



The Catholic Churches

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 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
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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Three Saints News

2023 Bishop Annual Appeal Thanks You!

Your help in meeting each one of our parish goals speaks volumes of your faith. This Appeal is a very effective way to support services that the diocese provides to our parishes as well as vital ministries through our sixteen counties. We will keep you informed how much our parishes have given to date.

Welcome Bishop Patrick Neary: March 31st

He will be coming to our parishes of St Mary's and St Francis for our Smelt/Fish Fry and Raffle as well as our 'Journey with Jesus to Calvary!' We are blessed that he is making time in his busy schedule. Did you know that St Patrick is his favorite saint?

Chrism Mass at Cathedral: March 30th at 7pm

Come to St Cloud and join the entire diocese as Bishop Patrick Neary will be celebrating this Mass for the first time! This is a beautiful Mass as new oils are consecrated by the bishop. Many priests are in attendance as they renew their priestly promises.

Chrism Mass Singers Needed

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Many hands are needed for this celebration. If you, or members of your ACC would like to sing in the choir sign up at: laura.gorder@gw.stcdio.org. The choir is not limited by age, so please encourage your youth to volunteer to sing.

Group Reservation for Chrism Mass

Youth groups, confirmation groups and others are invited and encouraged to participate in the Chrism Mass. To reserve seating for your group, email Laura at laura.gorder@gw.stcdio.org.

Rosary Walk for Life: March 14th

Join in at All Saints-St. Mary's to pray a Rosary for Life inside and outside the church 4:00-5:00 p.m. Next upcoming dates will be March 21st & 28th.

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 Binek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, Herbie Gerads, Gary Larson



*"Brothers and Sisters:
You were once
darkness, but now you
are light." Eph 5:8-14*

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 3/21</u>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Arnold Scholz *Stations of the Cross
<u>Wednesday 3/22</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Irene Harren ~St. Francis Christian Mothers *Stations of the Cross Rel. Ed. Penance Service
6:30 p.m. St. Mary		
<u>Thursday 3/23</u>		<i>Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Joe & Angie Korman ~Linda Langner *Stations of the Cross Adoration
12 noon-9 p.m. St. Mary		
<u>Friday 3/24</u>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Claude Yurczyk *Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. St. Mary		
Weekend Masses		Fifth Sunday of Lent
<u>Saturday 3/25</u>		
10 a.m. Senior Living		Communion Service Special Intention ~ Renee Scholz
8:00 p.m. St. Edward		
<u>Sunday 3/26</u>		
8 a.m. St. Francis		For the People
10 a.m. St. Mary	†	Donald, Elizabeth & Duane Herzog

Faith Formation March 22nd

*Penance Service for all grades & parents will be March 22 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

New Location for Confirmation: April 11th at 7pm

Sorry about this inconvenience, but confirmation will take place once again this year at St Hedwig's in Holdingford. It was to take place at St Anna. Please continue to pray for our young people.

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC on our website or go to:

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

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: March 19th

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

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: March 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for young adults ages 18-30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays alternating between All Saints-St. Mary's and St. Mary, Upsala. Our March 18th meeting is at St. Mary's, Upsala.

Area Events

40 Days for Life

Our Lenten Campaign goes through April 2nd. Please join fellow parishioners with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) on Thursday afternoons from 1:00-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up please call Marilou Sommers 247-9838.

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council Breakfast and Raffle: March 19th

We will be serving from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Stanislaus Church, Bowlus. Raffle drawing at noon. Free Will offering.

Word of Life Fish Fry: March 25th

Carry out or Dine In from 4-7:00 p.m. Price \$12 Adults, \$6 for 4-12 year old and under 3 Free. Call ahead for Take out (320) 573-4450 (3328 1st Ave. West, Upsala)

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, March 25th - 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Dan & Barb George

Spaghetti Supper: April 14th

Thank you to all who stopped by after Mass and signed-up to help with our Spaghetti Supper. We appreciate you!

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Spaghetti Supper at St. Edward's in Elmdale on April 14th from 5-7:30 p.m.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, March 26th - 8:00 a.m.

March Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

March Bank Deposit: LeRoy Pflueger

EM of HC: Janelle Roerick

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Jake & Judy Gerads

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

The last rehearsal is on Sunday, March 26th at 1:00 p.m. This is for all actors and choir members. There is still time to be a part of this year's performance. Call Bob 573-2933. Thank you to all the cast and choir for making this happen again this year.

Funeral Groups

Group chair & co-chairs from 2022 please return group binders to church. Place on table in entry way. I will update & have ready for 2023 chairs & co-chairs as soon as last years are returned. Thank you!

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, March 26th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Jan Kilian

Lector: Tom Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Mary Frie

Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle

Friday, March 31 4-8pm Cash raffle @ 7:30pm

St. Mary's parishioners: please sign-up to help!

Preparation day is Thursday, March 30th-starting at 4:00 p.m.

Take a shift on fish fry day! Shifts are 4-6:30 or 6:30-9:00 p.m.

To sign-up, please call or text Laura Ripplinger or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the gathering area of our church.

We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies (on Thursday or Friday) to help contribute!

The raffle tickets are going fast! Please stop in at Nelson Insurance, the St. Mary's parish office, or buy one after 10am mass on Sundays! \$100 each.

Thank you, parishioners, for all of your help!

Help Nourish Your Local Food Shelf

The local Food shelf has now become a Super Shelf. This means they now are in need of Personal Care items or financial donations, as well as food items. Based on how much each Food Shelf collects, sponsors (whose names are found on the posters), will donate a proportionate amount of dollars. Please consider making a donation to help your neighbors in need. Place items in the boxes provided by the display in the Gathering Space. Place cash or checks in an envelope marked Food Shelf and put in the collection baskets passed on Sundays or drop them at the church office.

WEEKEND COLLECTION March 12, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$895, Loose: \$105, Easter: \$70

Total: \$1,070

St. Francis: Adult: \$497, Loose: \$73, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$30 **Total: \$620**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,070, Turkey Relief: \$150, Loose: \$80, Funeral Fund: \$30, Easter Flowers: \$25 **Total: \$1,355**



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Marlene Scepaniak

Passed to Eternal Life: March 5th, 2023

Funeral was on March 13th 2023 in St. Mary's, Upsala
Burial was at All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Journey with Jesus to Calvary at St. Francis of Assisi

Performance dates are: Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m., Friday March 31st at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m Performances last about 1 1/2 hours. (Cookies, milk and coffee served after Sunday's performance). Admission is free.

In Need of Eucharistic Ministers

We would love to restore the practice making the cup/precious blood available at all weekend Masses. Fr David would love nothing more than to have workshop and then commission another 5-10 people in each of our parishes. Might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to this ministry?

Update on Fr Joe Herzing

Thanks for all the prayers as Fr Joe is most appreciative. He is in a program in Michigan until June. He is doing well as his time away has allowed him the opportunity to recharge, to pray and to have the space to focus on himself. After his ordination, this was his first assignment as Associate Pastor from 1999-2001. He has also been in our area as pastor in the Holdingford and Little Falls churches.

Notes from Father David

Having reached the halfway point of Lent, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. This Latin word means "rejoice." We rejoice in the knowledge that the cross does not end in death, that Jesus' story does not end in the tomb. The Church also celebrates a significant step for catechumens (those preparing to become Catholic) but also an opportunity for all of us to look into our hearts for the sinful habits and tendencies we may not even see. In our Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man. More significantly, He can heal our blindness to sin as well. Let us rejoice!

Recalling the examples of Jesus' attention to children help set the proper context for helping children prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament allows Jesus to express His love for children today. Through it, He continues to influence their lives; He demonstrates His power to heal them, to free them from the bondage of sin, and raise them to new life. In turn, this sacrament allows children to come to know and love Jesus. For these reasons, Jesus still exhorts us: "Let the children come!"

Please pray, encourage our children and young people as confession will be available to them next Wednesday (Mar 22) from 6:30-8pm. Retired priests Fr David Maciej, Fr Bob Harren and Fr Eb Scheffers will be here as you come to Jesus. Parents this is a wonderful time for you to come as well. There is no more powerful witness when we see one and all coming to Jesus in this sacrament.

Our Penance Service for all ages will take place at All Saints-St Mary's in Holdingford: Sunday, March 26 2-5pm. Confession is one of the least understood of the sacraments of the Catholic Church. In reconciling us to God, it is a great source of grace, and Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of it often. The Sacrament of Confession is one of the seven sacraments recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholics believe that all of the sacraments were instituted by Jesus Christ Himself. In the case of Confession, that institution occurred on Easter Sunday, when Christ first appeared to the apostles after his Resurrection. Breathing on them, he said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

Are you interested going on retreat in Belle Prairie May 5-7? Please ask the Holy Spirit's guidance as it would be wonderful to have you join me. I will be the Spiritual Director for the Koininia weekend. This is a beautiful time to grow in your faith while getting to know others. March 3-5 had about 30 new retreatants, so it is not too large. Listen to someone's experience: "This retreat was much more than a retreat. I met many new friends. Experiencing this retreat allowed me to be more excited about my faith. I would participate if you get the opportunity." Forms are in the entrances of our churches.