

The Catholic Churches

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."
Matthew 17:4

LENT
2022

Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

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Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Please note:

Mass Time will change from 4 pm to 8pm starting March 19 in St. Francis.

Weekday Masses/Stations of the Cross cancelled –

March 28- April 1. Fr. David will be visiting his Mom in Mesa, AZ . The Stations of the Cross will take place Wed., March 30th at 8pm and Friday, April 1 at 7pm

Communal Penance Service March 27 from 2-5pm

All Saints-St.Mary's in Holdingford: Fr. Virgil Helmin, Fr. Laurin Virnig, Fr. Bob Harren will also be present.

Upcoming Events

Mar 20: Matching Grant Breakfast 9-12:30pm in St Francis

Mar 20: Sacrament of Confirmation in Holdingford @ 2pm

Mar 26: Word of Life Fish Fry from 4-7pm, dine in or carry out

Mar 27: Penance Service at AS-SM from 2-5pm

Mar 27: Youth Mass SM @ 6pm with Praise & Worship Music

Mar 27: Quilt Bingo 1pm in Sobieski

April 3: Confirmation in Royalton @ 2pm with our four youth

April 8: Journey with Jesus to Calvary @ 7:30pm/Bishop comes

Area Gatherings

Immaculate Conception Lenten Fish Fry: All Fridays

Come to Rice as serving is from 5-7:30pm. Take-outs available: 393-2750.

Lenten Day of Reflection: Mar 26 from 9:30-3pm

Join Sr Elise, Franciscan Sister of Little Falls for three sessions by way of zoom. Please register by March 23 by emailing Christi Hartwell at chartwell@fslf.org

Community Country Church will be hosting our annual Spring Women's Event on Saturday, March 26, featuring The Preacher's Daughters. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Program will begin at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Reservations: (320) 746-0005.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Brayden Harren (PRAISE GOD! CLEAN MRI!), Millie Spring (stem cell, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, radiation), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (rehab at Country Manor in Sartell), Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek (SM, @ St. Otto's) Linus & Marjorie Lehner (SM, Mother of Mercy), Fr. Roger Klassen ('Thank you for your prayers')

family of + Brian Wensmann (SE)

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 3/15</u>	
6:00 pm St. Mary	† Joe Koczur ~Jim & Mary Koczur Stations of the Cross
<u>Wednesday 3/16</u>	
8:00 am St. Francis	† Al Bauer ~Joann Gerads Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm St. Mary	Religious Ed. Reconciliation
<u>Thursday 3/17</u>	
<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>	
8:00 am St. Edward	† Kya Bartkovicz Stations of the Cross
<u>Friday 3/18</u>	
<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
7:30 am St. Mary	† Elaine, Joe & Mark Schumer
6pm St. Francis	Holy Hour for peace in Ukraine
6:15 pm St. Francis	Rosary
7 pm St. Francis	Stations of the Cross
Weekend Masses	
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	
<u>Saturday 3/19</u>	
8 pm St. Francis	Living and deceased members of the St. Francis Men's Society
7:15 pm St. Francis	Confessions (Regular schedule)
<u>Sunday 3/20</u>	
8 am St. Edward	For the People
10 am St. Mary	† Paul Ampe
9-12:30 pm St. Francis	Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast
2 pm All Saints	Confirmation, Holdingford AS-SH

Faith Formation

Grades 3-6: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30-7:30pm

Special graces flow during Lent when we receive this sacrament. Parents please help your child/ren prepare to receive Jesus.

Grades 7-10 Classes: March 16

Please meet first in the Church as we have three visiting priests. Unfortunately, a number of students were unable to attend our penance service in Advent, so we pray that everyone will be able to receive Jesus in Lent. Classes will also be held that evening.

Confirmation Class: Mar 16 Rehearsal in Holdingford

At 7pm, all students will be expected to be All Saints-St Hedwig's

Youth News

Area Youth Mass at St Mary's: March 27

Rachel Prom will once again be the Worship Leader! There will be people joining us as prayer teams from 7-8pm. This is an opportunity for you to get prayed over and for you to mention any personal needs. Mass is at 6pm, but come early to join us in song and stay afterward for pizza!

Confirmation in Royalton: April 3 @ 2pm

Paige Gerads, Madalin Koetter, Hannah Luedtke & Natalie Wensmann will be getting confirmed on this date due to their school band trip to Florida.

Congratulations

Emily Ripplinger, who is the MN Knights of Columbus 2022 Regional Free Throw Champion for 10 year old girls! She now competes at State on April 2 at Cathedral High School.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., March 20, 8:00 am Third Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Shari Biniek

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Nick Schleper

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Ralph & Sally Schleper

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., March 19, 8:00 pm The Third Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

Gift Bearers: Roger & Kathy Thell

"Journey with Jesus to Calvary"

We could still use some actors and choir members. Call Bob Theisen 573-2933. **Remember:** You can go to St. Mary's for the Smelt Fry on April 8th and then come to the play! The 1st practice for all actors and choir members is on March 19th at 10 am. **Shows:** April 6th at 7 pm, April 8th at 7:30 pm, April 9th at 7:30 pm, April 10th at 1 pm.

Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast -

We will once again be having our annual breakfast, served like in the past, on March 20 from 9:00am to 12:30pm St. Francis church basement. Menu consists of Sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery along with all the toppings & beverages. Free will offering to help support our religious education program.

Workers Info- Men and boys of the parish are asked to help again, M-Z from 8:00 to 10:30 and A-L 10:30 until finished. Anyone interested in donating towards the breakfast please call Chad 293-7092 or Bob 573-2933.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sun., March 20, 10:00 am Third Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Rosie Harren **Lector:** Kim Koehn

Server: Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Gift Bearers: Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Newly Baptized Weston Paul Ripplinger

Congrats to his parents Myron and Kailee as well as his godparents Jason Hanfler and Chris Ripplinger. Blessings to his grandparents Myron Sr & Kristy Ripplinger and Brian & Sabrina Hanfler. How can our parishes encourage more parents to have their babies baptized in our faith communities?

Quilt Bingo Rescheduled: Oct 2, 2022

Thanks so much to our Mission Group who do so much for our parishes and especially finding a date amidst all these challenges.

Maintenance Position Open

Complete Job Description on our webpage. Guess how much we pay? Fr David says the pay is out of this world, but there is one catch as you have to go there to get it!!!

WEEKEND COLLECTION March 6, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$850 Loose: \$144, Churches of the East & Central Europe \$35, Easter Flowers \$75, Votive \$50.50 Total: **\$1154.50**

St. Francis: Adult: \$875, Loose: \$86, Easter Flowers: \$50, Central & East Europe: \$50, Central MN Catholic: \$120 Total: **\$1,181**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,135 Loose: \$111.40, Central MN Catholic \$20, Central & East Europe: \$72, Easter Flowers: \$230 Total: **\$2,568.90**

Three Saints News

Second Collection for Ukraine

Thanks for your generosity to help the Church in Ukraine If you forgot this weekend, please bring it to the office by Monday as we need to mail the check by Thursday.

March is Food Share Month

Our local Food Shelves are requesting personal care items such as body wash, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, baby/child items, etc. Drop boxes are in the entrances of our churches. Financial gifts are also greatly appreciated.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

As of February 25, the Appeal has raised total cash and pledges of \$216,422 toward our goal of \$1,400,000 (15.5%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 1,521 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese.

The 6th Annual St. Mary's Smelt Fish Fry and Raffle for 2022 is ON! Friday, April 8th from 4-8pm. Cash raffle at 7:30pm. This year will be DINE-IN and carry-out. We will have 250 raffle tickets for sale soon at \$100 each.

Knights of Columbus Council 12604 Breakfast & Raffle

March 27 9 am-12 noon with Raffle to follow at St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus, MN

Healing Spring Water from Lourdes

Please contact Fr David if you are interested in getting some water from Lourdes, France (a town of healing water and miracles). You can either drink it or apply it externally to your body.

Scholarship forms for High School Seniors who are members of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi or St. Mary are available in the office.

Guatemalan Coffee Sales will be March 26/27

Holy Spirit come upon our young people and fill them with Your fire: Paige Gerads (SM), Mitchell George (SE), Hope Hartung (SF), Madalin Koetter (SM), Max Lange (SM), Matthew Lehner (SF), Tyson Leners (SM), Hannah Luedtke (SE), Carter Roerick (SF), Jacob Roerick (SF), Grace Throener (SE), Natalie Wensmann (SM), Bryce Westrich (SF) and Andrew Young (SF). Please pray for us daily by name until we get confirmed.

Notes from Fr David

This weekend on our journey through this penitential season, we are reminded of the promise the Lord makes to us. God asked Abraham to look up to the heavens and witness the uncountable stars in the sky. Peter, John, and James looked up to the heavens and saw Jesus transfigured to shine like the sun. As we fast, pray, and give alms this Lent, let us pause to look up to the heavens and consider the incredible vastness of the transformation of us and world that God set in motion.

How is your Lenten season starting out? There are many ways to grow in your faith. I recommend three: a weekday Mass, Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Personally, these have brought enormous graces into my life. I know two priests who have since gone Home to Jesus (+ Fr Art Hoppe and + Fr Sylvester Kleinschmidt) from our diocese who prayed the Stations daily! They were very holy priests. They spoke of the graces for the both the living and deceased. When we unite with Jesus in His passion, we become deserving of the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of grace, and the reward of everlasting life.

Lastly, I know a good number of you have stayed away from Jesus in Confession. Please consider coming back Home to Him this Lent, no matter how long it has been since your last confession. God the Father is constantly calling us to repentance. I have no idea the reasons why you have chosen not to come to Jesus in this sacrament. We have had many people die from our parishes this past year. I will bet my life that when we die and stand before Jesus, we will be sad and regret not being more faithful to Him. Did you know that the very first thing Jesus did when He appeared to the disciples after His resurrection was give His Apostles this sacrament?