

# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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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.

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

We welcome to the Church Lucas Daniel & Devin Nicholas, sons of Brad & Crystal, who became a children of God May 5<sup>th</sup> through the waters of Baptism!

## Mass Schedule

May 11 - 17, 2020

Monday: 5/11  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 5/12 *Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras*  
Livestream 6:00pm Special Intention  
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel - Mary Jane Boeckermann

Wednesday: 5/13 *Our Lady of Fatima*  
Livestream 6:00pm Deceased Members of  
VanHoorik Family  
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel - Judy Gerads

Thursday: 5/14 *St. Matthias*  
Livestream Noon † Ken Hartung  
Fr. Theis' YouTube Channel

Friday: 5/15 *St. Isidore*  
Not livestreamed † Gerald Roering

Saturday: 5/16  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sunday: 5/17 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Not livestreamed †† Tony & Verena Wegleitner  
- Darrell & Anette Wegleitner

### 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.

### NIGHT PRAYER SCHEDULE

**Night Prayer:** Fr. Theis and/or Fr. Mastey host Night Prayer on Facebook:

Day:	Night Prayer:
Sun., May 10:	8:30pm
Tues., May 12:	8:30pm
Wed., May 13:	8:30pm
Thurs., May 14:	8:30pm
Fri., May 15:	8:30pm
Sun., May 17:	8:30pm

**Confessions** – By appointment.

### CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Edward will be open 12 – 8pm

St. Francis will be open 12 – 8pm

St. Mary will be open 8am – 4pm

If you have any symptoms of being sick please stay home.

Only 10 people at a time.

Please wash your hands before and after prayer.





### 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

**The contributions will be counted next week.**

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.

*\*\*If there are any parishioners between the ages of 18 – 50 who would feel comfortable coming in to count collections, please call the office.\*\**

**Please pray for Audrey Pflueger who is on hospice.**

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

**Totus Tuus for 2020 has been cancelled.**

**Field Blessing:** If anyone would like Fr. Theis to bless their fields please let Fr. know.

**If there is anyone who needs help in any way, please let the office or Fr. Theis know. There are people who would like to help out. You can remain anonymous.**



### **Why is May Mary's month?**

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just do it. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is. No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

**St. Mary Cemetery:** Memorial Day is coming up. Please take down old flowers on the graves.

### **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 PICK OF THE WEEK



### **FATIMA** Hope for the World

This 13-part video series tells the story of Fatima from the Marian apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century and how the world has responded.

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