

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 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, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Cody Pappenfus (SE, car accident, Gillett Children's Hospital in St. Paul), Brayden Harren (SF, cancer treatment at the Mayo), Irene Lashinski (SF, living at home), family of +Gilbert Schmitz, family of +Paul Ampe, Darling Langner (Has cemetery plot in Elmdale), Virgil Burg (SM, Long Prairie Nursing Home)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Easter \$4,171; Loose \$561.47; Votive \$35.87 Rice Bowl \$269; Holy Land \$704; Food Shelf \$473 - **\$6,214.34**

St. Edward: Easter \$4,645; Loose \$247.01; Votive \$24.50; Holy Land \$339.26; Rice Bowl \$55; Christmas \$35; Food Shelf \$120 – **\$5,465.77**

St. Francis: Easter \$2,390; Loose \$130; Holy Land \$95 - **\$2,615.00**

Upcoming Finance Council Meetings:

Mon., April 12 – St. Mary at 7:00pm

Tues., April 13 – St. Edward at 6:30pm

Tues., April 13 – St. Francis at 8:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (5/5)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm 1st Fri. (5/7)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (4/13)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes



Mass & Devotions Schedule

April 12 - 18, 2021

Monday: 4/12 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 4/13 *St. Martin I*
St. Mary 6:00pm Healing & Strength for
Brayden Harren

St. Francis 7am – 8pm: Adoration, No Benediction

Wednesday: 4/14
St. Francis 8:00am † Scott Keppers
- Jane Keppers

Thursday: 4/15
St. Edward 8:00am † Helen & Ervin Chromey
- Eileen Koroll

Friday: 4/16
St. Mary 7:30am † Paul Ampe

Saturday: 4/17
St. Mary 4:00pm † Virginia Maciej

Sunday: 4/18 *Third Sunday of Easter*
St. Edward 8:00am † Rose Opatz
- Family
St. Francis 10:00am † John Lange
- Dan & Rita Lange



Religious Education

April 14:

Gr. 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm

Gr. 7 - 10: Class 7:30 – 9pm

First Communion Mass

"After prayer and discernment, it seems the Holy Spirit is placing upon our hearts to relocate our First Communion Mass on May 2 at 10am from St Edward's to St Mary's. I apologize to the community of St Edward's, but hopefully next year with the pandemic less present, we will return to alternating locations. Much like the Confirmation Mass, during such times we need to use whatever facility that can accommodate the greatest numbers most safely." Fr David

Confirmation Mass

This will take place at St Mary's April 20th at 7pm with Bishop Kettler. Due to the restrictions, food will not be allowed to be served afterwards. The parishes from Sobieski, Flensburg and Randall will be joining us. Come and join in our celebration by filling up our gathering area and dining room. Come show our young people that they are important and hope they remain involved in their faith. Thanks to their teacher Chantelle Frie for all her hard work this past year during these ever-trying times.

If you would like to support our students going to NCYC by purchasing softener salt, contact the office by April 19. We are in need of 3 chaperones. If we could get at least one man to chaperone, that would be wonderful! Please contact the office if you are interested.

Scholarships

Scholarships will be offered to 2021 graduating high school students who intend to continue their education at a university or technical college. The student must be a member of the parish to apply. Applications are on file at UHS with the guidance counselor as well as at 238catholic.org (or gathering space).

St. Edward will be offering a \$250 scholarship. Deadline is April 22.

St. Francis will be offering a \$500 scholarship. Deadline is April 22.

St. Mary will be offering a \$500 scholarship. Deadline is April 15.

Youth News

Join Ty's Team

What are you doing Saturday, April 24th at 9am? Come and join Ty Poppenhagen's family and friends for this 'Let the Sun Shine Run' 2.2 mile walk/run in Cold Spring.

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Food Shelf Drive

"It was amazing how many people brought non-perishable food items at Holy Thursday Mass in St Mary's & St. Francis! Fr John Odero would have been most proud. In Kenya, they do that every Sunday as people bring up their various garden and food items. Thanks also for the cash donations of \$593 from our parishes to the two Food Shelf locations." Fr David

Passion of the Christ

"It was great to have people come watch the movie prior to Easter. It was most especially gratifying to see so many people come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation afterwards. In discussion with Nicole Frie, perhaps this is a ministry which our Three Saints Parishes need to consider? Monthly, quarterly or seasonal movies as it is great to make use of our big screens/facility. There are many good movies out there and recent releases. Please reach out to Nicole or our parish office if the Holy Spirit places anything on your hearts." Fr David

Prayer Petition at Mass

Last month, Fr David began praying for the elderly by name of respective parishes. This next weekend we will do the same. It is most important that we do not forget them as too often that can happen. They have given so much to our parishes, the least we can do is remember them in prayer monthly at our Masses. Please contact Fr David if he forgot to mention your loved one.

Mass Location Changes

First Communion Mass has recently moved to St Mary's on May 2 along with CUF hosting their take-out breakfast at St Francis, here follows our Mass schedule for that weekend: Saturday 4pm: SE, Sunday 8am St Francis and 10am St Mary's. Please help spread the word.

Catholic Home Missions

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, etc. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. Please be generous April 24-25 for this special collection.

'Let the Sun Shine Run'

Last year, they raised \$33,545.94 for mental health awareness! They hope to do even better April 24! This event was created by his parents to honor the memory of their son, Jonathon James Robbins who was diagnosed with schizophrenia and depression and committed suicide on April 28, 2010 at the age of 22. Join Ty's Team April 24 at 9am in Cold Spring. Come and show your support to the Poppenhagens. For more information: letthesunshinerun.com

Summer Vacation Bible

As Fr. Theis had in year's past, our parishes will be working together with the Holdingford parishes. Together we will be hosting Totus Tuus July 17-23. The younger grades during the day will be going to Holdingford while the upper grades will be gathering at St Mary in Upsala.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat., April 10 – 4pm

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn *Lector:* Joe Schumer

Greeter: Randy & Jane Tretter

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

No 6pm Mass

With our Confirmation Mass on April 20 at 7pm, there will be no regularly scheduled daily Mass that evening. Please help spread the word.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., April 11 – 8am

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann *Lector:* Jeff Czech

Greeter: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

St Edward's Parish Function

"What's the Holy Spirit placing on your hearts? It was most refreshing to hear that Catholic United Financial in St Francis are planning for "Takeout Breakfast" Sunday May 2. Our

recent Smelt/Fish Fry was better than ever expected! We need to be thinking about Plan B or Plan C as we currently are not allowed to serve any sort of food within church premises." Fr David

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., April 11 – 10am

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Greeter: Rita Lange

CUF Matching Grant Breakfast

Mark your calendars for Sun., May 2 for the CUF Matching Grant Breakfast. Carry out only. More details to come.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Come and spend time with Jesus this Tuesday from 7am-8pm. There will be no benediction. Resurrection graces are flowing during this time of year. Even if you do not have a full hour to spend, a few minutes with Jesus is greater than no minutes.

Mother's Day Carnations

Christian Mothers/Women will have carnations available for sale on Mother's Day. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to purchase in memory of deceased women of your family. That bouquet will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Carnations may be purchased after Mass on Mother's Day too. Free will donation.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

"Lord have mercy," we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. This weekend, we celebrate Divine Mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always able to receive God's tender mercy.

Sorry about the super short notice, but if your afternoon is free this Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Paul's Church in Sauk Centre: 1pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2-3:45pm Confessions, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Consecration to Divine Mercy, 3:45pm Benediction and closing with 4pm Mass. This is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion on that day.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for so many people coming forward to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! You are truly amazing as you opened your hearts and souls to Our Lord. The various times you came forward at St Mary's along with the two evenings 7-9pm at St Francis and St Edward's truly kept me very busy! The more that we come to Jesus in this sacrament, the more graces will come into our lives.

This past week, our new religious education coordinators Tamara Lange and Reba Leither met to discuss the Religious Education for 2021-2022. Understandably, there are many fears and concerns. The timing is likely very poor for you and your family amidst this pandemic, and yet I could not help but feel the stirring of the Holy Spirit. Beth Lange and Niki Koopmeiners did great this past year and year's prior. Oftentimes, when priests come to new assignments, the second year can see some changes. St Francis will be asked to join our two parishes as we meet at St Mary's. I believe this is part and parcel of following the Bishop's recommendations to pool our resources as he often uses the term 'streamlining'. This Family Formation (new program), I believe will bring about many graces to our parishes, but especially to our families. Dads and Moms (grades K-6), please don't get too stressed with you having to teach your children. As Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Cozzens from Mpls/St Paul states: "This curriculum allows for parents to bring the faith right into the home. The most important factor for a child to grow up and keep his or her Catholic faith is the practicing faith of the parents. Family Formation desires to provide opportunities to let parents hand on their faith fulfilling their mission." We will need teachers for both (K-6 & 7-11) as we'd love to have them in place before summer begins. Teachers for K-6 will meet monthly. **Mark your calendars as we will be having a Parent Meeting May 12 at 6:30pm at St. Mary's.**