

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

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Emergencies only after 9pm

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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 cancelled.

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

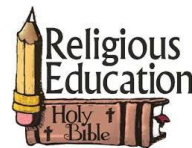
Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Audrey Pflueger, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern,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

Fr. Theis will be out of town March 19 – 22. In case of emergencies, please call Fr. Helmin, 293-6220.

Mass Schedule

March 16 - 22, 2020

Monday:	3/16	
St. Mary	7:30am	† Elaine Schumer - Rob Schumer
Tuesday:	3/17	<i>St. Patrick</i>
St. Mary	6:00pm	†† Joseph & Irene Langner - Dennis & Carol Langner
Wednesday:	3/18	<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
St. Francis	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Francis Men's Society
Thursday:	3/19	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
St. Edward	8:00am	†† Elmer & Josephine Larson - Theresa Larson
Friday:	3/20	NO MASS SCHEDULED
Saturday:	3/21	
St. Edward	8:00pm	† Elizabeth 'Betty' Herzog - Alan & Janel Marstein
Sunday:	3/22	<i>Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)</i>
St. Francis	8:00am	†† Denis & Irene Notch - Don & Eileen Stiller
St. Mary	10:00am	People of our Parishes



Religious Education

March 18: Rel. Ed. Penance Service

Grades 2 – 6: 6:30 – 7:30pm

Grades 7 - 10: 7:30 – 9pm

All Confessions will be at St. Mary, Upsala. Grade 1 will have class at St. Mary's.



Youth Group

Youth Group will meet March 15th & 29th at 7pm at St. Mary's, Upsala.

MASS TIMES CHANGE

Please note that on **Sunday, March 29**, St. Francis and St. Mary will switch Mass times due to the Knights of Columbus breakfast at St. Mary's that morning. **St. Mary will have the 8am Mass and St. Francis will have the 10am Mass.** There will be no Stations of the Cross after Mass at St. Mary's.

"LOVE AND MERCY: FAUSTINA" MOVIE NIGHT

Sun., April 5 snacks starting at 7pm and movie at 7:30pm at St. Mary's, Upsala. Good background for the Divine Mercy Novena starting April 10. This movie was only shown a couple times at the theatre. So if you missed it, or have any questions about Divine Mercy, or don't know what it is all about, this movie can answer your questions.

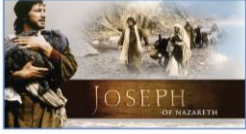
Congratulations to the 2nd Graders who had First Reconciliation on March 7!

Front Row: Fr. Theis, Haley Roske, Morgan Ripplinger, Levi Wenderski, Riley Klasen, Andrew Eggert.

Back Row: Anthony Notsch, Jacob Hartung, Payton Moll, Landon Carlson, and Lillian Leither



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Joseph of Nazareth

As Joseph is informed by God's messengers about trusting and following his plan, this film presents beautiful vignettes of these and other powerful scenes in the life of Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring.

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,063.00; Loose \$160.00; Votive \$33.90; Online Giving \$250.00 - **\$1,506.90**

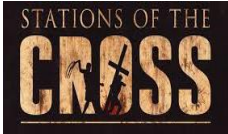
St. Edward: Adult \$1,051.00; Loose \$80.00; Votive \$41.00; Easter Flowers \$20.00 - **\$1,192.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$205.00; Loose \$71.00; Easter Flowers \$10.00; Online Giving \$180.00 - **\$466.00**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday after the 10am Mass at St. Mary's (except March 29)



Fridays at 7:30pm - alternating between St. Francis and St. Edward.

- St. Edward - March 27

- St. Francis - March 20, April 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The annual Breakfast and Raffle for the Knights of Columbus Council #12604 will be in Upsala on Sunday, March 29th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The breakfast will be all-you-can-eat, with a free will offering accepted at the door. Raffle tickets are available from our Knights, or can be purchased the day of. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Peter Borash with any questions at 320-292-7004.

CONFIRMATION CHOIR

Calling all Singers and Choir Members in our Cluster of Parishes! We will be having Confirmation on March 22nd at St. Hedwig's in Holdingford (2:00 PM), and wish to invite you to join in providing the music for the Confirmation Mass. Practice at 11:30 AM at St. Hedwig's Church on Sun., March 15th. If you sing you are MOST WELCOME to join us - this Mass meets your Sunday obligation.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, March 21 - 8pm

EEM: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen(c)

Lector: Don Biniek

Servers: Austin Wensmann & Michael Blonigen

Greeters: Anthony Nienaber & Zach Bartkovic

Gifts: Brian & Tracey Hartung

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: St. Edward is in need of people who are interested in becoming EM of HC's. Please contact the office.

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

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, March 22 - 8am

EEM: Judy Theisen, Mary Jane Boeckermann, Jane Keppers, Barb Moorman

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Matthew Lehner & Andrew Young

Gifts: Herb & Sharon Wielenberg

Greeters: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Money Counters Needed: St. Francis needs some volunteers to count money. Mondays at 9am (unless the bank is closed, then Tuesday) at the parish office. Super easy - training and coffee provided. Call the office if interested.

March Cleaning List: John/Marsha Rakotz, Mike/Alice Westrich, Jon/Tamara Boeckermann, Steve/Jackie Moll, Mary Evens, Gerry/Mary Jane Boeckermann, Norm/June Schwieters

Journey with Jesus to Calvary: Wed., April 1 @ 7pm, Sat. April 4 @ 7:30pm, Sun., April 5 @ 1pm. If you would like to be a part of this year's production, there is still time. Call Bob at 573-2933.

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

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, March 22 - 10am

EEM: Chantelle Frie, Jan Kilian, Cindy Koehn

Servers: Collin Prom & Christian Ripplinger

Lector: Kim Koehn

Gifts: Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie

Greeters: Jamie & Jenny Leners family

Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger

St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry + Raffle Friday, April 3rd 4-8pm. Cash Raffle at 7:30pm. Calling all St. Mary's Parishioners! Our annual Smelt/Fish Fry and Raffle is only a few weeks away! We need your help. Last year we served 503 people! On Thursday, April 2nd we will need help preparing food (cleaning fish and making haluski and potato salad). Anytime after 4pm would be great! The day of the fish fry (Friday, April 3rd) we also need lots of helping hands! The two shifts to sign-up for are 4-6:30pm or 6:30-9pm. Please sign-up by calling or texting Laura Ripplinger (320.333.9184) We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies (on Thursday or Friday) to help contribute. There are raffle tickets to buy or sell as well! This is a HUGE fundraiser for our church. Let's all make this another successful one!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18 - Rel. Ed. Penance Service

March 22 - Confirmation - 2pm at All Saints - St. Hedwig

March 27 - Festival of Forgiveness - 9am - 9pm at Sacred Heart in Freeport

March 29 - Knights of Columbus Breakfast - 9am - 12:30pm

March 29 - Lenten Penance Service - 2 - 5pm at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Theology on Tap: Come for a great opportunity to grow over this Lenten season by joining **young adults in their 20s and 30s** for a fun night out. Our next Theology on Tap is on Thursday, March 19 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7:00 and our speaker Leah Ellen follows at 8:00. Come listen to the songs and powerful message as Leah shares her journey back to the faith after having an abortion. She knows firsthand how it feels to ask for forgiveness and to receive God's mercy and grace—and how to help others experiencing their own struggles with faith and life. We hope you join us for this great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship.

SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING: Skywarn spotter training will be held 1-3pm at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, March 22. Spotters are trained volunteers who offer their services to the National Weather Service at their own cost and risk; reports to the NWS help their decisions to issue warnings and alerts. The training is free. Register at morrisoncoskywarn@yahoo.com or call Tom Kilian at 320-232-5705

Living Stations of the Cross: Wed., March 25, 2020 at Holy Family Church, Little Falls starting at 6:30pm. See the bulletin board for more details.

Homa Bay Sister Partnership Committee from our neighboring All Saints Parishes are expecting 2 visitors from St. Paul's Cathedral parish in Homa Bay, Kenya, (Our Father John Odera's area) April 15th - April 28th, 2020. Anyone wishing to host delegates for meals, events, tours, or other activities, are encouraged to do so. It is a nice opportunity to get to know more people from an African culture. If you are interested please contact Janel Heinen (320-290-2877), or Marvin Skwira (320-428-5039).

The Holy Week schedule and Festival of Forgiveness information can be found on the website.