

The Catholic Churches of

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

First Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022

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Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Please note: Mass Time will change from 4 pm to 8pm starting March 19 in St. Francis.

Also note: Starting on July 2/3 St Edward's will have the Sat. 8pm Mass and St Francis changes to Sun. 8am.

Upcoming Events

Mar 10: ACC Mtg at SM 7pm
Mar 12/13: Second Collection to Aid Church in Ukraine
Mar 19: Mass Time Change from 4pm to 8pm (SF)
Mar 20: Matching Grant Breakfast 9-12:30pm in St Francis
Mar 20: Sacrament of Confirmation in Holdingford 2pm
Mar 27: Communal Confession at All Saints-St Mary's in Holdingford from 2-5pm
Mar 27: Youth Mass SM 6pm with Praise & Worship Music
Mar 27: Quilt Bingo 1pm in Sobieski

Are you concerned about the poor? Do you take the definition of catholic (universal) of our Catholic Church and Faith seriously? Are you interested in missions? All are invited to attend a meeting with The Mission Office Staff to discuss their activities and vision on Monday, March 14 at 7pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement. If you have questions please call Janel 320-290-2877.

Rural Catholics Singles Group Meeting

March 12 at 7pm, All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford.
Kristin Molitor will speak about Theology of the Body. This is for single people ages 19-59. Contact Janel: 290-2877.

SKYWARN Spotter training St. Mary's 2-4pm Sun, Mar.6 and via ZOOM 6-8pm Friday, March 11. Get your pre-registration material and ZOOM session ID & pass codes at MorrisonCoSkywarn@yahoo.com. Call Tom Kilian for more information: 320-232-5705.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Brayden Harren, (SF, recovery from chemo), Millie Spring (stem cell, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, radiation), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (rehab at Country Manor in Sartell), Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto's) Linus & Marjorie Lehner (SM, Mother of Mercy), Fr. Roger Klassen (recovering from an accident)

family of + Brian Wensmann (SE)



Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 3/8</u>	<i>Saint John of God, Religious</i>
6:00 pm St. Mary	† Alcuin Harren Stations of the Cross Adoration & Benediction SF 7am -7pm
<u>Wednesday 3/9</u>	<i>St. Francis of Rome, Religious</i>
8:00 am St. Francis	† Norbert & Josie Roering ~St. Francis Men's Society Stations of the Cross Adoration & Benediction SM 12-4pm
<u>Thursday 3/10</u>	
8:00 am St. Edward	Thanksgiving for the Jeff Czech & Stanley Czech Family Stations of the Cross
<u>Friday 3/11</u>	
7:30 am St. Mary 7 pm St. Mary	Thanksgiving for Karen Liebsch Stations of the Cross
Weekend Masses	Second Sunday of Lent
<u>Saturday 3/12</u>	
4 pm St. Francis	† Michael Schiller
<u>Sunday 3/13</u>	
8 am St. Edward	† Mike & Anna Salitros ~Margaret Carlson
10 am St. Mary	For the People

Over 80 Blessings for March



Karen Liebsch 3/9 SM
Rita Schiller 3/10 SM
Don Stiller 3/13 SF
Lorene Koopmeiners 3/16 SF
Claude Yurczyk 3/16 SM
Delores Gerads 3/22 SM
Evelyn Locnikar 3/26 SF
Don Biniek 3/27 SE
Arnold Czech 3/28 SE
Robert Brezinka 3/30 SE
Richard O'Hotto 3/31 SE



Faith Formation

Grades 7-10 Class: March 16

Our class Feb 23 was not well attended. Remember that next week, March 9 we have no class. Remember in two weeks when we meet, we will have Stations of the Cross at 8pm. There are many graces when we deepen our love with Jesus' passion.

K-6: March 9 from 6-7pm: Classroom Lesson

Parents we appreciate all your help this year in teaching our children. Remember that Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm, so please stay as this is a beautiful Lenten devotion. All parishioners are invited to join us.

Confirmation Class: Mar 6 from 7-8:30pm

Please remember to keep our 11th graders in your prayers as they'll be on retreat in Holdingford: Mar 9 from 6-9pm. They will also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening.

Youth News

Area Youth Mass in Upsala: March 27, 6pm There will be Adoration and an opportunity to be prayed over. Pizza afterwards!

ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Sun., March 13, 8:00 am Second Sunday of Lent****EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Adeline Molus**Server:** Isaac Harren**Ushers:** Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann**Greeters:** Sally Schleper**Gift Bearers:** Scott & Karla Van Wiene**Please help our diocese/parishes**

All 134 parishes of our diocese are asked to help meet our diocesan goal of \$1,400,000. Our parish goal is \$5,966. Envelopes are in the entrance of our three churches.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**Sat., March 12, 4:00 pm The Second Sunday of Lent****EM of HC:** Rebecca Schmidt**Lector:** Barb Moorman**Server:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Sharon Thell**The "Journey with Jesus to Calvary:**

Show dates are set for Wed., April 6, 7pm, Fri., April 8, 7:30 pm and Sun., April 10, 1pm. The Main actors are practicing on Sun., March 6, 1pm. There is still a need for actors and choir members. If you'd like to be a part of this

We Need Your Help!

Do you or you know of others who watch the TV Mass? Monies also help our diocese become pro-life. Our parish goal is \$5,412. God loves a generous giver.

Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast -

We will once again be having our annual breakfast, served like in the past, on March 20 from 9:00am to 12:30pm St. Francis church basement. Menu consists of Sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery along with all the toppings & beverages. Free will offering to help support our religious education program.

Workers Info- Men and boys of the parish are asked to help again, M-Z from 8:00 to 10:30 and A-L 10:30 until finished. Anyone interested in donating towards the breakfast please call Chad 293-7092 or Bob 573-2933.**ST MARY'S NEWS****Sun., March 13, 10:00 am Second Sunday of Lent****EM of HC:** Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Tom Kilian**Server:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson**Greeters:** Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian**Gift Bearers:** Randy & Donna Roske**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Do you know that our Vocation Office receives much financial assistance from this appeal? Our parish goal is \$5,978.

Maintenance Position Open

Complete Job Description on our webpage. Please call Fr. David for more info.

Collection to Aid the Church in Ukraine: Mar 12/13

Bishop Kettler received a letter March 1 stating that next weekend, all the Bishops of the United States are asked to take a collection to respond in a timely fashion to this atrocity taking place in the Ukraine. Please make your check to your individual parish and then we will write one check to the diocese. Thank you for your sacrifices.

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 13, 2022**St. Edward:** Adult: \$850 Loose: \$144, Churches of the East & Central Europe \$35, Easter Flowers \$75, Votive \$50.50 Total: **\$1154.50****St. Francis:** Adult: \$810, Loose: \$122, Votive \$175 Total: **\$1,107****St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,521 Loose: \$78.56, Funeral: \$105, Central MN Catholic \$40, Fall Collection \$400, Votive \$25 Total: **\$3,169.56****Pope Francis Inviting Everyone**Our Holy Father: "I have come here to encourage everyone to take this synodal process seriously and to tell you that the Holy Spirit needs you." Thanks to our new members of our ACC/Mary and the Saints: Greg Larson, Leonice Urbanski (SE), Matt Herzog, Syl Tschida (SF), Rodney Roering and Renee Scholz (SM) as they will be meeting with six members of the Holdingford area churches in Upsala, March 10th at 7pm. We will be viewing a video and discussing how we can encourage people to help out in this synodal process by becoming a listener. A listener is interested in reaching out to others in a one-on-one or group setting and talking to them about their hopes, dreams, and struggles related to the Catholic Church. To register to attend a training to be a listener, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stcdiosynodlisteners>.**Totus Tuus Helpers Needed: June 11-17**

We just were informed by the Vocation Office that our Summer Vacation Bible School (Totus Tuus which means "Totally Yours") will be coming! Please keep this date in your calendar. There are two programs for Elementary and Senior High. Jamie Heurung from Holdingford is the coordinator for our six parishes. Might you or others be interested in helping organize lunches, meals for the team, places for them to stay, etc.?

Holy Spirit come upon our young people and fill them**with Your fire:** Paige Gerads (SM), Mitchell George (SE), Hope Hartung (SF), Madalin Koetter (SM), Max Lange (SM), Matthew Lehner (SF), Tyson Leners (SM), Hannah Luedtke (SE), Carter Roerick (SF), Jacob Roerick (SF), Grace Throener (SE), Natalie Wensmann (SM), Bryce Westrich (SF) and Andrew Young (SF). Please pray for us daily by name until we get confirmed.**Notes from Fr David**

We undergo numerous trials in our lives. A loved one is rolled into surgery, we are laid off from work, a friend invites us to participate in something we know is unethical. All difficult situations, all occasions we feel we cannot face alone. We hope to turn to God, trusting that the Lord will accompany us during our moment of need. Our faith in God enables us to face these times of stress, to look to the Lord for strength to handle trauma, resist temptation, and hope in eternal life. Joined with family, friends, and neighbors, let us turn to the Lord with confidence and trust this Lenten season.

You were AMAZING as so many people came out for Ash Wednesday Masses! The 6pm was filled to capacity! Bishop Kettler: "This Lent, as I do every year, I encourage you to spend more time in prayer and reading the Scriptures. Participate in Lenten devotions, such as the Stations of the Cross at your parish. The annual Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program (found in the entrances of our churches) is a great way to enter into prayer, fasting and almsgiving in solidarity with others around the world. I also encourage you to participate in the sacrament of confession, even if it has been a long time since you last did so. It's a sacrament of mercy that helps us get right with God and with how we treat others.

I realize that these last two years living with the coronavirus pandemic has also required you to make many sacrifices for the benefit of others. I want to thank you for all you have done, and continue to do, to care for one another during this challenging time. I pray that you and your loved ones have a holy and blessed Lenten season that prepares you well for the joy and hope we will celebrate at Easter."

We recently celebrated the World Day of the Sick. Did you know that today, millions of Catholics from around the world travel to Lourdes, France? They follow Our Lady's instruction to St. Bernadette to "drink at the spring and wash yourself in it." St. Bernadette uncovered a hidden spring after the Virgin Mary instructed her to dig at the ground. Lourdes water comes from the same spring at the Grotto of Massabielle where Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to St. Bernadette. Online I ordered ten bottles of this holy water. This is drinkable, so you can place a few drops in a glass of water and/or a few drops applied externally. Please give me a call as I know many of you are experiencing serious illnesses.