

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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## **St. Edward's, Elmdale** **St. Mary's, Upsala** **St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis**

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Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am - 4pm

Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

### **RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30 am - 7:45 am

St. Mary: 9:30 am - 9:45 am

### **PRAYER LINES**

Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363 (SM)  
Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728(SF)  
Sally Schleper 573-2127 (SE)

### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

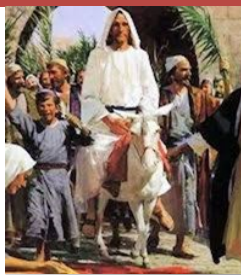
Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Contact the office before the desired date.



Exult greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold: your king is coming to you,  
a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

### **5 Tips for Celebration Holy Week**

Be Intentional. Take Time Off.

Don't make this just another week. Dive into this week.

Pray

This week spend time meditating on the Stations of the Cross. Don't miss the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday.

Make the Liturgies a Priority

Make time and space for Holy Thursday Mass. In this liturgy, we celebrate the washing of the feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the transition into the Garden of Gethsemane, and Jesus's arrest...Good Friday services include veneration of the cross...Saturday Easter Vigil is the most extraordinary liturgy of the entire year. If you have never been, consider experiencing salvation history unfold as we welcome new members into the church.

Activities-Great Ways to experience the Week For the Entire Family

Crafts for young children

<https://www.catholicicing.com/passion-peg-dolls/>

Holy Thursday Meal

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities>

25 Things You Can Do On Good Friday To Remember Christ's Sacrifice

<https://catholic-link.org/ideas-for-good-friday-devote-day-christ/>

Celebrate the Joy of Easter should permeate all eight days of the Easter octave. Before all of the brunches and time with family and friends, a great place to start is with Mass! ~Excerpts from catholic-link.org

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**April 13, 2025**

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 4/12		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnie Molus	<b>EM of HC:</b> Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung & Bill Boser, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Mark & Kaye Nienaber
Sunday 4/13		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Cheryl Locnikar	<b>EM of HC:</b> Judy Theisen, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Rosanne Voss c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman & Mary Jane Boeckermann, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Kurt & Jackie Goebel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Lisa Zabinski, Jon Leither c, Jan Kilian c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn & Leonice Prokott, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian

## Weekday Masses

Monday, 4/14		<b>Pray for us:</b> Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Dee Booth, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Ron Schmidt & Dave Scholz
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 4/15	*Stations of the Cross following Mass	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Bill Pohlmann ~ Pat & Lisa Zabinski	
Wednesday, 4/16	*Stations of the Cross following Mass	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Ethan Gerads	

\*No Adoration at St Mary's on Holy Thursday.

## Holy Week

Thursday 4/17		<b>Holy Thursday</b>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chantell Frie, Mike Klasen c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gifts:</b> Randy & Donna Roske, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Rich Boeckermann	<b>EM of HC:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, Syl Tschida c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Chris & Abby Fuchs

## Friday 4/18

		<b>Good Friday</b>
Noon St. Mary		<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian & Jan Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian
3:00 p.m. St. Edward		<b>EM of HC:</b> Karla Schneider c, <b>Lector:</b> Jerry Theisen & Tracey Hartung, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers

## Saturday 4/19

		<b>Holy Saturday Vigil</b>
8:30 p.m. St. Edward	† Janet Hartung	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Shari Biniek & Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Dean & Jackie Wolbeck

## Sunday 4/20

		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	<b>EM of HC:</b> Janelle Roerick, Judy Theisen c, Chris Fuchs c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Andy & Brittany Harren
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jon Leither, Renee Scholz c, Mike Klasen c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Walt & LeAnn Beneke, <b>Gifts:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

## All Cluster News

### Religious Education

**K-6:** Reba Leither ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) (701) 426-1607

**7-10:** Randi Klasen ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) (320) 493-5624

**Confirmation:** Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski [confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com)

### April 16th

**Grades K-6:** Home Lesson, Second Grade: Lesson 7

**Grades 7-10:** 7pm. No class: Go to Holy Week Masses

**Confirmation:** No class: Go to Holy Week Masses

### Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs: [fuchschelsea92@gmail.com](mailto:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com).

### For Our Graduates

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded from each parish to a student who is graduating from a public or private high school in 2025 and who intends to continue their education at a university or technical college. Deadline to apply is April 18th. The scholarship application is available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gather space of each of our churches. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.



### Journey with Jesus to Calvary

**Don't miss this year's production.**

**Only two more performances left:**

Sat., April 12th – 7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 13th – 1:00 p.m.

There is no charge-Jesus already paid the price!

### Holy Saturday Wine & Cheese Celebration

Please gather with us after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19th at St. Edward's. Everyone welcome to come celebrate!

**Sign - up now for Totus Tuus!** It is the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact Shanna Dobmeier 733-0761, [shannamaryd@gmail.com](mailto:shannamaryd@gmail.com). You can find registration forms on our website or in the entry of our churches.

**Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest** Thank you to all who participated in this year's State Contest. Morgan Ripplinger placed 3rd! Congratulations!

### Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: April 12th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at (320) 290-2877.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION 4/6/2025

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$2,017, Loose: \$93.25, Easter Flowers: \$65, Easter: \$60, Holy Land: \$5, Fire Fund: \$100 **Total: \$2,340**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$545, Loose: \$111, Catholic Relief: \$20, Funeral Fund: \$10, Central MN Mag. \$20, Easter Flowers: \$65, **Total: \$771**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,211, Loose: \$454.51, Catholic Relief: \$100, Easter Flowers: \$ 140, **Total: \$2,905.51**

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## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • ELMDALE, MN  
8550 State Highway-238, Bowlus, MN 56314

*DINNER IS SERVED, 4:30-7:30 P.M.*

• TAKE OUT AVAILABLE •

Please continue to keep our newly  
Confirmed students in your prayers!

### St. Francis' News



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*

**Bernadette Voss**

Passed to Eternal Life: April 1, 2025

Funeral: April 7, 2025

### St. Edward's News



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*

**LaVerne Monica Lang**

Passed to Eternal Life: April 4, 2025

Burial: April 9, 2025

### St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper

Sign-up Sheet to help with the Spaghetti Supper is on the table in the entry of church. We'll need Kitchen help, Set-up, & Clean-up. Bars, cookies and cakes can be brought to the basement that day. Posters are printed and on the entry table if you'd like to help deliver them to businesses. Thank you!

### St. Mary's News

#### Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

We are looking for more adorers who would like to commit to a specific hour every week at St. Mary's. Please contact Jim: 229-2898. "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity."

~St. Mother Teresa

## News and Events



**Knights of Columbus  
St. Gregory Council  
Grand Knight Jeff Czech**

### Divine Mercy Novena Schedule

April 2025

18th - St. Edward, Elmdale after 3pm Good Friday Service

19th - St. Mary, Upsala at 4pm

20th - Holy Cross, North Prairie after Easter Mass

21st - St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus at 7pm

22nd - St. Mary, Upsala after 6pm Mass

23rd - St. Edward, Elmdale at 7pm

24th - Holy Cross, North Prairie at 7pm

25th - St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus at 7:30 pm

26th - St. Edward, Elmdale after 4pm Mass

**Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** will be held after Masses on Divine Mercy Weekend April 26th & 27th.

### Catholic United Financial and St Joseph Council

Join us Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Matching Grant Fund-Raiser Ham, sausage, pancakes with toppings, eggs and fresh baked caramel rolls. Serving at All Saints - St Mary's church basement from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Free will offering with the proceeds going to All Saints Faith Formation.

Go forward in procession with branches, as far as the horns of the altar. You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose faithful love endures forever. (Ps 118:2)

### Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral

Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Good Friday, April 18, at 8:00 p.m. for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. This is a family event and all are welcome. Experience all of the Triduum in a new way!

EASTER TRIDUUM

# HOLY THURSDAY

"HAVING LOVED THOSE WHO WERE HIS IN THE WORLD, HE LOVED THEM TO THE END" (JN 13: 1)

**WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE?**

- THE LAST SUPPER
- THE WASHING OF THE FEET
- THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE PRIESTHOOD
- THE AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

**WHICH ARE THE LITURGIES?**

- † Mass of the Lord's Supper
- † The Eucharistic Procession to the Altar of Repose for Adoration

**HOW CAN WE LIVE IT?**

- † Dedicate some time to Eucharistic Adoration
- † Join a Pilgrimage to visit Seven Churches in your area

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EASTER TRIDUUM

# GOOD FRIDAY

"FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT" (LK 23: 46)

**WHAT DO WE COMMEMORATE?**

- THE 7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS
- THE DEATH OF JESUS ON THE CROSS
- THE SUFFERING OF VIRGIN MARY

**WHICH ARE THE LITURGIES?**

- † The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- † The Adoration of the Cross

**HOW CAN WE LIVE IT?**

- † Fasting and abstinence
- † Pray the Stations of the Cross
- † Meditate on the Seven Last Words of Jesus

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EASTER TRIDUUM

# HOLY SATURDAY

"NO ONE SAID A WORD TO HIM, BECAUSE THEY SAW HOW GREAT HIS SUFFERING WAS" (JOB 2: 13)

**WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE?**

- THE BODY OF JESUS IN THE TOMB
- WE AWAIT FOR RESURRECTION
- JESUS DESCENDED INTO HELL
- THE LONELINESS OF VIRGIN MARY

**WHICH ARE THE LITURGIES?**

- † Easter Vigil

**HOW CAN WE LIVE IT?**

- † Living a spirit of silence
- † Take a paschal candle to the Easter Vigil celebration
- † Pray the Rosary to accompany Virgin Mary

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EASTER TRIDUUM

# EASTER SUNDAY

"WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?" (LK 24: 5)

**WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE?**

- CHRIST IS RISEN
- CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH
- HEAVEN DOORS ARE OPEN FOR US
- HOPE OF OUR OWN RESURRECTION

**WHICH ARE THE LITURGIES?**

- † Solemn Mass

**HOW CAN WE LIVE IT?**

- † Contemplating the places where Christ appeared after his Resurrection

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