



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward Elmdale St. Francis of Assisi St. Francis St. Mary Upsala



“And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun.” Mt 17:1-2

Second Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: St. Francis: 7:15 -7:45 a.m., St. Mary: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363

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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Three Saints News

Over 80 Blessings for March



Marlene Carlson (SE) 3/8
Karen Liebsch (SM) 3/9
Rita Schiller (SM) 3/10
Don Stiller (SF) 3/13
Lorene Koopmeiners (SF) 3/16
Delores Gerads (SM) 3/22
Evelyn Locnikar (SF) 3/26
Don Biniek (SE) 3/27
Arnold Czech (SE) 3/28
Robert Brezinka (SE) 3/30
Richard O'Hotto (SE) 3/31



Bishop's Annual Appeal:

This is Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift with your offering today in your parish collection or at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Please Welcome Bishop Patrick Neary

Thanks to Sr. Mary Pat from St Francis for helping bring about our new bishop coming for a visit! With our Smelt and Fish Fry followed by our 'Journey with Jesus to Calvary' on Friday, March 31, he has graciously agreed to join us! Let's give him a welcome that he will never forget!

ACC Meeting: March 14th

Our meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Biniek & Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Scepaniak, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Herbie Gerads

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 3/7		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Julie Scholz *Anointing of the Sick *Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 3/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Justin & Alma Schulte ~Joyce and Frank Koopmeiners *Stations of the Cross
Thursday 3/9		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Brian Wensmann *Stations of the Cross
Friday 3/10		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary 7:00 p.m. St. Francis	†	Leona Burggraff *Stations of the Cross
Weekend Masses		Second Sunday of Lent
Saturday 3/11		
10 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Edward		Communion Service For the People
Sunday 3/12		
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	† †	Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange ~ Joyce Schulzetenberg Deceased Relatives of Dave & Renee Scholz

Faith Formation March 8th

Grades K-6: Classroom Session: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation: Class: 7:35-8:45 p.m.

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: March 5th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday. Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

Praise and Adoration: March 6

Join the Holdingford parishes at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints - St. Mary's. There will be music and of course, **Jesus!**

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC on our website or go to:

NCYC 2023 Sign Up. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: March 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for young adults ages 18-30 who are looking to socialize with young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays alternating between All Saints-St. Mary's and St. Mary, Upsala. Our March 18th meeting is at St. Mary's, Upsala. Call or text Janel (320) 290-2877 for questions.

Seminary Visits: March 18

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary visit is March 18th-20th. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, Adoration & discernment talks. Please contact Fr. Doug at the Vocation Office at (320) 251-5001 if interested in attending.

Thank you

Correction: Please thank Bethany Burggraff, owner of Buffy's Bar in Upsala for donating the wine for the Valentine's Dinner on Saturday Feb 11th. Sales of the wine went directly toward our Youth. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Rosary Walk for Life: March 7th

Join in at All Saints-St. Mary's to pray a Rosary for Life inside and outside the church 4:00-5:00 p.m. Next upcoming dates will be March 14th, 21st & 28th.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, March 11th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Jim Bartkowicz

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Mike Urbanski

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Pat & Kris Blonigen

Saturday Mass Time

Please note that the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will change to 8:00 p.m. on March 18th.

Spaghetti Supper Sign - up March 11th

There will be a sign up sheet available for volunteers, bars and gift basket items. Call Ted Lewandowski 293-1508 or Joy Koroll 573-2214 for questions. **April 14th** Everyone is welcome to join us for our Spaghetti Supper from 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Edward's.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

March Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

March Bank Deposit: LeRoy Pflueger

Sunday, March 12th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Jane Keppers

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Charlie & Sandy Boeckermann

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

There is still time to be a part of this year's "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" Performance. You know you want to. Call Bob at 573-2933. You can still be on stage, backstage or in the choir. If you couldn't make it to costume fitting we can do it on Sunday, March 5th at 1:00 p.m. or Saturday, March 11th after practice. March 11th is a practice for everyone at 10:00 a.m. We should be done by noon. We have a full dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Performances:

Wednesday, March 29th - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31st - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1st - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2nd - 1:00 p.m.

Admission is Free. The performance lasts about 1 1/2 hours.

Cookies, milk and coffee are served after the Sunday performance.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, March 12th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Christine Weber

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Tom Kilian

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Lost

Job's Tears Rosary-white. Please bring to the Central Office at St. Mary's if found. Thank you.

Special Collection for Turkey and Syria

Thanks for all the loose collection from this past weekend's Masses. Bishop Patrick: "As you know, regions of Turkey and Syria were struck by massive earthquakes earlier this month that killed more than 47,000 people and destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes. Images of the wounded and rubble are heart-wrenching. Therefore, I am asking you to take up a special collection for this purpose in your parishes." Please forgive this short notice, however it could not be helped in light of this emergency need, funds were to be to the Bishop's Office by March 9th.

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 26, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$965, Loose: \$106, Votive: \$38, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Central Eastern Europe Special Collection: \$20, Funeral Fund: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$80 **Total: \$1,249**

St. Francis: Adult: \$609, Loose: \$119, Central Eastern Europe Special Collection: \$25 **Total: \$753**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,194, Loose: \$135, Central Eastern Europe Special Collection: \$117, Easter Flowers: \$5 **Total: \$2,451**

ST MARY'S NEWS continued

Annual Smelt Fish Fry & Raffle

On Friday, March 31st, St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having its 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. 4-8:00 p.m. with the cash raffle at 7:30 p.m. We will be selling raffle tickets after St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Mass starting Sunday, February 19th. Tickets are \$100 each. The tickets will also be available at Nelson Insurance, the parish office and after 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday until the raffle. It would be great if each family bought or sold at least one ticket! Thank you in advance for your support.

Note from Bishop Patrick Neary

"This year the feast day of St. Patrick occurs on a Friday of Lent. In honor of my patron saint and to recognize that day as meaningful to so many Catholics of Irish heritage as well as all other Catholics, I am dispensing all Catholics in the Diocese of Saint Cloud from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023."

Area Events

Rural Catholic Middle Age Group: March 11th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The March 11th meeting topic is a Mini Lenten Retreat on Eucharistic Adoration. Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after. Call or text Janel at (320) 290-2877 for more information.

Freeport Lions Club Breakfast: March 12th 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Sacred Heart Church Basement, Freeport, Serving Swany White Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, potatoes & Beverages
Adults: \$10, Children age 5-12: \$4 and under 5: FREE.

SKYWARN Spotter training: March 12th

1:00 -3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Spotters are not 'storm chasers'; safety is a primary concern. Pre-registration is not necessary but preferred; contact Tom Kilian at MorrisonCoSkywarn@yahoo.com

Notes from Father David

As we continue this forty-day journey through Lent, we do not want to lose sight of what the future holds – for Jesus in the Gospel and for us in our own lives. Jesus will suffer greatly and will be put to death and laid in a tomb. But on the third day, He will be raised and will ascend to the Father in glory, opening the way to eternal life for us all. We mark this season with prayer and fasting, almsgiving and repentance, knowing that our destiny lies in eternal life with the Lord. Let us worship Him, for He has transformed our destiny.

It is important that each of us hear the call to share our gifts in support of our Catholic faith. This includes our parishes, our diocese and the Church throughout the world. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a very effective way to support services that the diocese provided to our three parishes as well as vital ministries throughout the 16 counties of the Diocese of St. Cloud. This year's goal for our diocese is \$1,400,000. Our parishes' goal for St. Francis: \$5,412; St. Edward's: \$5,966 and St. Mary's: \$5,978. Your participation can be in the form of a monetary gift, but please know that we also deeply appreciate those of you who pray for the Appeal and the ministries it support.

Lent is a beautiful reminder of the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When was the last time that you received Jesus in this beautiful encounter? I cannot begin to tell you the many graces I receive when I come to Him every two weeks with my sins. The more you come to Jesus, the more you will be blessed. I will be helping out as a confessor (from 10-12noon) for the parish of St. Mary Help of Christians in St. Augusta (24588 County Road 7). This will take place March 15 from 8am-8pm. This is an ideal time for you to go to another priest. You may feel uncomfortable coming to me. Perhaps it has been many years since you last been in a confessional. Trust me, you will not regret coming to Jesus. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed throughout the day and people are invited to light a candle at the foot of the altar after going to Confession. Last year, they had around 500 people receive Jesus! Note that Confession will also be available at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford March 26 from 2-5pm. There will be 4-5 priests available.