

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

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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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled.

Mass Schedule

April 20 - 26, 2020

Monday: 4/20
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 4/21 *St. Anselm*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Wednesday: 4/22
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Thursday: 4/23 *St. George & St. Adalbert*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Friday: 4/24 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Saturday: 4/25 *St. Mark*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sunday: 4/26 *Third Sunday of Easter*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Fr. Theis will be out of town April 21st – 27th. In case of emergency, call Fr. Helmin (320)293-6220

The Bishop has announced that all churches are to remain closed through May 15.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed to visitors. Please call if you need something. **Bulletins will be online only.** If someone doesn't have online access, call the office and we can mail them.

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the week of April 27 – May 3:

Parking Lot Adoration at St. Mary's. The Blessed Sacrament will be in the entryway. You can face your vehicle toward the Blessed Sacrament, but please stay in your vehicle. If you have your vehicle running, please use the parking brake so your lights turn off.

Tues., April 28: 7 – 9pm

Wed., April 29: 11am – 1pm

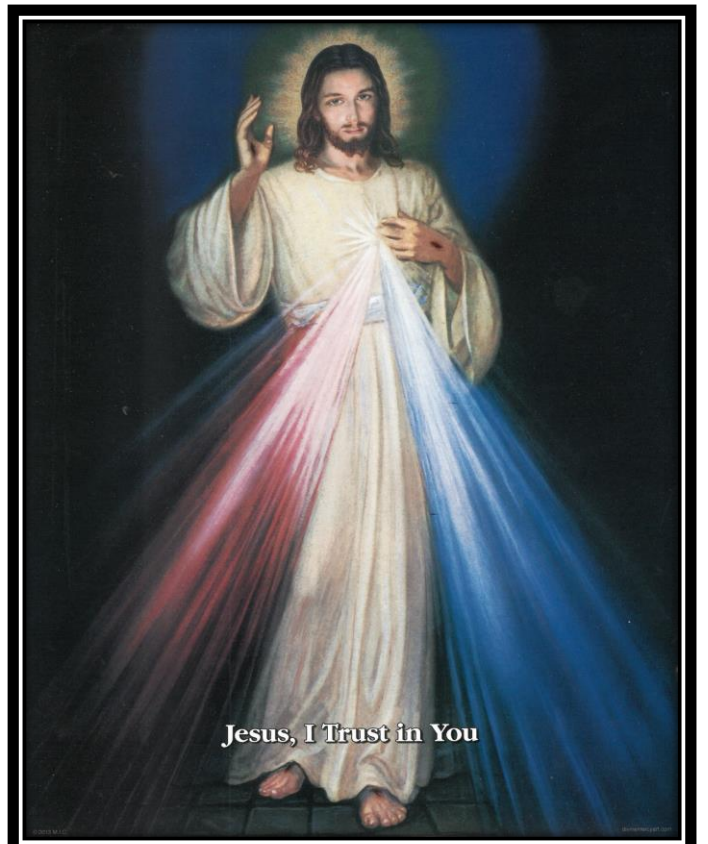
Thurs., April 30: 7 – 9pm

Fri., May 1: 7 – 9pm

Confessions – By the side door of St. Mary's Church during parking lot adoration, also by appointment. Please remain in your vehicle until you are next.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Audrey Pflueger, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Joann Pinke, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson



Jesus, I Trust in You



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary	12-6pm	First Wednesday
St. Edward	12-9pm	First Friday
St. Francis	7am-9pm	Second Tuesday

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,796.00; Loose \$1.00; Rice Bowl \$10.00; Easter \$2,385.00 - **\$4,192.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$830.00; Easter \$1,420.00; Rice Bowl \$65.00; Holy Land \$110.00; Overseas Appeal \$10.00 – **\$2,435.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$925.00; Easter \$1,575.00; Holy Land \$50.00; Online Giving \$100.00- **\$2,650.00**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

The office is still operational and thus we are still counting on your generosity for the collection. Several options are available:

1. Automatic Withdrawal – If you are interested, you can visit the website and print off the form you need, or call the office and we can send you the form.
2. Drop your envelopes at Stearns Bank in Upsala
3. Mail to the office at: Church of St. Edward, St. Francis, or St. Mary, PO Box 249, Upsala, MN 56384.

****If there are any parishioners between the ages of 18 – 50 who would feel comfortable coming in to count collections, please call the office.****

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Religious Education: Families with kids in 7th-10th make sure to know where textbooks are. When the church is open again, they can be dropped off at the parish office. Grades 1 – 6, please be sure to know where your binders are, they can be dropped off when the church is opened again as well.

Indulgences Attached to Devotions in Honor of Divine Mercy.

Taken from the following site:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/what-do-divine-mercy-sunday>

Three conditions for the plenary indulgence

1. Sacramental Confession
2. Eucharistic Communion
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

While praying before an image of the Divine Mercy Jesus, pray the Creed, Our Father, and devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus. [Ex. Jesus, I trust in You.]

Even though churches are closed and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday. And we're going to tell you how.

Let's begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's *Diary*, when Jesus tells St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no

soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).

There it is: Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

But how can you receive this complete forgiveness of sins and remission of all punishment? After all, churches are closed and Confession and Communion are not available.

There is, however, still a way to receive this grace.

Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life:

Make an Act of Contrition

Since you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition, instead. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is 'sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again'" (1451).

You thereby will be completely forgiven of all sins, even "mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible" (*Catechism*, 1452).

Make a Spiritual Communion

Since churches are closed and you cannot receive Holy Communion, make a Spiritual Communion instead, asking God to come into your heart as if you received Him sacramentally — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For instance, you can say this:

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You were already there,

I embrace You and unite myself to You;

permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

Again, do this act of trust with the intent to return to the sacrament of Holy Communion as soon as possible.

Say a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life!