

# The Catholic Churches

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala

## Third Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

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**Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon**

### **Weekday Masses cancelled -March 28- April 1** **Mass Time Change-April 9/10**

Due to 'Journey with Jesus' production on Saturday night, St. Edward will have the Sat. 8 pm Mass & St. Francis will have the Sun. 8 am Mass.

**Easter Celebration-April 16** We will have a celebration after the 8 pm Saturday Mass at St. Francis of Assisi.

### **Upcoming Events**

Mar 26: Word of Life Fish Fry from 4-7pm, dine in or carry out  
Mar 27: Penance Service at AS-SM from 2-5pm  
Mar 27: Youth Mass SM @ 6pm with Praise & Worship Music  
Mar 27: Quilt Bingo 1pm in Sobieski  
April 3: Confirmation in Royalton @ 2pm with our four youth  
April 8: Journey with Jesus to Calvary @ 7:30pm/Bishop comes  
April 8: Smelt/Fish Fry at St Mary's from 4-8pm/Bishop comes  
April 13: Guest Speaker for Grades 7-10 with parents from 7-8:30pm  
June 11-17 Summer VBS/Totus Tuus with Holdingford.

### **Three Saints News**

#### **Second Collection for Church in Ukraine**

Praise the LORD! All totaled, this past weekend you gave \$3907 to our brothers and sisters so gravely in need! It is simply unbelievable in our day and age to have over 2.5 million people fleeing for their lives. Continue to pray that this atrocity will come to an end!

#### **Friday Night Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine**

Come join us for 6pm adoration, 6:15pm Rosary & 7pm Station of the Cross: SE on March 25, SM on April 1.

### **Area Church Gatherings**

#### **Life is Messy**

Please join the Christian Women to hear Kristin Molitor speak on the book, *Life is Messy* on Tuesday, April 19th 2022 at 6:00 pm. Hospitality following in The Gathering Space. All are Welcome! Free will offering.

#### **Chrism Mass with Bishop: April 7 @ 7pm**

All parishioners and especially confirmation students are encouraged to join all priests of our diocese. Hope to see you at the Cathedral of St Mary in St Cloud.

#### **Counseling Available in Our Area**

Paula Johnson, MS, MA, LMFT offers Christian Counseling at Holy Family Church on Wednesday and Thursday. Call 320 253 3540 or check online at The CenterForFamilyCounseling.com. She is meeting virtually and in person.

### **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, Brayden Harren (Clean MRI), Millie Spring (at home), Judy Gerads (SF, radiation), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (rehab at Country Manor in Sartell), Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner



## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 3/22		
6:00 pm St. Mary	†	Francis 'Sunny' & Betty Zwilling ~Kari & Ervin Hartung Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 3/23		
8:00 am St. Francis	†	Richard & Maureen Stubbs-CRV Stations of the Cross Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross
8:00 pm		
Thursday 3/24		
8:00 am St. Edward		For the People Stations of the Cross
Friday 3/25		
7:30 am St. Mary	†	Peter Prokott
6pm St. Edward		Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine
6:15 pm St. Edward		Rosary
7 pm St. Edward		Stations of the Cross
Weekend Masses		Fourth Sunday of Lent
		Guatemalan Coffee Sales Weekend
Saturday 3/26		
8 pm St. Francis	†	Dennis Koroll ~Gerry & MaryJane Boeckermann
Sunday 3/27		
8 am St. Edward	†	Katy Lynn Panek ~ The Paneks
10 am St. Mary		Thanksgiving: Brayden Harren & Millie Spring
2-5 pm All Saints-SM		Communal Penance Service
6 pm St. Mary		Youth Mass

### **Faith Formation**

#### **K-6: March 30**

Due to a conflict with the play "Journey to Jesus'," we have decided to move the Family Formation session to March 30th. Time and supper are still the same. Thank you!

#### **Grades 7-10 Class: March 23 with 8pm Stations**

#### **Confirmation Class: Confirmation March 20 & April 3**

Young people as you get filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, what is God now asking of you?

### **Youth News**

#### **Sunday Night Youth Mass: Mar 27**

Next Sunday, come early and join Rachel Prom who will be leading worship. Mass is at 6pm followed with adoration and an opportunity to prayed over from 7-8pm. Pizza will be served afterwards

#### **Scholarship for Seniors**

Scholarship forms for High School Seniors who are members of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi or St. Mary are available in the office.

### **Three Saints News** Continued

#### **Communal Penance Service: Mar 27 from 2-5pm**

Come to All Saint's-St Mary's in Holdingford! If you want resurrection graces, you will need to come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession.

#### **Mary and the Saints/ACC: Mar 24 @ 7pm**

Thanks for all your prayers as our team (12 members along with Fr Gregory & Fr David) met the previous week at St. Mary's in Upsala. We learned more about the Synod. We will be meeting again for a group consultation led by staff of the diocese. Within the next couple months, you will be given opportunities to participate individually, in a group or together as our six parishes. Pope Francis wants to hear your hopes, dreams, visions and concerns. For more information, please talk to your council members: Matt Herzog, Greg Larson, Rod Roering, Renee Scholz, Syl Tschida and Leonice Urbanski.

#### **Sponsor Couples Needed for Marriage Prep**

Might the Holy Spirit be calling you to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Our diocese has a Sponsor Couple Training this Saturday, March 26 in Albany. Please contact Fr David for more info.

**ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sun., March 27, 8:00 am Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann

**Gift Bearers:** Ken & Deb Wensmann

**St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper Friday, April 22, 2022**

If you would like ot help with the Spaghetti Supper please call Joy Koroll 573-2214. St. Edward's will be having a raffle in the Fall. (No Silent Auction this year).

**ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sat., March 26, 8:00 pm Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**EM of HC:** Syl Tschida

**Lector:** Clara Pflueger

**Server:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

**Gift Bearers:** Fred & Rita Herbes

**“Journey with Jesus to Calvary”**

We could still use some actors and choir members. Call Bob Theisen 573-2933. **Remember:** You can go to St. Mary's for the Smelt Fry on April 8th and then come to the play! **Shows:** April 6th at 7 pm, April 8th at 7:30 pm, April 9th at 7:30 pm, April 10th at 1 pm.

**Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast -** March 20 from 9:00am to 12:30pm, St. Francis church basement: Sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery along with all the toppings & beverages. Free will offering to help support our religious education program.

**Brayden Harren FREE of Cancer!**

Brittany his mother: “We got the BEST news we could have hoped for...ALL CLEAR! Then in June, he will do another MRI. If those scans come back clear, we will schedule the removal of his port and he can go back to drinking grandpa's milk!! Praise be to God for this wonderful news. Time to get back to normal! Now we CELEBRATE!!”

**Millie Spring FREE of Cancer!**

Julie her mother: “Millie is home and is doing well. She's very happy to be reunited with her sisters and wants to spend all of her time walking around outside. The medical team is very happy with her recovery from the stem cell transplant and will continue to monitor her every week for a while. Thanks for all your prayers and support.”

**Church Bazaar Meeting Mon., March 28th 7:30 pm**  
All Welcome to attend!

**Christian Mothers**

\*A huge thank you for the 57 items that were donated to Elevate for the ‘Baby Shower for Jesus’.

\*Parents Please notice and feel free to let your children use the children totes during Mass and return after Mass, which are hanging in the entry of St. Francis parish.

**ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sun., March 27, 10:00 am Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**EM of HC:** Jan Kilian **Lector:** Michelle Fleischhacker

**Server:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

**Ushers:** Matt Ripplinger

**Greeters:** Bernie Waldorf

**Gift Bearers:** Jamie & Jenny Leners

**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn

**WEEKEND COLLECTION March 13, 2022**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$680 Loose: \$60, Ukraine: \$571, Easter Flowers \$20, Funeral Fund: \$20, Central MN Catholic \$20 Total: **\$1371**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,290, Loose: \$100, Votive: \$ 152.03 Easter Flowers: \$80, Ukraine: \$1,275, Central MN Catholic: \$20 Total: **\$2,917.03**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,241 Loose: \$156, Ukraine: \$1,961, Easter Flowers: \$25 Total: **\$3,383**

**ST.MARY'S NEWS** continued

**St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle-Friday, April 8th 4-8pm. Cash raffle @ 7:30pm**

Calling all St. Mary's Parishioners! Our 6th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle is only a few weeks away! We need your help. Every year, we serve more and more (hundreds) of people! The BISHOP is coming too!

The raffle tickets are now on sale, \$100 each. They are available at the St. Mary's parish office, Nelson Insurance, and also from DJ Prom. A table will be set up in the back of church following weekend masses to pick-up and purchase raffle tickets as well. Please keep in mind that this is the main fundraising event for St. Mary's Church each year. If would be great if each family sold or purchased at least one ticket!

On Thursday, April 7th is our BIG preparation day! We will need help cleaning fish, making lots of haluski and potato salad, and setting up. Meet in the church kitchen 4pm or later.

We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies (on Thursday or Friday) to help contribute.

The day of the fish fry (Friday, April 8th) we will need lots of helping hands! The two shifts to sign up for are 4-6:30pm, 6:30-9pm, or stay for it all! Please call or text Laura Ripplinger to sign-up. (320.333.9184)

Let's help make this another successful fundraiser for our church! Thank you in advance for all of your support!

**Guatemalan Coffee Sales: Mar 26-27**

Help support the Guatemalan farmers. We have a new supply of coffee in the office to purchase. It will also be sold after the Masses. 1lb bag -\$10.

**Notes from Fr David**

Our God is a merciful God. If the rescue of the Chosen People from captivity didn't make that apparent, sending the Son to suffer and die for the sins of humanity proved the unprecedented extent of that mercy. During this penitential season, we are called to repent for our sins and cultivate virtues so that what God has created in us and Christ has redeemed in us may bear fruit for the world. May we show our gratitude for God's mercy in the fruit that we bear.

The Holy Spirit placed on my heart to fly down and visit my mom in Mesa, AZ March 28-April 1 (my father who passed away 10/2/18) as his birthday was March 29. Thus, all weekday Masses followed by Stations of the Cross will be canceled. Would you be so kind as to help get the word out? Friday evening holy hour/stations in St Mary's will take place as scheduled. With the shortage of priests, no doubt we will be making more and more sacrifices. Such is the reason why I believe it is essential that our parishes reach out more than ever to our children and youth.

Monthly I meet with the area pastors and this past week we met at St Mary's. Did you hear that a Youth Center is taking shape? Josh Klein, Youth Pastor from Community Covenant Church is looking into making the Rec Center available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This would be a safe place from youth in grades 7-12 to learn, establish healthy relationships, fun and recreation. Our Upsala School and Upsala Lions Club are very supportive of this new venture. Is this not the best news ever? Their hope is that collaboration from all area churches in which there will be an Advisory Board. Thank-you Chad & Amy Poppenhagen for expressing interest in being on this board! Please reach out to Josh if you would like to help: 763-242-7237.

Sorry about the back-to-back special collections as next weekend, we have the ‘Catholic Relief Services Bishop's Overseas Appeal Collection’. You should have a special envelope, if not could you please leave your gift in a marked envelope in our regular collection? Lastly, you will note the other insert regarding the ‘Friday Night, Fight for Purity’ on April 1. I know many men, children, young people are afflicted with this problem. I pray that you can attend this workshop or please give me a call.

Lastly, thank-you for last weekend as I shared a “Praise Report” of Brayden's clean MRI! I appreciate your willingness and openness to clap your hands, praise God in song and give voice to what the Holy Spirit may be placing on your hearts. I pray that it was not too uncomfortable for you. Is it not truly amazing how Ms. Millie is also now cancer FREE? Thank-you for being such a people of prayer!