



The Catholic Churches

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



Behold,
I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen & precious,
and whoever believes in it shall not
be put to shame. (1 Pt 2:4-9)

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 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
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

Three Saints News



May is the Month of Mary

"Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother." <https://slmedia.org/blog/may-month-of-mary>

Knights of Columbus: May 6th - 7th

We will have our annual Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend for all 4 parishes of the council (including St.Stanislaus, Bowlus) after Masses. Free will offering.

The Shepherd is Calling

Thanks to all who helped make this most successful. With the cold and high winds, it was decided to have it St. Mary's Church rather than as planned at the Mike and Alice Westrich Farm. So many people helping out - you are the best! Thanks to everyone who helped to make it most memorable. It is always so great to see parents and their children gather together while having a great time growing in their faith.

Upsala Al-Anon Meeting begins May 10th

Are you affected by someone's drinking? Are you looking for understanding? What can you do about someone's alcoholism? Come to Gethsemane Church in Upsala from 6-7:00 p.m. as we will meet every Wednesday evening. For more information, call Joel M. at (218) 255 - 5164.

Deacon Ordination at St Mary's Cathedral: June 10th

Praise the Lord as Daniel Ruprecht from Eden Valley and Kevin Soenneker from Sauk Centre will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate. Lord willing, June 2024 they will become priests for our diocese! Leo Wehseler from Pierz will also be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. Please remember to keep them in your prayers. All are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. for this celebration.

Adult Funeral Mass Servers

Do we have any men or women interested in helping out for funerals? This would be a great assistance to Fr. David. Please give him a call if you are interested as he would provide the necessary training. It would be wonderful if we could have 4-5 servers for each parish.

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 Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 5/9</u>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Donald, Elizabeth & Duane Herzog Adoration
7 a.m. -7 p.m. St. Francis	
<u>Wednesday 5/10</u>	
	<i>Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>
8 a.m. St. Francis	† Lennie & Nancy Holmer ~Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners
<u>Thursday 5/11</u>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward 12 noon-9 pm St. Mary	† Bernetta Czech Adoration
<u>Friday 5/12</u>	
	<i>Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Wayne Wensmann ~Marvin & Shirley Wensmann
Weekend Masses	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	
<u>Saturday 5/13</u>	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 8:00 p.m. St. Edward	Communion Service in Upsala For the People
<u>Sunday 5/14</u>	
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	† Gilbert Roerick~Allen & Janelle Roerick † Julie Scholz

Faith Formation

End of the Year Celebration!

Our last Religious Education Session for ALL grade levels is on this Sunday, May 7th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Summer packets, surveys & re-registration will be available.

Teachers Needed for 2023-24

"Come Holy Spirit Come, touch the hearts of our parishioners. Help them to remain to open to God's will. September will soon be upon us as we need teachers to step forward. Amen." We need: Confirmation teacher/s, teachers for grades 7-10. Perhaps the Lord is placing a name or two of people from our parishes that you think would make great teachers? Please share these names with Fr David.

Youth

Graduation Mass: May 21st at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's

Junior class families: please provide 2 doz. rolls, bars, cookies or muffins and plan to come serve and help clean-up.

Baccalaureate Service: May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Gethsemane Church, Upsala

Need to Volunteers for Vacation Bible School: July 9th-14th

Totus Tuus will once again be coming to our parishes this summer. We need two host families and five other volunteers to host an evening meal for the four collegians. Grades 1-6 will meet from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & grades 7-12 from 7-9:00 p.m.

DYC Applications being accepted

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is made up of youth in grades 9-12 from a variety of parishes from across the diocese. These youth meet 5-6 times annually. The DYC helps plan and assist in the implementation of diocesan sponsored youth ministry events. This is primarily, but not exclusively, related to the Diocesan SH Youth Rally, Middle School Youth Rally/Lock-in and Castaway. Please visit <https://stcdio.org/cem/faith-formation/leadershiptraining/> to download DYC applications and invite your high school youth to consider serving on the DYC. Feel free to contact Kent Schmitz with any questions at: (320) 251-0111 x4 or kent.schmitz@gw.stcdio.org.

Free Circus Tickets for Children under 12

The Garden International Circus will be at the Sport Arena, Sauk Rapids on May 21st at 2:00 p.m. Free Children's tickets are available in the office. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, May 13th - 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Shari Biniek

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Scott & Karlan Van Wienen

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May Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

May Bank Deposit: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Sunday, May 14th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Joyce Koopmeiners (c), Rebecca Schmidt (c)

Lector: Jane Keppers

Servers: Carter Roerick (Thank you Carter!)

Gift Bearers: Lloyd & Judy Lashinski

Final Mass Serving Mass for Carter Roerick: May 14th

We hope that everyone can join us at our 8:00 a.m. Mass to thank God for Carter's faithfulness. It does not happen often that Mass Servers to serve until they graduate. He is a wonderful example for all our servers. Carter is the son of Allen and Janelle, grandson of Juanita and the late + Gilbert as well as his maternal grandparents: Melvin and Karen Gerads from Freeport.

Mothers Day Flowers: Sunday May 14th

Long stem carnations will be available Mother's Day before & after mass for Free Will donation. Sign up sheet on table church entrance if you wish a flower and/or flowers in memory of for bouquet by Mary. Fund raiser for Elevate (formerly Birthline).

St. Francis Cemetery Clean-up: May 15th

We will be starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring a rake, shovel, saw or just a pair of helping hands.

Help Needed for St Francis Fall Festival: August 27th

Thanks to Joyce Koopmeiners (232-0592) has been Co-chair of Raffle Tickets for many years. This year will be her last year as we hope someone or others will step forward. It will be important that they have some knowledge of Excel or computer skills, organization, create lists, obtaining prizes, printing of tickets, etc.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, May 14th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Christine Weber, Cindy Koehn (c), Dave Scholz (c)

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Gift Bearers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

St. Mary's Cemetery Clean Up: Saturday, May 13th

Bring rakes and join us at 9:00 a.m. to get the cemetery in shape for Memorial Day and for our loved ones. Many hands make it happen!

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Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of April 25, the diocese has raised \$952,919 in gifts and pledges

toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 5,106 households.

Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs?

Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 23, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$390, Loose: \$176 **Total: \$566**

St. Francis: Adult: \$579, Loose: \$162.23, Easter: \$100

Total: \$841.23

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,876, Loose: \$364, Votive: \$71, Cemetery Cross: \$125 **Total: \$2,436**

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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.

BREAD Talks: May 21st

The Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting "BREAD Talks" each at a different brewery. At these events, which are modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will stand up and give brief testimonies, or "Eucharistic love stories." Join us on May 21 at 2:00 p.m., at Bad Habit Brewing Company, St. Joseph, MN with Melaine Myklebust and special guests Danny Kremers and Deacon Dan Dullinger. To learn more visit:

www.stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival.

Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" As we continue our Easter celebration, we give praise and thanks to God for sending the Son, who sacrificed His life to save us, who has shown us the way to eternal life. "I am the way and the truth and the life," Jesus tells His disciples in our Gospel this weekend. They will not understand what He means until after He dies and is raised. As we already know what came later, may the words He said then inspire us to follow Him now.

Thanks to all who helped make our First Communion Mass most special. It was truly amazing how many families joined us. It was even more beautiful to see our 2nd graders prayerfully receive Jesus for the very first time! Without a doubt, I believe the innocence and hunger of our children for Jesus can help our parishes deepen our love for the Eucharist. Thanks to our Coordinators: Chantelle Frie, Reba Leither and Roseanne Throener and all our teachers, it was truly amazing what the Good Lord brought about through them. Considering the many Wednesday evenings which were cancelled due to snowstorms, through the grace of God many, many blessings still came forth.

Next weekend, we will celebrate Mother's Day. In addition to celebrating our mothers who are with us this Mother's Day, I want to remind all of us to take the time to remember our mothers (and grandmothers) who dwell only in our hearts. The love of a mother for her child is the closest thing to the love of God for humankind and especially His love for His children. Remembering our mothers is important, and how we remember them is crucial to a loving relationship that honors God.

Mother's Day has a deep spiritual dimension. May is the month of Mary. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is "blessed among women" (Lk 1:42), Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like. Every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other.

I hope that you can join us next Sunday (May 14th) in St Mary's. David and Anita Segura from St. Anna will be speaking near the end of our 10:00 a.m. Mass for a few minutes about David's need of a kidney transplant. He has been on the waiting list for over seven years. You may not feel the urge to look into donating your kidney, but perhaps you may know of someone who wants to be a donor. I had planned to donate my kidney to Fr. Peter Kirchner back in 2015. As I explained last week, he received a kidney from a deceased donor. Therefore, I donated my kidney in what was called a "paired exchange". Fr. Peter now is in need of another kidney, so he moves to the top of the list with my donation. Isn't that awesome? Fr. Peter is only 63 years old, but had to retire from ministry and now lives in Country Manor in Sartell. He currently is on dialysis three days a week. Please keep him, David and those in need of donations in your prayers. "He is Risen indeed!"