

Elmdale, Upsala
and St. Francis:
Mary & the Saints
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Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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Monday & Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule.

Prayer Lines:

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Sick & Homebound Ministry:

Contact the Parish Office if you need
Holy Communion brought to you or
a loved one.

Marriage: Couples need to begin
preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine
months in advance.

Baptism & Marriage: Contact the
office before setting a date.

Alleluia!

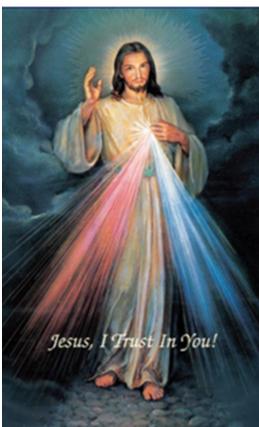
Blessed Easter!

Easter is the festival of hope; a hope that does not disappoint us (Rom 5:5), a hope that, in Christ, we can be more than our mistakes. Or rather that we can live the righteousness Christ won for us through His victory over sin and death on the Cross. Easter renews our hope and gives every reason for confidence. **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that we might not perish, but might have eternal life”** (John 3:16).

We, the staff from our ti-parish community, extend to you and your loved ones our sincere Best Wishes for a joyful Easter. Thank you all very much for your great support, prayers and kindness. I want to thank all of those who worked so hard to prepare for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies and to all of you who participated in these graceful celebrations. May the Risen Lord be with you and with your family.

We wish You a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Jimmy



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th

Come celebrate His Divine Mercy together from
1:00- 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Upsala!

Eucharistic Adoration

Confession

Prayers

Rosary

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Benediction

Ministry Schedule

Easter Vigil 4/4		
8:30 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Renee Scholz c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposits: Nathan Ripplinger
Easter 4/5		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Diane Magdziarz ~ The Retka Family	EM of HC: Derek Biniek, Jim Bartkowicz c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gift Bearers: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Scott, Paul & Ginger Keppers ~ Jane Keppers	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Alice Westrich c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gift Bearers: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
Monday, 4/6		 <p>Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm</p> <p>Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Eleanor Tschida, Ken Welle, Leonard & Eileen Koroll</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 4/7		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Anointing of the Sick	† Connie Harren	
Wednesday, 4/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Anointing of the Sick	† Frank Gerads	
Thursday, 4/9		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward *Anointing of the Sick	† Ron Czech ~ Mel & Karen Pickarski	
Friday, 4/10		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Hartung Family ~ G & MJ Boeckermann	
Saturday 4/11		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Janelle Roerick c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gift Bearers: Brian & Jessica Donabauer, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
Sunday 4/12		
Divine Mercy Sunday		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Raymond Kurowski	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Joan Theisen, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Jim & Lora Bartkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Virgil Burg ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Lilli Leither, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Please note: The Saturday evening Mass at St. Francis will be at 8:00 p.m. starting April 11th.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Religious Education

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This Week's Classes: Wednesday, April 8th

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class - Holdingford -ASSM

6:30 p.m. Family Formation -Upsala-SM

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. To join us Contact Chelsea Fuchs fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Totus Tuus Leaders

Are you in college and considering what your summer plans will be? Consider being a Totus Tuus missionary for the Diocese of St. Cloud. You would be a "missionary to the youth" in central MN. The program is just two months long so you would still get some needed rest and family time; yet, it offers an opportunity for a summer of growing in your own faith and in deeper love of Jesus. We offer a stipend of \$500/week. Please check out this site for more info and to sign up: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>

Graduation Scholarship Scholarship forms for all the parishes are available in the church entry or Upsala High School. The deadline is April 24th to have them returned to the Parish Office.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whose Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."



WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/29/2026

St. Edward: Adult: \$932, Loose: \$161.25, Votive: \$115, Easter Flowers: \$50, Easter: \$130, Holy Land: \$30, Rice Bowl: \$5, **Total: \$1,423.25**

St. Francis: Adult: \$265, Loose: \$92.75, Easter Flowers: \$50, Rice Bowl: \$20, Holy Land: \$30, Easter: \$430 **Total: \$887.75**

St. Mary: Adults: \$2,453, Loose: \$264, Easter Flowers: \$50, Rice Bowl: \$25, Easter: \$180, **Total: \$3,072**
Fish Fry (before expenses): \$22,425

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • 19TH ANNUAL



FREE - WILL OFFERING

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • ELMDALE, MN
8550 State Highway-238, Bowlus, MN 56314

DINNER IS SERVED, 4:30-7:30 P.M.

• TAKE OUT AVAILABLE •

Happy
Easter!



Wedding BANNERS



Jaden Hanfler & Raymond Kokett

April 18, 2026
St. Edward's, Elmdale

Dinner Theater

Whose Wives Are They Anyway? Dinner Theatre at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna starring our own Bob Theisen will be on April 10 & 11, April 17 & 18 Dinner at 5:30, performance at 7:30 p.m. \$30 non-refundable. Serving grilled chicken breast and roast beef, California medley veggies, roasted baby red potatoes and dinner rolls. Reservations required call (320) 845-7738 There will be a 1:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 12th & Sunday April 19th. Cost is \$8 (Sunday buffet available). Tickets available at the door starting at noon.



**Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight:
Jeff Czech**

**Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy
Chaplet Novena**

4/5 North Prairie following Easter Mass
4/6 Upsala following the 6:30 p.m. Rosary
4/7 Elmdale, 7pm, meeting to follow
4/8 North Prairie at 7 pm.
4/9 Upsala at 7 p.m.
4/10 Bowlus at 7:30 p.m.
4/11 Elmdale at 3 p.m

**Congrats State Free Throw Winners:
Morgan Ripplinger & Gabriel Barthel
Raffle Tickets**

Knights, please return the State Raffle tickets by April 24th to the P.O. Box 112, Bowlus, MN 56314

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral: April 12th

Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her visions of Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

This year we are happy to announce two speakers at the event. Chris True will give his testimony on his Catholic Faith, and Fr. Jeremy Ploof will give a meditation.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, April 12, from 1:00- 3:00 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.

He is risen!. He is risen indeed!

The Easter Season lasts until Pentecost

Celebrate so authentically and joyfully that those around you notice. Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "If you want me to believe in your redeemer, you are going to have to look a lot more redeemed." Make that effort to have Easter be more than merely a day. Make it your season to renew your Easter spirit in your entire life!

Healing the Whole Person

Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miraim James Heidland



Engage your story with honesty-accept His invitation to make you whole-live in His freedom and transform the world!

**Join us for this in person video series:
8 Talks/Community Reflections/Healing/Restoration**

Holdingsford: 3 day weekend retreat April 17th -19th at the Gathering Barn (35204 County road 155, Avon). Friday: 3-8:30pm, Saturday: 9:30am-4pm and Sunday: 10am-4:30pm. Register by April 8th-\$50/person (includes meals).

St. Cloud: 4 Saturday mornings, 8am-12pm, April 25th, May 2nd, 16th, 30th at Christ Church Newman Center (396 1st Ave. S. St. Cloud). Register by April 15th- \$20/person.

Questions: Janice (320) 640-7623 healing@spiritandsaints.org

Registration: forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7

Or scan the QR code on posters in church entry or on our website.

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Things To Do On Easter Sunday

*Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with our highest form of prayer, the Mass, If possible, go to Easter Vigil.

*Enjoy Easter Bread to celebrate our Risen Lord! Let the sweet taste represent the joy of the Easter season and see it as a symbol of new life.

*Give a paschal greeting! Catholics often greet each other on Easter Sunday with the words "Christ is risen" and the response is "He is risen indeed!"

*Light all your candles May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Amen!

*Decorate with white lilies The white lily is a symbol of hope, new life, and the Resurrection. Its white petals represent the purity of Christ, who was without sin, and its trumpet shape symbolizes the announcement of the Resurrection. Share the Good News of our Risen Lord by gifting lilies to friends and family. Catholic

The Shepherd is Calling: Saturday, April 25th

A family event from 1-6:30 p.m. at Mike and Alice Westrich's Farm (1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum) All are welcome especially elementary age kids and their families! We invite you to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep! Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, Scripture, and hands-on time with lambs. Mass is at 4 p.m. with a hog roast to follow. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share. **RSVP by April 10th at: stedio.org/vocations.**