 Easter Flowers \$40, Catholic Relief: \$25, Total: **\$1380**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,172, Loose: \$117, Votive: \$130, Easter Flowers: \$30, Easter: \$30, Catholic Relief Services: \$4, Central MN Catholic: \$40, Total: **\$1,523**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,592 Loose: \$141.51, Children: \$5, Funeral: \$100, Easter: \$25, Rice Bowls: \$112 Total: **\$1,975.51**

ST MARY’S NEWS

Fri., April 15th, Noon Good Friday

Volunteers needed

Sun., April 17th, 10:00 am Easter Sunday

EM of HC: Christine Weber **Lector:** Kim Koehn

Frie **Servers:** Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter

Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

Food Shelf

Thank you for all the items donated to the Food shelf. Your generosity has helped provide basic necessities to those in need. These donations make a positive difference in the lives of members of our community. Easter Blessing to all!

A big THANK YOU to all of those who helped and supported the St. Mary’s Fish Fry and Raffle! It was another huge success thanks to all of you! Thank you as well to the committee members for your devotion to this big event. What a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

Three Saints News

Rec Center for Youth

Misprint in bulletin, Zach Klein (763-242-7237) from Community Covenant is organizing this endeavor. This past Tuesday, it opened. Tuesday and Thursday from 3-6pm through the month of May. Please contact him if you would like to volunteer to be a supervisor.

Totus Tuus Helpers Needed: June 11-17

Are you able to volunteer to help out with this summer Vacation Bible School? It will be taking place at St Mary’s in Upsala this summer. We will financially \$\$\$ reimburse you for your help! Young people this would be a great learning opportunity to put on your resume.

The Shepherd is Calling: May 7 at Mike and Alice Westrich

Come and join Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch from 9am-12:30pm. There will be a variety of activities including prayer, skits, crafts, scripture and hands-on-time with young lambs. Mass will be at 11am with a hog roast to follow. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Please RSVP by April 22 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShepherdisCalling> There are information cards in the entrances of our churches.

Notes from Fr David

The palm branches we blessed this weekend symbolize the welcome Jesus received as He entered Jerusalem. May the palms we raise this weekend and place in our homes be symbols of praise we give our Savior as He begins the days of His passion, death and resurrection. **Holy Thursday** we gather with Jesus and His disciples in the Upper Room, willing to serve in the same way, sharing His Body and Blood as His disciples did nearly two thousand years ago. Let us realize that connection we have to the Twelve as celebrate the Eucharist each week. **On Good Friday** with St John’s account of the Passion, we see how Jesus stands up to every worldly authority, accepts the cross, and remains in control even unto death. May we be moved by God’s word, knowing that through our baptism we share in Jesus’ victory over death. Hope that you can join us throughout Holy Week!

Please, please make a point to come this Wednesday evening 7-8:30pm at St Mary’s. We have a Guest Speaker coming in to talk about our faith. The Holy Spirit placed on my heart the importance of Adult Education. “LORD Jesus, might you be wanting our parishes next year to invite Gina back on a monthly basis? Speak Lord, your servants are listening.”

You will notice our bulletin insert regarding group listening sessions. Please, please consider coming to one and/or inviting others to attend one. Remember if you would prefer to be part of a one-to-one conversation, email: synod@stcdio.org or go online for a self-guided: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HGRMJ6X>

The purpose of this Synod is to answer these and other questions: Share a dream, vision, or hope you have for the Church. How do you think the Church can grow in inspiring trust? What are some wounds that you feel need the Church’s attention? What do you feel we can learn from one another in this Synod? If you could share one thing with Pope Francis right now, what would it be?