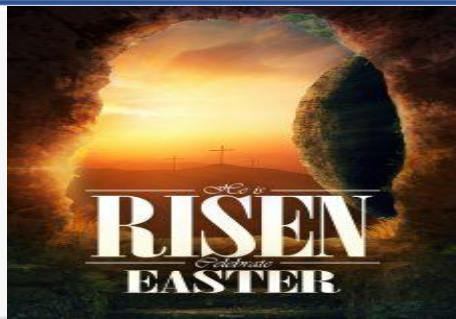


# The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Easter Sunday

April 4, 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 Bartkiewicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkiewicz,  
Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Virgil Burg, Arnold Scholz, Brayden  
Harren (SF, cancer treatment at the Mayo), Irene Lashinski (SF), family  
of +Gilbert Schmitz, family of +Paul Ampe

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2021

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

St. Gregory the Great Council 12604

Booklets will be available at the place of prayer. Schedule:

4/4/2021 Easter Sunday Holy Cross after 10am Mass

4/5/2021 Easter Mon. St. Stanislaus 6:30pm

4/6/2021 Easter Tues. St. Mary's after 6pm Mass

4/7/2021 Easter Wed. St. Stanislaus 8:00pm

4/8/2021 Easter Thurs. Holy Cross 6:30pm

4/9/2021 Easter Friday St. Edward 6:30pm

4/10/2021 Easter Sat. St. Mary's after 4pm Mass

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (4/7)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. (4/9)

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

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

## Mass & Devotions Schedule

April 5 - 11, 2021

Monday: 4/5

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 4/6

St. Mary 6:00pm † George Casazza

\*Anointing of the Sick\*

Wednesday: 4/7

St. Francis 8:00am † Alma Schulte

\*Anointing of the Sick\* - Lorene Koopmeiners

St. Mary Noon – Adoration, 4pm - Benediction

Thursday: 4/8

St. Edward 8:00am † Edward Jendro

\*Anointing of the Sick\*

Friday: 4/9

St. Mary 7:30am † Deceased Members of

\*Anointing of the Sick\* Koehn Family

St. Edward Noon – Adoration, 4pm - Benediction

Saturday: 4/10

Youth Mass

St. Mary 7:00pm † Ty Poppenhagen

Sunday: 4/11

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Edward 8:00am † George Casazza

- Jackie Wolbeck

St. Francis 10:00am † Marcellus & Frances Theisen

- Bob & Judy Theisen



### Religious Education

April 7: Gr. 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30

### NCYC 2021

The National Catholic Youth Conference will be Nov. 18 – 20,  
2021. Registration forms are due back to the office by **April 9**, as  
tickets are first come, first serve. If you didn't get one, but  
would like to go, call the office. Cost this year is \$725, and the  
first fundraiser is softener salt sales.

If you would like to support our students going to NCYC by  
purchasing softener salt, contact the office. Sales go until April 19.

### 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

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,593; Loose \$206.18; Rice Bowl \$45; Easter Flowers \$55;  
Easter \$150; Holy Land \$25; CRS \$157; Online \$310 - **\$2,541.18**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$935; Loose \$43; Votive \$56; Easter Flowers \$65; Easter  
\$100; Online \$450 - **\$1,649.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$695; Loose \$110; Votive \$53.55 Easter Flowers \$20;  
Central MN Catholic \$20; Holy Land \$20; Easter \$430; Rice Bowl \$56.63;  
Online \$210 - **\$1,615.18**

### THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU to all of those who came for take-out,  
parishioners and non-parishioners who helped, and those  
who bought a raffle ticket for the St. Mary's Fish Fry and  
Raffle! A HUGE thank you to the committee members for  
your devotion to this big event! It was another great success!  
What a great evening. 420 plates were served. A list of raffle  
winners can be found on the website, on Facebook and  
posted at the churches.

### St. Mary Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be offered to a 2021 graduating high  
school student who intends to continue their education at a  
university or technical college. The student must be a  
member of St. Mary's Church in Upsala to apply. Applications  
are on file at UHS with the guidance counselor as well as at  
[238catholic.org](http://238catholic.org) (or gathering space). Deadline is April 15.

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### **Divine Mercy Graces**

No worries if you failed to start the novena on Good Friday, simply start praying the “Fourth Day” on Easter Monday. The graces you receive will be more than you could ever ask or imagine. Prayer cards are found in the entrance of churches.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

This week in our parishes there will be an opportunity receive the newly consecrated oils by Bishop Kettler. Tuesday through Thursday at our daily Masses, come to Jesus especially if you are elderly or seriously ill. There are no greater graces than when you receive the sacraments. Fr David likes to call the sacraments “God’s Vaccine”.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

“It was most beautiful how so many of you came to Jesus in this sacrament. So many of you came fulfilling your Easter duty as you received more than you gave. The more you deepen your love for Jesus in your sacrament, your faith life will deepen. The question for all of us, are we willing to put more into our faith?” Fr David

#### **Confirmation Mass Change**

It saddens our hearts that Confirmation Mass will not be taking place in Sobieski. Due to the pandemic and their seating being compromised, it has been decided that it will be taking place at St Mary’s in Upsala. Due to social distance, these facilities can accommodate more people. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive this great sacrament April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### **Totus Tuus**

Summer Vacation Bible School

The Holdingford area Churches along with us will be hosting Totus Tuus which is something like Summer Vacation Bible School. The morning and afternoon are for the children and the evening for young people. Please mark your calendars July 17-23.

#### **ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COUNCIL #12604**

The April meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #12604 will be held on Tues., April 6 at 7:30pm, following the Novena at St. Mary’s in Upsala.

#### **Have a Party?**

If you have an upcoming spring party, St. Francis has tables, chairs, and tents to rent out. Chairs are \$.50 each, 150 available; tables are \$5.00 each, 11 available; tents are \$20 per 10’ section, 60 ft available. Call Bob at 573-2933 to save a date.

#### **Large Votive Candle Holders**

Red candle holders are available to hold the tall Votive candles. They are \$3 each. Contact Bob 573-2933.

### YOUTH NEWS

#### **Catholic Youth Conference**

Wow, it is truly amazing how many young people are signing up for the pilgrimage to Indianapolis in November! To date, we already have 21 registered! No doubt, Fr Theis’ great love for the youth and the tireless hours he committed to this ministry is still paying off.

#### **Confirmation Interviews**

Please keep our 11<sup>th</sup> graders in prayer as they approach receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr David will have individual interviews with each one. Pray that peace will come upon them and take away any fears and worries that may want to take hold of them.

#### **+ Ty Poppenhagen’s b-day**

Please remember his parents Chad and Amy in your prayers as well as his siblings Ari and Kira on April 7. No doubt that his birthday will be challenging, yet with the strength of our prayers and so many others there will be many graces flowing their way. There is no perfect answer to the pain a parent faces at the death of a child. However, God can bring comfort, offers hope for eternity, and offers a family of believers who can be there to help as you endure the grief of losing a child. Ty’s poem: “It’s Amazing. Life I mean, so many places yet to be seen. My dreams shine, bringing me to places, I want to go. I’m only so little but my impact, was not.”

### ST. MARY’S NEWS

#### **Sat., April 10 – 4pm**

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

*Greeter:* Randy & Jane Tretter

*Ushers:* Tom & Jan Kilian

### ST. EDWARD’S NEWS

#### **Sun., April 11 – 8am**

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

*Greeter:* Megan Wensmann

*Ushers:* Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

#### **Final Member Found**

Praise the Lord as we finally found a new member for our Finance Council: our new parishioner Ted Lewandowski! As you leave weekend Masses and oftentimes, I notice that you are introducing yourselves to others, when you meet him please extend a welcome and thanks. He joins Theresa Larson and Joy Koroll along with our Trustees: John Kokett and Jim Wensman. Thanks to outgoing member Tracey Hartung who had been on this council since 2014!

### ST. FRANCIS’ NEWS

#### **Sun., April 11 – 10am**

*EM of HC:* Chad Koopmeiners

*Lector:* Clara Pflueger

*Greeter:* Rita Lange

#### **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

The religious education students grades 1 – 6 brought in 4 boxes of food for the Food Shelf Wednesday night. You are all outstanding!

#### **CUF & Christian Women Meeting**

The CUF and Christina Women will have a meeting on Mon., April 5 at 8pm in the church basement.

### NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Alleluia! Our Lord has risen from the tomb. He has conquered death. He has redeemed us from our sins. Nearly two thousand years later, we celebrate it as if it is happening today. For it is happening today. Jesus Christ is risen, death is defeated, redemption is here! Let us give thanks to Jesus for His supreme sacrifice, let us praise God for the promise of eternal life, let us sing out in joy, for our Lord is risen today!

Thanks to so many people taking part in Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday! Our Catholic faith is so beautiful when we allow it to unfold and touch our spirit in new and powerful ways. I am always touched by the reverence and devotion of so many people as it speak volumes of your faith life. May this Easter Season continue to bring more and more graces to our families and communities.

Words cannot begin to convey my hopefulness and excitement of what the Good Lord has in store for us. In being a part of our Smelt/Fish Fry the previous Friday, we had so many young people helping out! It was truly amazing as well as seeing people from St Edward’s and St Francis volunteering as well. The more that we come together and see ourselves as Three Saint Parishes cannot help but strengthen our individual parishes. I think it would be awesome if St Edward’s and St Francis could brainstorm as to some alternate gatherings in light of this pandemic.

Thanks for the prayers as our parishes are moving forward in regards to using this new curriculum called “Family Formation’ for 2021-2022. A lot of work needs to be done between now and the end of this school year. Parents of children in grades K-6, I have no right to ask this of you as you really do not know me, but I am hoping and praying that you can trust my decision making. It may seem overwhelming that three weeks of the month, you will be teaching your children. Read the next paragraph and reach to out to her if you have any questions.

Roseanne Throener (Member of the Holdingford Catholic Community but frequent visitor to our Three Saints Parishes, 320-573-9780): “As a homeschooling mom, I have always chosen to teach the faith in the home setting. We have used Family Formation off and on for fourteen years. What started out as a small program has grown extensively and is used throughout the country. I was surprised to see it at a church we visited in the Black Hills a few years ago. I have learned a lot from the program. This is Family Formation so the parents get to learn too! The curriculum is “easy breezy” to use as everything is written out and planned for you. You read the lesson, complete the activity or craft that is provided, and access the quizzes for the lessons using your smartphone. (Answers are provided!) Occasionally you will have to supply craft supplies like glue, markers, scissors or colored pencils. Lessons take around 45 minutes and it provides great opportunities for discussion and growth. If you have questions, I would be happy to answer any that you may have.”