



The Catholic Churches

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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 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



Holy Baptism

Emersyn Rose Kingston
Daughter of Mitchell & Brooke
January 28, 2023 St. Mary's, Upsala



Over 80 Blessings for February

Eileen Koroll (SE) 2/23
Christine Wuebkers (SM) 2/24



Valentine's Mass and Meal: February 11th

St. Mary's will be hosting the 8th annual Valentine Mass and Meal on February 11th. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour from 6-7:00 p.m. and a candlelit dinner will follow. The main courses are Prime Rib or Roasted Chicken with garlic cream sauce. Cost per couple is \$60 and the reservation deadline is **February 5th**. Please purchase your tickets at the St. Mary's office or after Mass in the gathering space. All proceeds will support the NCYC students. Contact Tamara Lange at (320) 250- 4688 for more information.



Bishop - elect Patrick Neary, C.S.C

Vesper Service: 5:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 13th
Episcopal Ordination: 1:00 p.m. Tues., Feb. 14th
Everyone may attend the Vesper Service. See *Notes from Fr. David* for more information. Both events can be watched livestreamed at: <https://stcdio.org/new-bishop>.

Speaker Jen Messing is coming to St. Mary's, Upsala: Mar. 1st

Starting at 7:00 p.m., this evening is open to anyone in the community grades 7th & up who would like to join us! The topic is: The Theology of the Body 101: Love, Identity & Purpose. 7:00 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, 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, Linda Mader, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, the Family of +Arnold Scholz, & the Family of +Linus Lehner

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 2/7</u>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Phyllis Vornbrock *Anointing of the Sick
<u>Wednesday 2/8</u>		
		Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Audrey Pflueger ~St. Francis Men's Society
<u>Thursday 2/9</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Ray and Monica Schleper ~Ralph Schleper
<u>Friday 2/10</u>		
		<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Linus Lehner
Weekend Masses		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>Saturday 2/11</u>		
		<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
10 a.m. Senior Living 5 p.m. St. Mary	†	Communion Service, Upsala Ramona Heurung
<u>Sunday 2/12</u>		
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Edward	†	Rich Boeckermann For the People

February 14th, 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's is cancelled.

Faith Formation February 8th

Grades K-6: Classroom Session: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Confirmation: Class: 7:35-8:45

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: February 5th

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.

NCYC Trip to Indianapolis: Nov 16-19, 2023

Parents and young people, did you hear that our parishes' Finance Councils agreed that each of our parishes are willing to pay one-half the cost for each of our students? Your parishes knows how important this experience can be in your faith life, thus, we want to do all we can to make sure you will not miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime! Did you hear that there is already a group of adults organizing this trip for you? Thank your Finance Council members for doing this!

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: February 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for young adults ages 18-30 who are looking to socialize with others. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays alternating between All Saints-St. Mary's and St. Mary, Upsala. The February 18th meeting at All Saints-St. Mary's will be an introduction evening and sharing of ideas, with socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners:

Congratulations to all the winners of this years contest!
BOYS—Noah Ripplinger, Carson Primus, Owen Schulte, Bradon Lange, Cody Johnson & William Barthel.
GIRLS—Anne Ripplinger, Emily Ripplinger, Haylee Heesen & Josie Roerick.

Area Events

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: February 11th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The February 11th meeting topic is "Questions to Ask and Info to Know to Discern a Relationship." Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, February 12th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Jim & Dorene Czeck

Thanks Nick Schleper

We appreciate Nick how he sets up our outdoor Nativity Scene every year! Appreciate also as the road in the cemetery was recently opened up. There are tons of snow in our cemetery, but at least you can get a little closer to your loved ones.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

February Ushers:

Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Sunday, February 12th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Syl Tschida

Lector: Jane Keppers

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

There will be a meeting of the main speaking parts for "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 5th. 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.

St. Francis CUF Matching Grant breakfast

will be on Sunday, February 26. If anyone would like to donate towards the meal, please contact Chad Koopmeiners (320-293-7092) or Bob Theisen (573-2933).

ST MARY'S NEWS

Saturday, February 11th - 5:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Jan Kilian

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski

Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston

Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske

Bank Deposit: Mike Klase

Weekly Cleaning Position at St Mary's

This is a part time position. Job description and application form is on our webpage as well as in the entrance of our church. Deadline is February 10.

Thanks Nicole Frie for 14 years!

It is amazing how many years Nicole has cleaned for our church! Please remember to thank her for the dedication and commitment for she was always willing to go above and beyond.

Three Saints News continued

The Catholic United Financial Match Grant Breakfast

will be on February 26th at St. Francis of Assisi serving after the 8:00 a.m. Mass from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church Basement. Free Will Offering. Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes with toppings, Hashbrowns, Sweet Bread & Beverages.

The 7th Annual St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle for 2023

is ON! Friday, March 31st from 4-8pm. Cash raffle at 7:30pm. We will have 250 raffle tickets for sale soon at \$100 each.

Koinonia Retreat: March 3-5

Might the Good Lord be inviting you to deepen your relationship with Him? This three-day retreat is held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie. Registration and information forms are in the entrance of our churches.

Any questions, please contact Fr David or Fr David Maciej (320-232-0346) or frdmaciej@gmail.com

WEEKEND COLLECTION January 29, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$640 Loose: \$102 **Total: \$742.00**

St. Francis: Adult: \$425, Loose: \$86. Votive: \$148.87, Funeral Lunch: \$20 **Total: \$679.87**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,424 Loose: \$316, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Funeral Fund \$60 **Total: \$1,820.00**

Area Church Events

Knights of Columbus

February 7th: Our meeting is at 7:30pm in Elmdale. If anyone has questions or items for the agenda, please call Grand Knight Jeff Czech at 320-630-2753. Thank you.

February 19th: Bring the best of your best Chili to Holy Cross, North Prairie for this year's Knights of Columbus Chili cook-off that will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Top three chilies are picked and a small award given. Everyone is invited to join in to taste and vote on their favorite chili -FREE WILL offering. Proceeds are given to Elevate.

March 19th: Knights of Columbus Annual KC Breakfast & Raffle will be held in Bowlus starting at 9:00 a.m. To donate a prize for the raffle, please call John Kokett (573-4239) by February 15th.

Valentine's Day Dinner: Tuesday, February 14th

6:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Church Basement. BBQ Ribs or Pork Loin, Potatoes, vegetable, salad & dessert. \$20 per person. Tickets available until February 12th at Psyck's Grocery in Bowlus or call Tom Fussy 232-5703.

The Resurrected Artist Theatre Group Presents: Play On!

Dinner Theatre at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna. Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 24th and Saturday February 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Rosary Walk for Life: February 28

Join in at All Saints-St. Mary's to pray inside and outside the church at 4:00-5:00 p.m. Next dates: March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Notes from Father David

"You are the light of the world," Jesus tells His disciples in this weekend's Gospel, exhorting them to shine that light for everyone to see. Jesus Himself is the light who shone through the darkness from the very moment He was born. Now He challenges His disciples to be that light – the light of Christ – for others. We are given that same challenge. May we be conscious of receiving the Lord this weekend in the Word and the Eucharist, so that we may go forth to shine the light of Christ, transforming the darkness around us.

Thanks for your prayers for Bishop-elect Patrick. It is ever important that we keep him in our prayers as much is being asked of him. Unfortunately, because of limited capacity, entry to the ordination Mass is by invitation only. This will take place at St Mary's Cathedral at 1pm Tuesday, February 14. Each of our parishes received only two tickets. Know that everyone is invited to Evening Prayer which will be prayed at 5:30pm Monday, February 13, at the cathedral. It will begin with Fr Neary knocking on the doors of the cathedral. The cathedral door represents Christ, as Jesus is always the door through which we walk. Fr Scott Pogatchnik, the rector of the cathedral, will open the door to greet the Bishop-elect, at which time he becomes the pastor of the cathedral! I have never experienced this before = HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN US! A reception will follow the prayer service in the cathedral's lower church. Bishop-elect Patrick Neary words in light of being appointed our bishop: "I never expected this invitation, this call, from the Holy Father, from the Church; and I said yes, just trusting in the Lord."

Death finds us all eventually. We can't prevent that. But we can direct how we'd like our final days to unfold. **Join us February 28th at 7pm in our dining room at St Mary's to get a Catholic perspective on the end of life.** Catholic United Financial is offering this free workshop, so please invite others to join us. Advance planning is key — making thoughtful choices now, putting them into a written advance directive and discussing those choices with others. Advance planning helps ensure that we get the care we want and avoid what we don't want, even if we're unable to speak for ourselves. You may have put off making decisions about your end-of-life care. Thinking and talking about end-of-life issues can be difficult, and putting documents in place can seem daunting. This evening will help you think through your priorities for end-of-life care, complete an advance directive and other forms you may need, choose a representative to speak for you if you cannot, and consider common end-of-life medical interventions so you can specify what you want or don't want — right up to the end. And it will guide you in having valuable conversations with your healthcare providers and loved ones.