

The Catholic Churches

St. Edward

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Mary

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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

(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

(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

Three Saints News

Family Faith Coordinator Opening

Thanks to Reba Leither especially with this being the first year our parishes used this new family-based curriculum. This once a month, parents and K-6 children gather at church to learn about the same topic of faith. Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to consider this position? Three weeks a month, parents teach at home.

Down-to-earth, engaging and easy-to-use, the curriculum spans September to May. Please go on our webpage for application, more information and/or: www.familyformation.net

Graduation Mass: May 15 at 10am Mass

Come join us as we bless our high school graduates. We have four from SE; seven from SM; and seven from SF. Show your support as they prepare for their next journey in life. The more that we build up our children and our young people, the greater foundation we have for years to come.

Baccalaureate Service: May 22 @ 8pm

Come support our High School Graduates. This year the service will take place at St Francis. Did you know that we have 18 graduates from our parishes? Great, great group of young people. Please join us as we strive to fill God's House.

Children's Liturgy of Word

This would be an excellent opportunity for confirmation students to receive service hours. Children would hear and interact with God's Word in new ways while allowing parents a few minutes for themselves during the Mass.

*Thank you, Mary,
for your 'YES!'*



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, Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Dennis Biniek (SE, recovery from colon cancer), Rosie Harren (Complications from Knee Surgery), **Rose Beniek (SM, moved to Diamond Willow in Little Falls)**



Happy Mother's Day!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity."

Proverbs 31:25

"Do everything in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 5/10</u>		<i>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>
6 pm St. Mary 7 am-7pm St. Francis	†	Elaine, Joe & Mark Schumer Adoration & Benediction
<u>Wednesday 5/11</u>		
8 am St. Francis	†	Gilbert Schmitz
<u>Thursday 5/12</u>		<i>Saints Nereus and Achillius, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i>
8 am St. Edward	†	Ken & Gloria Roth
<u>Friday 5/13</u>		<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
7:30 am St. Mary	†	Elaine Clark ~Jim & Mary Koczur
Weekend Masses		Fifth Sunday of Easter
<u>Saturday 5/14</u>		
8 pm St. Francis	†	Gilbert Roerick ~Allen & Janelle Roerick
<u>Sunday 5/15</u>		
8 am St. Edward 10 am St. Mary 6 pm St. Mary	† † †	Bernadine Bartkowicz For the People –Graduation Mass Youth Mass - Ty Poppenhagen & Katy Lynn Panek

Upcoming Events

May 22: Baccalaureate Service in St Francis at 8pm

June 12-17: Totus Tuus (children and youth) at St Mary's

Youth/Children News

Summer Vacation School: June 12-17 in Upsala

We are currently enrolling students entering 1st grade thru 12th grade into our Totus Tuus Summer program. The elementary (grades 1-6) program will start on June 13-17th from 9am-2:30pm and the Senior High program begins June 12-16th from 7-9pm all at St Mary's. All are welcome for fun and fellowship. Please email Jamie Heurung at totustuus@tworiverscatholic.com (250-7332) and list your children's names and ages. She will then forward you an official registration form for further information related to registration (i.e. mailing, emergency contact, allergies, etc...). You need not be parishioners. Invite your cousins and friends. You need not be Catholic. Forms in the entrance of our churches.

Last Sunday Evening Youth Mass: May 15

With summer fast approaching, we will not have these Masses. Please join us at 6pm with praise and worship music along with adoration afterwards. These Masses are becoming Masses of Healing, so please come and be open to be prayed over.

Girls, God and Good Times, 3G, is a Benedictine summer camp, offered by the Sisters at Saint Benedict's Monastery. It will be offered June 20-22 for girls currently in 4th - 5th grade and July 25-27th for girls currently in grades 6th - 12th. It's an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, spend time with Sisters and have fun! For more information and to register visit: <https://sbm.osb.org/ministries/3g-camp/> Thank you Sister Laura Suhr.

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 meeting/topic:

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.

Women's Group with Kristin Molitor May 24

For women interested in praying and discussing books chosen by Kristin to help us grow in our Faith. 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.

ST EDWARD’S NEWS

Sun., May 15th, 8:00 am The Fifth Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Adeline Molus

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Steve & Kathy Blonigen

Estimates New Windows/Insulation

We recently received bids for the rectory. Reis Lumber and Construction measured the windows on the main floor (upstairs will be done at a later date). Retro Green Energy from St Cloud gave an estimate some years ago and recently submitted an up-to-date figure. The amount of fuel oil used this past year was ridiculous.

ST FRANCIS’ NEWS

Sat., May 14th, 8:00 pm The Fifth Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Lector: Barb Moorman

Server: Carter Roerick

Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Gift Bearers: Allen & Janelle Roerick

Grand Raffle Items for Fall Festival: August 28

We are hoping that by May 17, we will be finalizing the raffle. Note that our raffle ticket lists the prizes and the donors. Please consider a generous gift/donation to our Church.

Welcome Olivia Ann Meyer

Next weekend, we will be getting a new little sister baptized into our faith! Blessings to her parents Christopher and Aimee, her godparents: Philip & Emily Weichmann. Congrats to her grandparents: Barry & Colleen Harren and Tom & Linda Meyer.

Mother’s Day Carnations

Flowers may be purchased after Mass .

ST MARY’S NEWS

Sun., May 15th, 10:00 am The Fifth Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn **Lector:** Chantelle Frie

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randy Klasen

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Welcome New Parishioners

Ryne, Barbara (Kobylnski) Pelzer along with their newborn baby Carstin Robert has joined our parish. They will be baptizing their little baby boy in one month. Please extend a warm St Mary’s welcome.

Paul Ampe Inurnment: May 26 at 1pm

The family would love nothing more than have you join them at the Alumni Cemetery in St John’s of Collegeville. There will be a light reception afterwards. An estimate of those likely attending the reception would be great. Would you be so kind as to call LeAnn Beneke (232-0905) if you plan to join us.

Three Saints News continued

Snow Removal Over?

I think we are finally done with moving the white stuff around so thank you to everyone who helped me keep the parking lot and sidewalks at St. Francis and the sidewalks at St. Edward’s clear of snow. Your help was greatly appreciated. Starting on May 9th St. Francis and St. Edward’s will go back to the summer hours and remain open until 8 pm. ~Bob Theisen

No Restriction for Funeral Luncheons

All the groups and bringing food items from home will resume as usual. No doubt everyone will be more cautious and conscientious of the importance of cleanliness.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 10, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,242 Loose: \$43, Votive: \$119.57, Cemetery Fund: \$50 **Total: \$1,454.57**

St. Francis: Adult: \$610, Loose: \$92, First Communion Loose: \$105 **Total: \$807**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,833, Loose: \$372, **Total: \$3,205**

Three Saints News continued

Stewardship Conference: August 10-11

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to consider this ministry? Please reach out to your Finance Council members. They have read a book entitled: Stewardship Success as well as information about the conference in Wichita, KS. It is beyond amazing what has happened in parishes which have taken up this way of life. We are hoping to have seven people from our parishes join Fr David!

Finance Council members:

SE: John Kokett, Joy Koroll, Ted Lewandowski and Jim Wensmann; SF: Mary Jane Bockermann, Colleen Harren, Chad Koopmeier, Mark MacArthur and LeRoy Pflueger; SM: Tom Kilian, Cindy Koehn, Mikel Nelson, Dave Scholz and Marv Wensmann.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Shrines: June 14-16

Join Fr Jimmy Joseph from Sobieski as they will visit shrines in Champion and LaCrosse in Wisconsin. The cost is \$450. Pamphlets are in the entrance of our churches. You must hurry as full payment is due by May 14!

Our Lady of Fatima

Come and join us as we honor our Blessed Mother at St Mary’s Cathedral on Friday, May 13th at 7pm for the 105th Anniversary of her first appearance to the 3 shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Her messages given there for the whole world remain just as important today. Included will be a Procession into the church, Rosary, Adoration, Music, and Confessions available. ALL are Welcome! Please meet at the front steps of the Cathedral.

Notes from Fr David

Every Sunday Jesus draws us here, as shepherd draws his flock. “My sheep hear my voice,” He says in our Gospel this weekend, “and they follow Me.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He feeds His flock, with His own Body and Blood. He loves His flock, suffering and dying for us. He provides for His flock by sending us the Holy Spirit. At home in the comforting embrace of our Good Shepherd, we join together this weekend in thanks and praise.

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother’s Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother’s Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

Thank-you parents for your many hours of dedication in teaching your children the beauties of our Catholic faith. What breathe taking celebrations last weekend. I cannot say it any better than this person’s perspective: “From my seat in the church, I could see this little girl as she came forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Her small hands stuck in my mind. They evoked a precious sense of presence, as if Jesus was not only being received but also extended to all of us in the innocent gesture of a child.” Easter season is a great reason for all of us to “bounce” a little as we step forward, extend our hands, and receive the gift of Christ!

You may tire of hearing me speak about the importance of stewardship. Athlete or not, a “leave it all on the field” approach to faith is a great way to live a life with no regrets. Have you ever felt regret? It’s a helpless feeling of a missed moment or a messed-up situation that echoes within our hearts and minds. The more I read about this Stewardship Conference in Wichita, KS, the more hope-filled graces come in. We only go around once here. My prayers are that you too will catch this fire of our faith. Without a doubt, I believe that when we step forward and allow stewardship to become of the culture within our lives, you will be greatly surprised! This is an opportunity to get to know Christ more deeply and to allow Him to fill us with His grace so that we can become the good stewards He is calling us to be.