

The Catholic Churches

St. Edward

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Mary



Have mercy on us and
on the whole world!

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,
Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary ~ 9:15-9:45 am
Tuesday St. Mary ~ 5- 5:45 pm

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
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(SE) Sally Schleper 573- 2127

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. David nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.

*Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Monday 4/25</u>		
7 pm St. Edward		Synod Listening Session
<u>Tuesday 4/26</u>		
6 pm St. Mary	†	Elaine, Joe & Mark Schumer
6:30 pm St. Mary		Synod Listening Session
<u>Wednesday 4/27</u>		
8 am St. Francis	†	Joyce Everslage ~Don & Eileen Stiller
8:30 am St. Francis		Synod Listening Session
6-7 pm St. Mary		Family Formation
<u>Thursday 4/28</u>		
8 am St. Edward	†	Rose Opatz
9:30 am Immaculate Conception, St. Anna		Synod Listening Session
<u>Friday 4/29</u>		
7:30 am St. Mary	†	Jim Krych
Weekend Masses		Third Sunday of Easter
<u>Saturday 4/30</u>		
8 pm St. Francis	†	Rich Boeckermann ~Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann
<u>Sunday 5/1</u>		
8 am St. Edward	†	Frank, Agnes, Gertrude and the deceased members of the Czech family
10 am St. Mary		For our First Communicants and Parents
2 pm St. Francis		For our First Communicants and Parents
6 pm St. Columbkille, St. Wendel		Synod Listening Session

Faith Formation

Totus Tuus/Summer VBS: June 13-17

Please mark your calendars as this is an excellent opportunity for our children and youth to deepen their faith while having fun. This event for grades 1-12 with the upper grades meeting in the evening.

EPIC Youth Group: April 27 & May 4, All Saints-St. Hedwig's grades 6-12 from 7:45-8:30 pm. All parishes welcome!

Area Gatherings

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join us for prayers, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59 years old. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7 pm at All Saints- St. Mary's Church Basement in Holdingford.

Our next meetings/topics:

May 14th - Bring a friend or more to learn about the Synod and be able to participate in the process. Our Church and Pope want to hear your unique perspective on some important questions. There will be a social hour to follow as time allows.
June 11th -topic for the group is "What Women Wish Men Knew About Women and What Men Wish Women Knew About Men, and What You Want to Know About the Opposite Gender." This will be a fun filled night of laughter and joy in how God created us male and female.

For more information, call Janel @ 320-290-2877

Women's Group with Kristin Molitor May 2

For women interested in praying and discussing books chosen by Kristin to help us grow in our Faith. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month at 10:30 am All Saints-St. Mary's and 7 pm Immaculate Conception, St. Anna. Contact: Kristin at evangelist @tworiverscatholic.com or (320) 228-0105.

Stamp Camp April 30

Join in the fun at St. Mary's, Upsala making cards from 9 am to noon. For questions contact: Diana Trettel 360-3592

Three Saints News

Thanks Reba Leither and Tamara Lange

Thanks a ton to both of them this past year as they did an excellent job as Religious Ed Coordinators. Both have resigned from these positions. Please reach out and thank them for their many hours of dedication and love for the faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday Graces: April 24

There's still time to receive God's graces today at St Stanislaus Church in Sobieski: 12noon-4pm confessions; exposition and adoration until 3pm; chaplet and closing services at 3pm with reception to follow.

Support Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support means the world to them. If you forgot this weekend, please leave your gift in marked envelope in next weekend's collection.

Funeral Luncheons Returns to Normal

Thanks for your flexibility of making the best of things with the recent pandemic. With fewer concerns, we will return to bringing bars, salads, etc. from your homes. Everything returns to what it was prior to the pandemic.

Used Pascal/Easter Candle

Does anyone have use of St Mary's blessed old candle? It is about two feet in length and three inches in diameter. The two Easter candles in St Edward's and St Francis were not replaced this year.

Please pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads (SF, recovery), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Dennis Biniek (SE, recovery from colon cancer) Family of +Marcella Vos (sister of Valeria Lehner, SF), Family of + Claude Yurczyk.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., May 1st, 8:00 am The Third Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck **Lector:** Jeff Czech

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Jim & Julie Wensmann

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., April 30th, 8:00 pm The Third Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Gift Bearers: Chad & Niki Koopmeiners

Comment on Passion Performance

"I hadn't attended in several years ... and I recall how moving the performance was ... thanks for the wonderful music and the rooster crowing ... and the cute donkey. Best wishes for many more to come. The centurion made me shiver, but was excellent." Anonymous card

First Communion Mass: May 1

Thanks to Fr David, Reba Leither, Lisa and Gracie George (their teachers) and the parents of our three First Communicants for organizing this special Mass. It will take place at 2pm. We will still have the regularly scheduled Saturday 8pm Mass.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sun., May 1st, 10:00 am The Third Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Jan Kilan **Lector:** Michelle Fleischhacker

Servers: Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston

Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske

Bank Deposit: Mikel Nelson

Volunteers Lock/Unlock Church

Thanks to Robert Maciej who has done this for a good number of years. He will be stepping down from this position. Please consider helping out in this area.

Three Saints New Continued

Children's Liturgy of the Word?

The Holy Spirit placed the idea of making this available for our children and parents during our Sunday 10am Mass. We would need one or two teachers interested in pursuing this ministry. Children are generally dismissed when the scripture readings begin and then they return when the Creed is professed. This could create a great opportunity for our children to learn about God's word while allowing our parents a few moments to better focus.

Eucharistic Ministers Distribute Precious Blood?

What has the Holy Spirit been placing on your heart? Many churches have returned to making the cup available for weekend Masses. This would be mean our current Eucharistic Ministers will be scheduled more often. This also would encourage others to consider this ministry. What about our confirmation students who received the fullness of the Holy Spirit the past two years?



Over 80 Blessings for May

Loretta Peterson (SE) 5/17

Melvin Gerads (SM) 5/28



WEEKEND COLLECTION April 10, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$460 Easter Loose: \$3,784, Holy Land: \$355, Rice Bowl :\$ 80, Missions \$ 20, Holy Thursday Loose: \$134 **Total: \$4,863.**

St. Francis: Adult: \$305, Easter: \$3,191, Easter Loose: \$494, Good Friday: \$ 219, Good Friday Loose: \$110, Votive: \$ \$94.35, Rice Bowl: \$71 **Total: \$4,484.35**

St. Mary: Adult: \$360, Loose: \$709, Easter: \$4,423, Good Friday: \$ 265, Funeral: \$25, Holy Land: \$240, Rice Bowl: \$263, Catholic Home Mission: \$25 **Total: \$6,310**

Three Saints News continued

Spring Senior Day: May 17

This a great opportunity to gather with us to have a time for faith, fun and fellowship: chapel, vision tour, zipline, s'mores, Garms Family Band and ending with a 5pm dinner. Free will offering. Camp Lebanon: 320-403-9555. They also have a Spring Senior Retreat from May 16-19, please check it out. Pamphlets in our churches.

11am Mass outdoors, hog roast, crafts, skits, etc: May 7

Are you planning to join us at the Westrich Sheep Ranch? Come and join Bryce as we learn more about sheep. A great day for our young children to learn more about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Please RSVP ASAP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShepherdisCalling>.

Nominate a Candidate for the 2022 *Humanae Vitae* Award

Our annual diocesan Humanae vitae Mass & Award Reception will be on Thursday, July 28 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop Donald Kettler. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humane-vitae-award-nominations-open/> . Send letter or e-mail nominations to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 e-mail: omf@gw.stcdio.org

Divine Mercy-- How did it start?

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received mystical revelations in which Jesus showed her his heart, the source of Mercy, and expressed his wish that this feast be celebrated. Therefore, she is known as the messenger of Divine Mercy. On May 23, 2000, Saint John Paul II, through the Congregation for Divine Worship, suggested that Divine Mercy Sunday would be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter each year. To celebrate this day, it is recommended to pray the Chaplet and the Novena of the Divine Mercy, go to confession (after a deep examination of conscience), and receive Holy Communion.

The main purpose of the Feast of Divine Mercy is to send the entire world a message: *God is merciful and he loves us all!*

Notes from Fr David

Divine mercy is like the wind: invisible, but with effects that can be sensed. We may feel the lifting of a burden off our shoulders as a fresh breeze on a new day and a new chance to do good. This weekend on Divine Mercy Sunday we hear St John's account of the coming of the Holy Spirit. St John speaks of the breath of Christ bringing the Spirit upon the disciples. May we realize God's divine mercy in the cleansing, comforting, renewing breath of new life.

Is it not simply amazing ... amazing grace what the Holy Spirit brought about during Holy Week? I am left speechless. The Masses/liturgies kept becoming growing in holiness and reverence. The Holy Spirit placed on my heart, perhaps we look into next year, and in the future, simply keeping the schedule the same for where the Triduum takes place. In the spirit of baseball, I noticed three homeruns Holy Thursday in St Edward's, Easter Vigil in St Francis and Easter Sunday in St Mary's! The other three liturgies were triples in each of our respective parishes. Each of our parishes had two Masses/liturgies. No doubt, there is no way that it can be 100% fair, but I wonder if keeping the place consistent might bring in extra graces? The time for the services could be adjusted. Trivia note ... Did you know that St Francis following the Easter Vigil has the tradition of serving hotdogs and chips along numerous kinds of refreshments including beer? We just gotta do it again next year!

First Communion Sunday next weekend! This is a beautiful time for our parishes. As you note, we will be having two First Communion Masses this year. No doubt this is extra work, yet I believe it is well worth it. There is nothing more important in our faith than the Eucharist. I think we need to welcome and encourage parent's preferences as I believe First Communion Masses in one's own parish can bring forth many graces. Please reach out and bless our First Communicants and their parents for this ever-important celebration.