



The Catholic Churches

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



"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Acts 1:11

Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 7:30 - 7:45pm
Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30 -7:45am, St. Mary: 9:30 - 9:45am
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

Three Saints News

Wedding BANNERS I

Christopher Groth & Rachel Prom
June 9, 2023 St. Mary, Upsala

Peter's Pence Collection: May 27/28

Next week we will take up this collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable work. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of oppression, and disasters.

Memorial Day Mass at 9am in St Mary's: May 29

No better way to begin our day than with holy Mass. All are also encouraged to attend services held at our high school at 10am, followed by a visit to our Veterans Memorial. A short parade will then follow. Lunch will then be served afterwards at the Upsala Recreation Building.

Priests Celebrating Anniversaries

Priests of our diocese will be gathering June 5 to recognize jubilarians. The evening will begin with Mass with Bishop Patrick followed by social and dinner. Please congratulate those being honored: Fr Silverius Schmitt: 65 years; Frs Greg Leiser & Laurn Virnig: 60 years; Fr Stan Weiser: 55 years; Frs Tom Olson, Arlie Sowada: 50 years; Frs Kevin Anderson & Kenn Popp: 40 years.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thanks to you who spend time with Jesus. He is waiting there on our altars or in our tabernacles for our visits. We have adoration every first Friday in St Edward's, the second Tuesday in St Francis and every Thursday in St Mary's. Please note due to the Groth-Prom wedding rehearsal, adoration will end June 8 at 5pm.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "I am praying for them..." Jn 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

Pray for us:

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

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 5/23</u>	
6pm St. Mary	† Linus Lehner
<u>Wednesday 5/24</u>	
8am St. Francis	† Audrey Pfluegar ~Jane Keppers
<u>Thursday 5/25</u>	
8am St. Edward 12 noon-9 pm St. Mary	† Arnold Voss Adoration
<u>Friday 5/26</u>	
7:30am St. Mary	† Rita Ritter ~Valeria Lehner
Weekend Masses	Pentecost Sunday
<u>Saturday 5/27</u>	
10am Senior Living 8pm St. Edward	Communion Service in Upsala For the People
<u>Sunday 5/28</u>	
8am St. Francis 10am St. Mary	† Herbert Gerads † Nick Stodolka ~Brock & Christy Weber

Youth



*Congratulations
to our graduates!*

Two Host Families Need for Totus Tuus: July 9-14

You will provide sleeping arrangements, a morning continental breakfast, possibly snacks to refuel the team during their afternoon break and use of laundry facilities at some point over the course of the week. One host family is needed for the two men and one family needed for the two women. They arrive Saturday afternoon and will depart Friday or Saturday. Any questions, please call Fr David. Registration forms are in the entrance of our churches

Vocation Camp: June 20-22

Camp (on a lake in Avon) for young men in grades 7 – 12. Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023VocationCamp>. Families welcome to attend Mass on June 22nd at 11am with potluck lunch to follow. Cost: \$40 Scholarship available. Contact: Julie Jacobs 251-5001 jjacoms@gw.stcdio.org.

Vocation Event: Save the Date for August 19

The Paschal Challenge Event is for young men in grades 9-12. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023PaschalChallenge>

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is made up of youth in grades 9-12 from a variety of parishes from across the diocese. These youth meet 5-6 times annually. Please visit <https://stcdio.org/cem/faith-formation/leadershiptraining/> to learn more. You can also apply on our website.

Faith Formation

Confirmation and Grades 7-10 Teachers Needed

To date, for 2023-24, we have received no interest for these volunteer positions. "Holy Spirit breathe into our parishioners and help them to come forth by sharing their gifts and talents. Amen." Please consider "team" teaching as this is a great option.

Area Church Events

St. Anna Church Bazaar: June 25

Save the date to join the fun at the Immaculate Conception Bazaar in St. Anna. Mass at 10am followed by food, games, raffles (quilt, cash & gun). Music by 57 Chevy. Call Brenda Dobis (320) 241-6962 for raffle tickets.

Central Office

Our Central Office at St. Mary's will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. Thank you.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, May 27 - 8pm

EM of HC: Jerry Theisen

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Mike Urbanski

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Scott & Jen Wensmann

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

May Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

May Bank Deposit: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Sunday, May 28 - 8am

EM of HC: Brittany Harren,

Janelle Roerick (c), Rosanne Voss (c)

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: John & Marsha Rakotz

St. Francis Men's Society: May 21

Everyone is welcome to join us after our 8am Mass this weekend. The Men's Society will be serving donuts, coffee and milk.

A Big Thank You for all who helped with the cemetery clean up on Monday night. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Having a garage sale or graduation party? We have 10 tables and 150 chairs to rent out. Tables are \$5 and chairs are \$.50. Call Bob at 573-2933 to reserve what you need.

Welcome Everett Isidore Wiechman

Our new little brother will be baptized this week in our faith community. Blessings upon his parents: Jeron and Kelly and his grandparents: Isidore & Bev Schmitz and Mark & Beverly Wiechman. Thanks to his godparents for their willingness to live the faith: Christine Middendorf & Robin Schmitz.

Fall Festival: August 27

Please note as usual, we will have the 10am Polka Mass on Sunday while St Mary's will have the Saturday 8pm Mass. Thanks to everyone working so hard to bring about this wonderful day. It is truly amazing how well you work together!

Holdingsford Area Food Shelf

"Thanks you very much for our your special collection (Holy Thursday). It was very much appreciated. If you know of anyone what could use the Food Shelf, please send them our way. God bless."

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, May 21- 10am

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie,

Christine Weber (c), Renee Scholz (c)

Lector: Mary Frie

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klasen

Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

Summer Mass Schedule

For the three summer months, Friday morning Masses will move back to 9am instead of the regularly scheduled 7:30am. Thus, June 2, our Mass will be at 9am.



Bishop's Annual Appeal:

The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life,

Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal. contribute at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

WEEKEND COLLECTION May 14, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,043, Loose: \$68 **Total: \$1,111.00**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,200, Loose: \$208, Ascension \$48, Cemetery \$20 **Total: \$1,476**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,983, Loose: \$103.78, Votive: \$125 **Total: \$2,211.78**

Area Church Events

Bus Pilgrimage and Cultural Excursion: June 1

Join Fr. Ben Kociemba on a Bus Pilgrimage June 1 from 8am-7pm. We will be touring churches designed by Victor Cordella who we believe designed St. Edward's in Elmdale, and we know he designed Holy Cross in North Prairie, Christ the King in Browerville, Our Lady of Lourdes in Little Falls, Sts. Peter & Paul in Gilman, Our Lady of the Angels in Sauk Centre, and the Poor Clare Monastery in Sauk Rapids. We will be starting at Little Falls, going to Browerville, Sauk Centre, Buffalo, Delano, and NE Minneapolis. We will end with daily Mass at Holy Cross in NE Minneapolis. Cost is \$75. Lunch is included. Register online at HavenofMercyCatholic.org or call Michael Retka with any questions at (320) 232-5898.

Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena : June 2

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - an evening of Mass, Adoration and reconciliation. Visit: www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival. This is part of the Eucharistic Revival to strengthen, educate and celebrate the beauty of the Catholic Church. The next event is at St. Mary's, Alexandria at 6:30pm with Fr. Matthew Kuhn.

St. Cloud Diocese Council of Catholic Women: June 15

Hopeful Hearts: Annual Fun, Food and Fund Day at St. Andrew's Catholic Church (566 4th Street N.W. Elk River, MN. Cost \$20 payable to Lora Knafli (11719 16th Ave. N.W. , Rice, MN 56367) (320) 393-2701. Continental Breakfast and Silent Auction begins at 9am Speaker at 9:45am Mass at 11am followed by lunch. Please Register by June 4. For questions contact Arleen Roelike (320) 282-9941

Three Saints News

Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" "I am with you always," Jesus assures His disciples even as He ascends to His Father in heaven. Indeed, He is with us here today: in the Word, proclaimed so that we may be enlightened; in the Eucharist, offered for us and received by us; in the priest, who resides over this celebration; and in each other, as we gather in His name. Jesus promised His disciples that He would not leave them orphans. We rely on that promise today and always as we seek to follow Him and carry out our mission.

Congrats to all our High School Graduates. The Christian faith is lived out in community. You'll need to find a good church. Somewhere for you to worship, learn, grow, and serve. Somewhere you can form friendships and where you can be a friend. Assessing situations, weighing alternatives, and thinking critically are like using muscles. Flabbiness comes from disuse; strength comes through practice. We trust that you will make the best decisions you can based on sound judgment, accept the consequences, learn from any missteps, and trust God to shower you with mercy and goodness ([Psalm 23:6](#)).

Our parishes are blessed to have three of the five top honor students for Upsala High School: Paige Gerads is honored as "Class of 2023 Salutatorian". She is the daughter of Jamie and Becky Gerads. She is a parishioner of St Mary's and will attend Mankato State University while pursuing a degree in psychology and social work. Natalie Wensmann is the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Wensmann. She is a parishioner of St Edward's and will attend Winona State University pursuing a degree in elementary education. Both were children's religious teachers and involved in St Mary's Youth Group. Hannah Luedtke is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Luedtke. She was active in National Honor Society, Student Council as president, concert band, etc. She is a parishioner of St Edward's and will attend North Dakota State University to major in radiologic sciences.

Next weekend marks the end of Easter with the great feast of Pentecost. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. Together let's pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our diocese and our area churches! "He is Risen indeed!"