

The Catholic Churches

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 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- 5:30 pm
PRAYER LINES
(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
(SE) Sally Schleper 573– 2127
Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon
Please Note: The Mass Intentions Schedule is filled to July. Thank you to all those honoring their love ones!

Upcoming Events

April 3: Confirmation in Royalton @ 2pm with our four youth
 April 8: Journey with Jesus to Calvary @ 7:30pm/Bishop comes
 April 8: Smelt/Fish Fry at St Mary’s from 4-8pm/Bishop comes
 April 13: Guest Speaker for Grades 7-10 and parents: 7-8:30pm
 April 22: Spaghetti Supper at St Edward’s 5-7:30pm
 April 23: First Communion Retreat at St Mary’s 9-10:30am
 May 7: Vocation Event for younger aged kids @ the Westrich’s
 June 11-17: Summer VBS/Totus Tuus with Holdingford area churches.

Area Church 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. Contact Janel for more information: 290-2877. Next topic: April 9th: Catholic Dating
Catholic United Financial and the St. Joseph Council
is sponsoring a matching grant breakfast and quilt raffle on Palm Sunday, April 10th at The Church of All Saints - St. Mary’s basement. They are serving ham, sausage, pancakes, eggs & fresh baked caramel rolls from 9 am - 12:30pm. Free will offering with proceeds going towards the religious education program.
Life is Messy
Please join the Christian Women to hear Kristin Molitor speak on the book, <i>Life is Messy</i> on Tuesday, April 19th 2022 at 6:00 pm. Hospitality following in The Gathering Space. All are Welcome! Free will offering.
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, Brayden Harren (Clean MRI), Millie Spring (at home), Judy Gerads (SF, recovery), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (rehab at Country Manor in Sartell), Carol Langner



Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

		Daily Masses Cancelled this week
Wednesday 3/30		
6:00 pm		Family Formation
8:00 pm		Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross
Friday 4/1		
6pm St. Mary		Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine
6:15 pm St. Mary		Rosary
7 pm St. Mary		Stations of the Cross
Weekend Masses		Fifth Sunday of Lent
Saturday 4/2		
8 pm St. Francis	†	Gregor Locnikar ~ Evelyn Locnikar
Sunday 4/3		
8 am St. Edward		Prayers for healing for Brayden Harren & Millie Spring: Cancer FREE!
10 am St. Mary	†	Ty Poppenhagen

Faith Formation

Grades 7-10 Class: March 30 at 7:30pm followed by 8pm Stations of Cross

Grades K-6: March 30 Classroom Lesson: ‘O Most Holy Week’. Please note we have moved up one week from April 6th due to conflict in our schedule.

Youth News

Sunday Night Youth Mass: Mar 27

You are invited to come back if you are interested in joining our youth. This is 6pm Mass is for ages. Know that you could receive holy communion, if you already attended a weekend Mass. Healing prayers available as you can be prayed over after Mass.

Rel Ed Speaker Gina Bauer: April 13th from 7-8:30pm
 “Parent-Teen Lenten Retreat Night” will be at St Mary’s. Gina is a personal friend of Fr David as they have often worked together. Words from someone who heard Gina: “Thank you from the bottom of my heart for speaking to our parish! I attended with my husband and sons. You delivered your message with passion and humor!” For more info, please see: www.ginabauer.com Parishioners of all ages, please make an effort to join us this evening before Holy Thursday.

Three Saints News

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mar 27 from 2-5pm
 Come to All Saint’s-St Mary’s in Holdingford as there will be five priests there. If you cannot join us, Fr David will have future additional times available in our three parishes.

Financially Help the Ukrainians
 The Knights of Columbus launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, and donations can be made at kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html.

March is Food Share Month Ending
 Last chance to get in on the graces of helping those in need. Personal hygiene items are greatly needed. A drop box is in the entrances of St Mary’s. Financial gifts are also greatly appreciated.

Holy Hour/Stations of the Cross: April 1 @ St Mary’s
 Come join us as we pray for peace in Ukraine with 6pm adoration, 6:15pm Rosary & 7pm Station of the Cross.

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Sun., April 3rd, 8:00 am Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Ted Lewandowski

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Kris & Carrie Wensmann

St. Edward’s Spaghetti Supper Friday, April 22, 2022

If you would like ot help with the Spaghetti Supper please call Joy Koroll 573-2214. St. Edward’s will be having a raffle in the Fall. (No Silent Auction this year).

Mass Time Change

Please note and help spread the word the weekend of April 9/10, our Mass will be Saturday evening at 8pm due to the ‘Journey with Jesus to Calvary’ Performance.

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sat., April 2nd, 8:00 pm Fifth Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Holly Keppers

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

Gift Bearers: Mike & Melissa Tschida

“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! **Shows:** April 6th at 7 pm, April 8th at 7:30 pm, April 9th at 7:30 pm, April 10th at 1 pm.

Mass Time Change

Please note and tell others that the weekend of April 9/10, we will not be having Saturday evening Mass, but 8am on Sunday.

ST MARY’S NEWS

Sun., April 3rd, 10:00 am Fifth Sunday of Lent

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke **Lector:** Leonice Prokott

Server: Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klassen

Bank Deposit: Mikel Nelson

St. Mary’s Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle-Friday, April 8th 4-8pm. Cash raffle @ 7:30pm

Calling all St. Mary’s Parishioners! Our 6th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle is only a few weeks away! We need your help. Every year, we serve more and more (hundreds) of people! The BISHOP is coming too!

The raffle tickets are now on sale, \$100 each. They are available at the St. Mary’s parish office, Nelson Insurance, and also from DJ Prom. A table will be set up in the back of church following weekend masses to pick-up and purchase raffle tickets as well. Please keep in mind that this is one of the main fundraising event for St. Mary’s Church each year. If would be great if each family sold or purchased at least one ticket!

On Thursday, April 7th is our BIG preparation day! We will need help cleaning fish, making lots of haluski and potato salad, and setting up. Meet in the church kitchen 4pm or later.

We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies (on Thursday or Friday) to help contribute. The day of the fish fry (Friday, April 8th) we will need lots of helping hands! The two shifts to sign up for are 4-6:30pm, 6:30-9pm, or stay for it all! Please call or text Laura Ripplinger to sign-up. (320.333.9184)

WEEKEND COLLECTION March 20, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$821 Loose: \$116, Easter Flowers \$70, Food Shelf: \$25 Total: **\$1371**

St. Francis: Adult: \$730, Loose: \$131, Easter Flowers: \$25, Catholic Relief Services: \$10 Total: **\$896**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,340 Loose: \$108.75, Churches of Eastern Europe: \$50, Easter Flowers: \$30, Catholic Relief Services: \$100 Total: **\$2,628.75**

Three Saints News continued

Chrism Mass with Bishop: April 7 @ 7pm

All are invited to the Cathedral of St Mary’s in St Cloud. Afterwards there is a light reception as you can meet others from the diocese as well as priests whom you may know.

Mass Intentions Sent to Mission Office

Thanks for your devotion of having Masses said for your deceased loved ones. Did you know that Church law states that we can keep the intentions on our books for only one year? The Mission Office in St Cloud will send them throughout the world. In the past, most of them would go to Africa or Venezuela. There’s no greater prayer than the offering of a holy Mass. All totaled, we recently sent 144 Masses: SF-5, SE-73 and SM-44.

Healing Spring Water from Lourdes

Are you interested in getting some water from Lourdes, France (a town of healing water and miracles). This is for people with serious illnesses. Fr David would make a home visit along with a brief prayer service.

Needing Children/Youth to Serve Mass

We want you to help our Church grow closer to Jesus. Please consider this ministry as we ask everyone to simply give it a try.

Guatemalan Coffee

Available for \$10/1 lb bag in the Central Office, St. Mary’s

Notes from Fr David

As we approach the holiest week of the year, we get a taste of God’s rich mercy and boundless generosity, eventually realized though Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. The stories and reflections we hear in this weekend’s readings illustrate the care God has for us all, despite our flaws, despite our sins. The fact that we hear these words in the context of this celebration deepens their meaning, for the Eucharist itself memorializes the sacrifice Jesus made and enables us to receive Him at the table of plenty.

Thank you for your prayers as we now have ten more adult members in our Church! Congrats to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation the previous Sunday in Holdingford. The Church of St Hedwig’s was filled to capacity! The music was heavenly and Fr Rolfes, Vicar General preached powerfully: “make Christ alive, make Christ present, bring Christ to the world, bring Christ to our parishes, bring the Church alive to all of us! Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.”

As a priest, there is no greater joy than to listen in on your conversation with God when you come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is not just something gloomy for the guilt-ridden sacrament Catholics. What I see and experience is God’s people meeting God. People with great dignity and maturity, for one of the most dignified and fully human things you can do is to admit you are not totally together and you need help. It is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength and self-reliance and true self-respect to say, “I can do better than that.” It is a fully human and mature thing to say, “I am better than that, and I’m going to find forgiveness and pick myself up and try again — and, if I need to, get some help.” For remember — grace is given. Grace is given not only for forgiveness, but for the power to overcome the sin. Grace is given that we might move ever upward to “grow up into the full humanity of Jesus Christ.” Confession is Heaven come down to earth, with forgiveness in its wings. We are all prodigal sons and daughters on the journey home to Jesus. See you in Holdingford this Sunday from 2-5pm.