

# The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

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### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

### PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch (SM): 573-4127 Kathy Koehn (SM): 573-2363

Judy Theisen (SF): 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners (SF): 573-2728

Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office before desired baptism date.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkowicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkowicz, family of + Dennis Koroll (SE), Paul Ampe (SM, in hospice, pancreatic cancer), Lori Momany, daughter of Larry and Mary Erickson (SM)

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,152.00; Loose \$181.00; Central MN Catholic \$20.00; Choir \$100.00 - **\$1,453.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$1,894.00; Loose \$69.00; Votive \$64.75; Fall Collection \$50.00 – **\$2,077.75**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$605.00; Loose \$64.06 - **\$669.06**

### Lenten Eucharist Adoration

Pope Benedict XVI said "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." Service to others is prayer in action, but Covid-19 has restricted us from serving others in need....so let's pray for them at Eucharist Adoration which will be available every Thursday during Lent starting February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm at St. Mary's ending with Benediction. Come for an hour, come for 30 minutes, come for 10...just come when you can.

## Mass Schedule Feb. 8 - 14, 2021

Monday: 2/8 *Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 2/9  
St. Mary 6:00pm † Elaine & Mark Schumer

Wednesday: 2/10 *St. Scholastica*  
St. Francis 8:00am † JoAnn Zenzen  
- Carol & Butch Klaphake

Thursday: 2/11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
St. Edward 8:00am † Edward Jendro

Friday: 2/12  
St. Mary 7:30am † Dave Nilson

Saturday: 2/13  
St. Mary 4:00pm † Catherine & Leo Hartung

Sunday: 2/14 *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
St. Edward 8:00am † Ed Jendro & Dennis Koroll  
St. Francis 10:00am † Joe Lange Sr.  
- Dan & Rita Lange

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (3/3)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (3/5)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. (2/9)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes



### Religious Education

**Feb. 10:**

Grades 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm

Confirmation: Class 7:30 – 9pm

**Religious Education at Home:** The videos will remain on the website for anyone wishing to work at home.

### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Mass Times

7am – All Saints (St. Mary)

7:30am – St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. Virgil)

Noon – St. Edward (Fr. David)

Noon – St. Columbkille (Outside)

6pm – St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. Virgil)

7pm – Immaculate Conception

8pm – St. Francis (Fr. David)



### Youth News

#### NCYC 2021

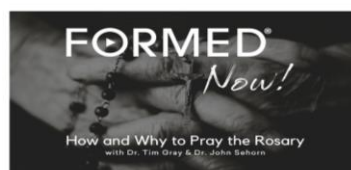
Ablaze will be taking place in Indianapolis November 18 -20. Visit the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's event site at <https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/>

Two years ago, remember that Fr. Theis along with chaperones and youth nearly filled a bus! Pray that this event will take place in light of the pandemic.



### Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join in for prayer, topical information and discussions for single people who are discerning their vocation and looking for social connections in the process. Our next meeting is Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 8-9:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's. For Ages 18 and up.



**FORMED NOW!  
HOW AND WHY TO  
PRAY THE ROSARY**  
As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

[www.238catholic.formed.org](http://www.238catholic.formed.org) (Google Chrome)

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### **Thanks to Gail Maty**

Blessings upon our Guest Speaker last weekend. It was great to hear about how the sacraments mean so much to her. As she said, this was not always present as she strayed some from her Catholic faith. May Lent and Adoration be a time to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

#### **World Day of Consecrated Life**

This Sunday, we celebrate all the Benedictine Monks from St John's, Benedictine Sisters from St Ben's, Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Poor Clare Sisters of Sauk Rapids and the Crosiers of Onamia. Please send prayers their way and that young people from our area will be open to the religious life. Blessings to Sr. Mary Pat Burger from St. Francis who has been a Franciscan Sister for well over 50 years!

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

World Day of the Sick/Our Lady of Lourdes: February 10 is a beautiful reminder of the importance of this sacrament. Especially during this time of the pandemic, Pope Francis reminds us priests that we are to be generous with this sacrament. It's like "God's Vaccine"! All those 65 years of age and older are encouraged to be anointed regularly as it heals and strengthens to defend them against this virus and other illnesses. In addition, all who have a serious illness physically or mentally should receive Jesus in this sacrament. After all weekend Masses (Feb 13-14), you will have an opportunity to receive Jesus. Please call Fr. David if you have questions or if you wonder if you should receive the sacrament.

#### **Usher Duties**

Thanks so much for all that you do especially since the pandemic. Next weekend (Feb 13-14) is Bishop's Annual Appeal. People are encouraged to bring their mailed envelopes with them to Mass. However, some may forget or did not receive a mailing. There will be extra pencils and envelopes in the entrance of our churches. After Bishop Kettler's recorded message, Fr. David will invite the people to raise their hands if they need an envelope. Please be ready to meet this need. Fr. David will then give step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the in-pew envelope while encouraging the pledge option. Ushers, please remember to mark your timecards accordingly as you will be paid time and a half! 😊

#### **Lent is Fast Approaching**

Ash Wednesday (Feb 17) is right around the corner. Stations of the Cross will be alternating between our parishes Fridays at 8pm along with Stations following the weekday Masses: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Adoration will be as usual in each of our parishes along with 12noon to 9pm on Thursdays very week in St Mary's. Confessions will be available before weekend Masses as well as before daily Masses. Lent is a beautiful time to deepen your relationship with Jesus.

#### **Sign of Peace**

Remember during the Mass not to extend handshakes unless you are family. Least you are family, please greet one another with bowing of head, hand wave or other such greeting of peace in effort to remain safe during these times. Please be respectful of those choosing not to extend some form of the sign of peace.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

#### **Sat., Feb. 13 – 4pm**

*EM of HC:* Brian Lange      *Lector:* Joe Schumer

*Greeters:* Randy & Jane Tretter

*Ushers:* Tom & Jan Kilian

#### **Smelt Fry/Raffle**

St. Mary's Smelt/Fish Fry and Raffle for 2021 is ON! Friday, March 26th 4-8pm. Carry-out ONLY. Cash Raffle @ 7:30pm (winners will be announced on Facebook and our church website [238catholic.org](http://238catholic.org)) The 250 tickets are ordered and will be here soon! We are again asking each parishioner to sell or buy at least one raffle ticket! Tickets are \$100 each. Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **Library Committee**

Adult education is of great importance. Fr. Theis has many books here which needs to be made available. No doubt with him being a former teacher, he would have greatly supported this endeavor.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

#### **Sun., Feb. 14 – 8am**

*EM of HC:* Jim Wensmann      *Lector:* Tracey Hartung

*Greeters:* Jim & Julie Wensmann

*Ushers:* Jim & Justin Wensmann

#### **Cemetery Maintenance**

Thanks to those who have donated thus far. We have only to raise \$3,025 to reach the goal of \$10,000 by this spring. We will begin with making the new road in our cemetery along with some ribboning, which is cement rows for the headstones to be placed upon.

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

#### **Sun., Feb. 14 – 10am**

*EM of HC:* Sylvester Tschida

*Lector:* Holly Keppers

*Greeter:* Rosanne Voss

#### **Come Visit Jesus**

Jesus will be on our altar from 7am-8pm this Tuesday with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A few words from our sweet Jesus: *"Trust not in what you can do for Me but, rather, in what I will do for you. Above all, be faithful in your times of Adoration."*

### NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We come together each Sunday a needy people, a damaged people, a human people, each of us coming to realize that we cannot make it on our own. But we are a faith-filled people, trusting in the Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, whom we know is here with us as we gather for Mass. Strengthened by that knowledge, we celebrate the Eucharist with our brothers and sisters, giving thanks to God, receiving Jesus in His Body and Blood, and going forth to others renewed and rejuvenated in our mission as disciples.

As you read this bulletin, I am soaking in the sunshine in Arizona! The life of being a priest is great! Thanks for all your kindness, generosity and love. I am so grateful to having been assigned to these three beautiful parishes. Your willingness and openness to grow in your faith truly touches my heart. I pray that our future will be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit as we together discern how best to respond to God's will. We are so blessed to have Fr. Virgil retired here in our community. Do you know how many small towns would give almost anything to have a priest living in their area? Please remember to thank him and all retired priests for their generosity.

This is Announcement Weekend for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass, or bring your envelope many of you will receive in the mail. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Next week, we will also hear from Bishop Kettler a recorded message on the importance of this Annual Appeal as it will be Commitment Weekend.

The goal for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is nearly one and a half million (\$1,400,000). The goal for St Edward's is \$5,966; the goal for St Francis is \$5,412 and the goal for St Mary's is \$5,978. Bishop Kettler: *"I ask you to please prayerfully discern a gift to the Appeal and join others around the diocese in supporting this work. As always, I promise your gift will be only used for Appeal ministries and not for any other purpose. I invite you to reach out to me with your prayer intentions through the Appeal materials you'll be receiving. And I offer my blessing to you and your loved ones as we approach the holy season of Lent. Please pray for me, and I will continue to pray for you."*

Do you have your calendars marked for Smelt/Fish Fry and Raffle to be held March 26<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's? Due to the COVID-19, we will be having "take-outs" only. I pray that this event will bring our parishes together more than ever. Would it not be great if we could even have people from St Edward's and St Francis volunteering to help out? Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer.