

# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

March 22, 2020

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Emergencies only after 9pm

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chantelle Frie, Confirmation: 320-360-4796

Beth Lange, St. Mary/St. Edward, Gr 1-10: 320-630-8390

Niki Koopmeiners, St. Francis, Gr 1 - 10: 320-248-7553

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm

Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

### PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363

Judy Theisen: 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners: 573-2728

### 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

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the office three months before desired baptism date.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please stop in or call the Office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled.

### Remember in prayer those in need of the Lord's healing and strength, especially:

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Audrey Pflueger, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Joann Pinke, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson

## Mass Schedule

March 23 - 29, 2020

Monday: 3/23 *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 3/24 *St. Oscar Romero*  
Livestream 6:00pm † Cody Babineau

Wednesday: 3/25 *ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*  
Livestream 6:00pm † Edna Boeckermann  
- St. Francis Christian Mothers

Thursday: 3/26 *St. Margaret Clitherow*  
Livestream 6:00pm ††† Frank, Agnes & Gertrude Czech  
- Jeff Czech

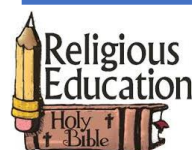
Friday: 3/27  
Livestream 6:00pm † Fr. Andrew Marthaler

Saturday: 3/28  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sunday: 3/29 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
Livestream 10:00am † Elaine Gerads  
- St. Francis Christian Mothers

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Council #12604 Annual Breakfast and Raffle, scheduled for March 29th in Upsala, **has been postponed to an undetermined date** following Bishop Donald Kettler's recommendations regarding COVID-19. When we are able to set a new date, we will share that with you. In the meantime, feel free to contact Grand Knight Peter Borash (320-292-7004) with any questions.



### Religious Education

March 25:  
Canceled

### OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed to visitors. Please call if you need something.

### ONLINE MASS

Fr. Theis will be streaming the Mass on the St. Mary's Facebook page. St. Mary's Church, Upsala. If you are having problems, or don't have Facebook, visit the website for help and other options.

A letter was sent out on Thursday, March 19 to all parishioners. If you did not get it, please call the office.

**Journey with Jesus to Calvary:** I am sorry to inform everyone that the Journey with Jesus to Calvary production for this year has been **canceled**. Thank you to everyone who has put in the time rehearsing and helping with all the other parts of putting on a production like this. May God bless all of you.

**St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry + Raffle** The fish fry has been canceled. The raffle will be held at a later date.

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FORMED  
PICK OF THE WEEK



Symbolon  
The Story of Salvation

The story of salvation began with Creation itself—and a decision that affects all of us to this present day. How did the events of an ancient past set into motion God's rescue operation to save us from eternal death?



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12-6pm First Wednesday  
 St. Edward 12-9pm First Friday  
 St. Francis 7am-9pm Second Tuesday

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,704.00; Loose \$93.00; Easter Flowers \$80.00 - **\$1,877.00**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$1,132.00; Loose \$85.25; Central MN Catholic \$40.00; Easter Flowers \$45.00 – **\$1,302.25**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$2,047.00; Loose \$28.00; Easter Flowers \$55.00; Central MN Catholic \$100.00; Easter \$100.00 - **\$2,330.00**

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### FUNERAL LUNCH UPDATE

There will be no lunches served after any upcoming funerals until further notice.

### ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

**Spaghetti Supper:** Items are needed for the silent auction. Please contact a council member with questions or donations.

### ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

**Tall Red Votive Candle Holders:** There are some available for \$2 each. Contact Bob if interested, 573-2933.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

**St. Mary Scholarship:** St. Mary's will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a member of St. Mary's in Upsala who is graduating from a public or private high school in spring of 2020. The applicants must intend to continue their education at a university or technical college. Applications will be available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gather space of St. Mary's church. The deadline is April 15. Contact Leonice at 573-4965 with questions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29 – Lenten Penance Service – 2 – 5pm at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus. There will not be a formal Examination of Conscious at the beginning.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**From the Mission Office:** We are sorry to announce that due to the recent health concerns, it has been decided to postpone the delegations from Maracay and Homa Bay, as well as the Spring Mission Rally and Partnership Reunion. Thank you for all that you have done in the support of these events and activities.

**Why does the priest wear pink vestments today at Mass? First of all, they are not pink, they are ROSE, the color of joy! We are celebrating because we made it to the halfway point. Congratulations! Today, Laetare Sunday, marks halfway through Lent.**

**Laetare means "rejoice" and is taken from Isaiah 66:10 - "Rejoice, O Jerusalem!" Holy Mother Church places this phrase on our lips at the opening of Mass today. She is reminding us to rejoice, to take a short break from our Lenten sacrifices, and remember the great joy of the Resurrection that lays ahead of us...only 21 days away!**

**This is like halftime at a sports game when we, the players, rest, drink plenty of water, eat a few orange slices, and listen to the coach's pep talk. Let the Church encourage you today and get ready to play your best during the second half of Lent. See you on the field!**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
 I believe that You  
 are present in the Most Holy  
 Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things,  
 and I desire to receive You into  
 my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment  
 receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my  
 heart. I embrace You as if You  
 were already there and unite  
 myself wholly to You. Never  
 permit me to be separated  
 from You.  
 Amen.

**1 Make an act of faith**  
 Come up with your own prayer or use a traditional one to express to the Lord our faith in his real presence in the Eucharist.

**2 Make an act of love**  
 Say a prayer that expresses your love and gratitude to the Lord. Thank Him for his infinite love as well.

**4 steps for Spiritual Communion**  
 CatholicLink

**3 Express your desire to receive him**  
 As you are not able to physically receive the Lord, express your desire to receive Him in your heart.

**4 Invite Jesus to come into your heart**  
 With a humble and contrite heart we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.