



The Catholic Churches

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



Divine Mercy

Jesus, I trust in you!

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 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

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Three Saints News

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council: April 23rd

Come join us for a movie- *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* at St. Mary's Church, Upsala on April 23rd. Following the movie we will have a social.

The Shepherd is Calling: April 30th from 1-6:00 p.m.

Jesus talks a lot about being a Good Shepherd. This is a chance for you and your children to learn what it means to be a Shepherd so that we can understand what it means for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to love and give his life for each of us. We will be hands on with young lambs and have a variety of other activities for kids that help us realize how much Jesus loves us. Please Come: The Shepherd is Calling- Sunday April 30th at the Mike and Alice Westrich farm: 1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum, MN 56318. Mass at 4:00 p.m. with potluck supper to follow. Hog roast provided. Please register by April 21st at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023ShepherdisCalling>.

Koinonia Weekend: May 5th-7th

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you to consider attending this retreat? You will not regret it. *"I, Fr David, first made my TEC weekend back in 1987. I had just started college seminary in Fargo. It was the most wonderful experience. Koinonia weekend is very similar to a TEC weekend with the only difference is that it is adapted for adults."* Registration forms in entrance of our churches or go online: centralmnkoinonia.org.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St Edward's is probably most in need. But know that even if you are a commissioned minister in one parish, you are also able to help out in our other two parishes. Is the Holy Spirit touching your heart to consider you coming forth?

Family Mass Serving

To date, we have yet to receive any interest of parents/ grandparents/godparents and their children wanting to serve together at weekend Masses. Ms. Chloe Goebel from St Francis carried in the cross Easter morning! And so, when there are no servers, this will also be an option.

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 Vombrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, Herbie Gerads & Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 4/18</u>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Virgil Burg ~Marvin & Shirley Wensmann
<u>Wednesday 4/19</u>		
8 a.m. St. Francis	†	Dorothy Gerads ~SF Christian Mothers
<u>Thursday 4/20</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Rose Opatz ~ Carol Molus
12 noon-9 pm St. Mary		Adoration
<u>Friday 4/21</u>		
		<i>Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	LeRoy Harren
Weekend Masses		Third Sunday of Easter
<u>Saturday 4/22</u>		
10:00 a.m. Senior Living		Communion Service, Upsala
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	†	Janet Hartung ~Renee Wensmann
<u>Sunday 4/23</u>		
8 a.m. St. Francis		For the People
10 a.m. St. Mary	†	Leona Burggraff-Borg

"I am Love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My Mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted-it increases." (Diary of Sr. Faustina, 1273, page 459)

Faith Formation

April 19th: K-6 Classroom: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lesson 9

April 22nd: First Communion Retreat at St. Mary's, Upsala at 9-10:45 a.m. * First Communion is April 30th*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning on May 7th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's we will have the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Mass readings.

Youth

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC

Sign-up on our website. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: April 15th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays: Even months are at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street), and at St. Mary's Church in Upsala on odd months. The April 15th meeting will be held in Holdingford and the May meeting in Upsala. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: April 16th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday. Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

Joyful Beauty Women's Conference Saturday, April 29th,

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Rice MN. A day for women, ages 12 and older, to be refreshed body, mind and soul in God's grace and love and a renewed passion to live out their identity and a daughter of Christ. Keynote speaker: Leah Jacobson author of *Wholistic Feminism: Healing the Identity Crisis Caused by the Women's Movement*. Tickets \$40. Call (320) 393-2527 or visit: crossrockacc.org

Grief Support Group Meetings sponsored by CHI Health at Home.

If you have lost a loved one, you are invited to join us for cookies, coffee and a time for sharing. We meet the second and fourth Mondays in April, May, June & July at the Rose Room at St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls from 4-5:30 p.m. For more information call Chaplain Blaine MacNeil at (320) 631-5588 blaine.macneil@commonspirit.org.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, April 22nd - 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Stewart

Spaghetti Supper: April 14th

Thank you to all the volunteers, gift baskets, donations and everyone who joined us for our Spaghetti Supper at St. Edward's on April 14th. It was a great turnout and a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

April Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

April Bank Deposit: Frank Koopmeiners

Sunday, April 23rd - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann

The St. Francis Men's Society

We will be serving donuts, coffee & milk after the 8:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, April 16th. Everyone welcome!

Church locking

Starting April 23rd, St. Edward's and St. Francis Churches will be locking up at 8:00 p.m.

St. Francis Men's Society & CUF Meeting: April 17th

Please join us at 8:00 p.m. in the Church basement. New members are welcome. Young or old -age doesn't matter. Dues is only \$2 per year. We have 4 meetings a year. Please come to the meeting or call Chad 320-293-7092, LeRoy 320-293-7092 or Bob 320-573-2933 for more information

Christian Women Meeting: April 17th

We will be having our meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the basement (same time and place as the Men's Society meeting).

Don and Eileen Stiller's New Home

You are missed. Yet we know that you need to do what is best for yourselves. We will continue to mail our weekly our bulletin to you. Know of our prayers for you. It is always good to be near family. Parishioners, check out their new place online. Fr David is jealous of their 'golden years'! Their new address: 1900 Ballington Blvd NW, Rochester, MN 55901 C/O The Homestead at Rochester.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, April 23rd - 10:00 a.m.

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

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp

Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Help Nourish Your Local Food Shelf

Thank you for all the Food, the Personal Care Items and the Financial Gifts donated to the Food Shelf. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have made life a little easier for our neighbors. Easter Blessing to you all.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 8, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$2,895, Loose: \$165, Sunday: \$100, Good Friday Loose: \$261, Catholic Relief: \$15, Rice Bowl: \$130, Holy Land: \$258 Easter: **Total: \$3,824**

St. Francis: Adult: \$3,065, Loose: \$345, Votive: \$391.95, Holy Thursday: \$351, Rice Bowl: \$60, Candles: \$65, Holy Land: \$155, Sunday: \$770, **Total: \$5,202.95**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,320, Good Friday: \$320, Holy Land: \$301, Easter Loose: \$447, Easter: \$3,840, Flowers: \$10, Rice Bowl: \$462, Catholic Home: \$50, Catholic Relief: \$100, Holy Thursday: \$359 **Total: \$8,209**

Divine Mercy Sunday Events:

St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. with meal served after Mass. 1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2-2:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3 p.m. Chaplet and consecration to Divine Mercy, 3:45 p.m. Benediction, 4 p.m. Mass. There will be reflections by Nikki Silbernack, Fr. Mitchell Bechtold and Fr. Matthew Kuhn throughout the event.

St. Paul's Church, Sauk Centre: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Saint Faustina's Chapel of Divine Mercy contains relics of Sts. Faustina and Maximilian Kolbe. 1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2-3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Consecration to Divine Mercy, 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass followed by a procession to the Saint Faustina Chapel of Divine Mercy. Light lunch served afterwards.

West Central Deanery Meeting: April 26th

Meet the Catholic women of the new West Central Deanery at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Saint Rosa (28905 County Road 17, Freeport, MN) on Wednesday April 26th. Join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a light supper and meeting. We'll get you up to date on the changes since the merger of the deaneries. For more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or Arleen Roelike, 320-282-9941.

Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" This weekend, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate God's everlasting mercy, which heartened the Chosen People again and again over many centuries, found its purest expression in the sacrifice of God's only Son, and will continue to overflow into our world and all God's creation until the end of time. Conscious of both God's mercy and Jesus' command to do for the least of our brothers and sisters what He has done for us, we pray that we may be merciful and forgiving to others, sharing that most precious gift God gives us.

You are amazing! No doubt amazing graces were flowing from Palm Sunday through Easter! I cannot give you enough compliments for living and praying your catholic faith! Where do I begin? Truly unbelievable how many of you received Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As you recall, they were scheduled 7-9:00 p.m. in each of our parishes as well as 12 noon-1:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Upsala. I had planned to have tons of free time in the confessional, so I carried a number of books and reading material to read. You kept me busy throughout those eight and one-half hours! What a great problem to have, that is, people wanting to receive Jesus in this sacrament. St Francis, you kept me until 9:30 p.m. Monday evening (I cannot help but think of the graces due to 'Journey with Jesus to Calvary')! As you examined your conscience and prepared to receive this sacrament, the Holy Spirit was very present in your words as I felt it more than ever.

The Masses and Good Friday Services were so blessed. Our Holy Thursday collection brought in around \$700 in addition to many food items! Your prayerfulness and presence helped us experience God's love for us in new and profound ways. I still cannot believe how many people attended these services! My favorite liturgy each year is Good Friday. Its beauty and simplicity touches my soul deeply. No doubt having the Stations of Cross throughout Lent helped set the table for the Holy Spirit. Thanks to many of you volunteering to help make our services so special. It feels so good having restored precious blood/cup. The culmination was Easter. The Easter Vigil had so many people from our three parishes. I was surprised how many people returned for Easter Sunday Mass. Thanks to Sally for coming forth to receive the sacraments of confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Let's pray that we will continue to have more people joining our faith communities.

Congratulations to all the young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation! It was so powerful seeing when the Holy Spirit came down upon them. There was a great fire and yet a beautiful sense of peace with their smiles along with their loud and firm responses. They chose some powerful saint names to be on their team from Sts. Alma, Joan of Arc, Benno, Colette, Christopher, Cecilia, etc. Thanks to their wonderful teacher Chantelle Frie as her faith and great work is second to none. Thank you, parents, family and sponsors, for living and loving your faith while being prayerful examples for our young people. Next up are our First Communicants: Gabriel Barthel, Emma Bartkiewicz, Alex Fuchs, Owen Fuchs, Sean Hartung, Jasmyn Oldakowski and Nathan Notsch. Please pray daily for each one of them and their parents as April 30th is fast approaching. "He is risen indeed!"