

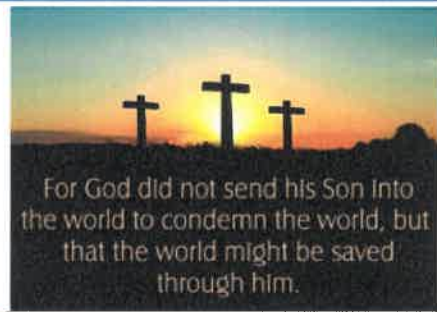
The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Laetare Sunday March 14, 2021

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkovicz, Paul Ampe (SM, Assisted Living at Mother of Mercy, visitors must have a vaccine), Virgil Burg, Brayden Harren (prepare for treatment of cancer), family of + Rich Boeckermann (SF), Kristy Brezinka; Carol Spencer, Ramona Heurung



- Offer Mass of healing & strength (Masses can be requested at other churches as well – get as many people as possible to pray for Brayden)

- Make prayer cards

- Relevant Radio (93.5 FM & 1180AM) prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm this past Wednesday (March 10) for intention of Brayden's healing

- Weekly family rosary prayed in St. Francis or in each of our parishes

- Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet in our parishes

All of the above are suggestions, please call the office if you want to help bring these about or if you have other ideas. Some of these suggestions are in the process of being implemented. We will be having Masses as often as we can. There will be no need for a \$10 offering for Mass as Fr David said that is not necessary. Give that \$10 to Andy and Brittany Harren.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2021

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory the Great Council 12604

With regards to the celebration of the novena beginning with Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast of Mercy according to Our Lord's express wish, it is greatly recommended to give honor to the Divine Mercy, in answer to Jesus' claim and appeal, by offering the novena for both His general and particular daily intentions. The General Intentions are: 1. The conversion of the whole world; 2. That the Divine Mercy becomes known so that everyone will extol Christ's goodness. Schedule will be coming. The world needs prayer and our Lord's Divine Mercy now more than ever. Please join us in Praying this beautiful and powerful novena. The novena will be approximately 25 minutes. If you have questions, call John Kokett at 573-4239.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,553; Loose \$147.30; Choir \$100; Easter Flowers \$50 - \$1,850.30

St. Edward: Adult \$2,360; Loose \$108; Votive \$21.50; Central MN Catholic \$20; Easter Flowers \$150; Cemetery Maint. \$650; CRS \$223 – \$3,532.50

St. Francis: Adult \$825; Loose \$74; Votive \$148.15; Central MN Catholic \$130; Easter Flowers \$25 - \$1,202.15

Mass & Devotions Schedule March 15 - 21, 2021

Monday:	3/15	NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tuesday:	3/16	
St. Mary	6:00pm	† Delores Eiyk - Linda Langner
	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday:	3/17	<i>St. Patrick</i>
St. Francis	8:00am	† Deceased Relatives & Friends - G & MJ Boeckermann
	8:30am	Stations of the Cross
Thursday:	3/18	<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
St. Edward	8:00am	† George Casazza
	8:30am	Stations of the Cross
St. Mary	Noon	- Adoration, 9pm - Benediction
Friday:	3/19	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
St. Mary	7:30am	† Walbert & Elizabeth Stueve - Pete & Judy Michels
St. Edward	8:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	3/20	
St. Mary	4:00pm	Healing & Strength for Brayden
Sunday:	3/21	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
St. Edward	8:00am	† Rita Fasen - Joan Berg
St. Francis	10:00am	† Deceased & Living Members of St. Francis Society



Religious Education

March 17:

Grades 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm
Grades 7 - 10: 7:30 – 9pm

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 1

6pm St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. David)
- Adoration until 8pm

8pm St. Francis (Fr. Virgil)
- Adoration until 9:30pm

Good Friday - April 2

Noon St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. Virgil)
7pm St. Edward (Fr. David)

Easter Vigil – April 3

7pm St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. David)

Easter Sunday – April 4

7am St. Francis (Fr. Virgil)
8am St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. David)
10am St. Edward (Fr. David)

Stations of the Cross cancelled March 26 at St. Mary due to the Smelt/Fish Fry

Youth News

"Sophomore class with your classmate, + Ty Poppenhagen passing away this past December, know that you are in our prayers as it must be so difficult for you. As Ty's bracelet says, "In Memory of Ty ... Mental Health Awareness", depression, anxiety, etc. can be most perplexing. Please let me know if you ever want to talk or get together. With + Ty's Mass this weekend, here are a few of his words from his memorial card: '... I have seen the snow go away. The frost has started leaving the ground and let me dig a hole finally. The sun has started heating up a lot and made it nice and toasty so I can work outside in a shirt. Now the birds are coming back and I'm able to watch them fly around and listen to the sandhill cranes in the distance.'" Fr David

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend we took up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in Disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities here and around the world. Some of our parishes had a special envelope. Please know that all of the loose collection went to this cause. If you forgot, please leave your donation in next week's collection.

Adoration in our Parishes

Thanks for coming to our Thursday Adoration in St Mary's as well as this past Tuesday at St Francis. Adoration is praise for all Jesus has done for our salvation. Good Friday is the price that Jesus paid to institute the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. First the banquet, then the bill. He gave up His body on the cross for love of us, so that He may give us His body and all of His love to us in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is Jesus, King of Love.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Come to Jesus this Lenten Season: Sunday, March 21 from 2-5pm at All Saints St Mary's in Holdingford. Going to Confession is one of the greatest sources of grace available to us in our Catholic faith. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit continues to work in us through conversion and forgiveness. We are enabled to grow in self-knowledge and humility.

40 Days for Life

This is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The campaign mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of peaceful activism. 7am - 7pm, Monday through Friday at Planned Parenthood - 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud.

Safe Haven Sunday

Thanks for your prayers. When we come together, God can bring about great healing and strength. Physiologically, it is most interesting the impact viewing pornography has upon your brain: www.ReclaimSexualHealth.com They have the latest brain science and cutting-edge technology to help you. Fr David as met this couple from Wisconsin as their website is an excellent resource. Our parishes purchased 75 books: [Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead To Internet-Safe Kids](#). Please contact our Parish Office, if you did not get a copy.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

As of February 22, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2021 has raised total cash and pledges of \$411,311 toward our goal of \$1,400,000 (31.64%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 2,831 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. To date, 16 people from SE gave \$1,095 (18% of our goal); 14 people from SF gave \$1,190 (22% of our goal) and 23 people gave \$2,665 (45% of our goal). Envelopes are in the entrances of our churches. We really need everyone to participate in this Appeal to help reach our goal.

Board Member Found for "Helping Hands"

"Thanks to the three other individuals from our parishes who expressed interest in this ministry. Only one individual is needed at this time, so I chose Karen Kobylinski from St. Francis. Many of you know Sheila Nilson from Gethsemane who will also be on this board." Fr David

Raffle Tickets Sales

The Committee wants to especially thank the good people of St Edward's and St Francis for their kindness and generosity as nearly all of the tickets are sold! No doubt having the tickets available after the weekend Masses in all of our parishes helped more than they could imagine. Fr David could not help but think the hike in tickets sales were more than likely due to one-half the proceeds going towards his new motorcycle! Someone said, at least that is cheaper than building him a swimming pool! 😊

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat., March 20 - 4pm

EM of HC: Renee Scholz *Lector:* Michelle Fleischhacker
Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian *Greeters:* Randy & Jane Tretter

St. Mary's Lenten Smelt + Fish Fry + Raffle

Friday, March 26th 4-8pm. Carry Out ONLY. Raffle @ 7:30pm (winners will be announced on Facebook and on our church website 238catholic.org). We will continue to sell raffle tickets in the back of church after weekend Masses for people to purchase.

St. Mary's parishioners!

Our annual Smelt + Fish Fry + Raffle is only a few weeks away! We need your help. On Thursday, March 25th we will need a lot of help for food preparation. Anytime after 4pm would be great! On Friday (the day of the fish fry) we also need lots of helping hands! The two shifts to sign up for are 4-6:30pm or 6:30-9pm. Please sign-up to help by calling or texting Laura Ripplinger 320.333.9184. We will not need parishioners to bring bars this year due to restrictions. This is a HUGE fundraiser for our church. Let's make this year another successful one! Thank you for all of your support!!

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., March 21 - 8am

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann *Lector:* Tracey Hartung
Greeter: Megan Wensmann
Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Cemetery Maintenance

Spring is in the air as we prepare to begin the project of transforming our cemetery. With your generous donations, you have come forward more than expected by giving \$10,425! Words from a recent donor: "We feel that the new look will improve and will be a great appearance to the cemetery. This will also be our future home for both of us."

Ministry of Finances

Thanks to Joy Koroll who expressed her willingness to become a member of our Finance Council! We meet quarterly to discern how best might our parishes utilize your financial gifts. It is amazing our well our parish is doing even amidst this pandemic. We still need one more person for this council.

Confessional Updated

What do you think about our confessional? Please check it out after Mass as we want everyone to deepen their love for this beautiful sacrament. 'Sis Upholstery' recently donated foam, fabric, sewing, etc. for our kneeler. The bill was \$116.87. They would not think of charging us anything as they donated this to our Catholic Church! Isn't that wonderful? Please send a thank-you to them: 6601 County Road 47, St Augusta, MN 56301.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., March 21 - 10am

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida
Lector: Clara Pflueger *Greeter:* Rita Lange

Eternal Rest to Sr. Sharon

Franciscan Sister Sharon Fitzpatrick recently went Home to Jesus. She was a Franciscan Sister for 56 years. She ministered in Little Falls and Duluth, Minnesota; Evansville, Indiana; and Chicago and Joliet, Illinois. She is a close friend of Sr Mary Pat Burger.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Even during Lent, we remain a joyful people, for we believe that God loves us despite our sinfulness, loves us so much that Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself so that we may be redeemed and born into eternal life. Lent we remain a joyful people, for we believe that God loves us despite our sinfulness, loves us so much that Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself so that we may be redeemed and born into eternal life. This weekend on *Laetare* ("Rejoice") Sunday, we anticipate the joy we will have on Easter. Let us give thanks to God for the grace and mercy we have regularly received and trust we will continue to receive throughout our lives.

Beginning Palm Sunday, Bishop Kettler is permitting the return of congregational singing in a limited capacity. Basically, we will be allowed to sing the Mass parts such as the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God, etc. However, the songs for the gathering, offertory, communion and closing will be sung only by choir or cantor alone. Masks are to be worn when singing with the exception of choirs and cantors as laid out in previously released guidelines. And so, we the congregation will get to sing a little. No doubt we need to be patient as this will take months before singing is fully restored.

The previous weekend, we celebrated Safe Haven Sunday. I want to equip you with the appropriate tools to form, protect and guide your families on this specific issue. When a parent discovers his or her child or teenager has been looking at pornography, it can be alarming, hurtful, and even frightening. In the confusion of the moment, it is important for parents to understand that these are not uncharted waters. There are a number of resources that can help encourage you to begin learning now by texting SECURE to 66866 to receive seven days of free emailed digital tips.

Deadline for applying for the two different Coordinator Positions for Religious Education (March 22) is upon us. Please consider this ministry. The key for one and all is simply to be open. What are some of your initial thoughts about the new K-6 Family Formation? That five-minute video (click on 'New Religious Ed Program') on our webpage is a nice snapshot of this program. I am ever grateful for your prayers as we discern God's will. I am especially grateful for Mike Klasen, Roseanne Throener (her and her husband Adrian have used this curriculum for the past fourteen years) and Janice Wuebkers who will be on the interview team. Please keep us in prayers.

I recently received my second Moderna Vaccine. Along with God's "Vaccine" flowing through me, I am looking forward to making myself more available especially to the elders. Currently around the first of the month, I visit 13-14 homes. This past week, I visited Rosemary Jarnot (St Hedwig's), Rita Schiller (SM), Arnold Voss (SF), Bernie Vos (SF) and Marietta Mueller (SM) in the Albany Care Facilities. Please, please give me a call if you know of people who may be open to a visit from me.



ALWAYS A SUPERHERO IN OUR EYES!

**BRAYDEN
HARREN**

a 7-year old
battling brain
Medulloblastoma
cancer. He
underwent surgery
on February 22, 2021
and will be starting
radiation and
chemotherapy
very soon

**BENEFIT FOR
BRAYDEN HARREN**
Sunday, March 21
12-4PM • Rudolph's Redneck Roost
(a portion of the sales will be donated to the family)



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**DONATION BUCKET AVAILABLE
FOR DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS**

All are welcomed to join us!

The Passion of the Christ

Movie Nights

Sun., March 28 at 2pm

Tues., March 30 at 7pm

Wed., March 31 at 6pm

Church of St. Mary, Upsala

Sacrament of Reconciliation also to be offered:

Sun., March 28 following the movie

Tues., March 30 at 5pm (before Mass) and
again after the movie

Wed., March 31 at 5pm and after the movie

