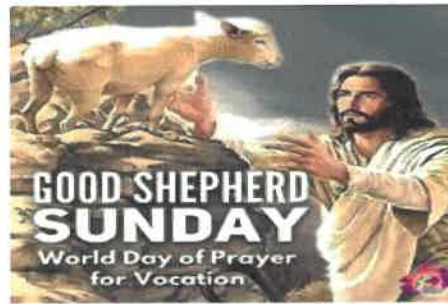


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) April 25, 2021

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkowicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkowicz, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Virgil Burg, Cody Pappenfus (traumatic brain injury), Brayden Harren (SF, cancer treatment at the Mayo), family of +Kya Bartkowicz, Bernadine Bartkowicz (SE, hospitalized with pneumonia), Betty Zwilling (health failing, mother of Kari Hartung SM), family of +Virgil Burg (SM)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,130; Loose \$72.25; Votive \$35.55; Easter \$500 - \$1,737.80
St. Edward: Adult \$1,713; Loose \$63; Votive \$52; Easter \$1,000 - \$2,828.00
St. Francis: Adult \$880; Loose \$61; Votive \$199.28; Easter \$350; Fall Collection \$300 - \$1,790.28

Religious Education

Support our Religious Education

With the news that next year (2021-2022), our parishes will be paying the entire tuition cost for all grades. Each parish will be paying for their own students. Tuition rates have been: \$40-1st child, \$30-2nd child and \$30-3rd child to give you an idea of the expenses in the past. This year, the new program for K-6 will likely be about \$30 more per family. Please make your check out to your parish and leave in marked envelope.

Bulletin Board Information

In the entryways of our churches, please take a few moments to learn more about our religious education curriculum coming to our parishes this fall. This program for grades K-6 is one in which parents will be asked to teach their children at home three weeks of the month. A number of parishes in our diocese have found this to be a great blessing. Please take a prayer card as we pray for the success of this program.

Religious Education Parents

We hope and pray that you will join us for a meeting at St Mary's May 12th at 6:30pm. This will be an opportunity to hear from your new Coordinators: Reba Leither and Tamara Lange. Please come with any questions you may have.

Thank you to everyone who supported the NCYC trip by purchasing softener salt from a student who will be making the trip! Total, \$4,850.20 was raised for the trip.



Over 80 Blessings! (May)
Loretta Petersen (5/17) SE
Bernie Bartkowicz (5/19) SE
Melvin Gerads (5/28) SM



Mass & Devotions Schedule April 26 – May 2, 2021

Monday:	4/26	NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tuesday:	4/27	
St. Mary	6:00pm	† Elaine & Mark Schumer
Wednesday:	4/28	<i>St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>
St. Francis	8:00am	† Deceased Family & Friends of Gilbert & Carol Gerads
Thursday:	4/29	<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>
St. Edward	8:00am	† Edward, Raymond & Gerald Jendro - lone Brezinka
Friday:	4/30	<i>St. Pius V</i>
St. Mary	7:30am	† Cindy Fleischhaker
Saturday:	5/1	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>
St. Edward	4:00pm	† Kya Bartkowicz
Sunday:	5/2	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
St. Francis	8:00am	Thanksgiving - G & MJ Boeckermann
St. Mary	10:00am	First Communion † George Casazza

Religious Education

April 28:

Gr. 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm
Gr. 7 – 10: Class 7:30 – 9pm



Thank you to Bishop Donald Kettler for celebrating Confirmation with us, and thank you to all the priests who concelebrated: Fr. David Grundman, Fr. Jimmy Joseph, Fr. Virgil Helmin, & Fr. Gregory Mastey. Thank you to Chantelle, and everyone who helped prepare our students for Confirmation.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students who were sealed with the Holy Spirit on Tues., April 20.



Back Row (l to r): Luke Harren, Anthony Nienaber, Michael Blonigen, Bennet Pundsack, Levi Lampert, Fr. David

Middle Row (l to r): Bishop Kettler, Cheyenne Wuebkers, Clara Pflueger, Kylie Roerick, Abigail Klein, Zachary Boeckermann, Christian Ripplinger

Front Row (l to r): Emily Blonigen, Kaitlyn George, Gracie George, Jessica Lange

First Communion on May 2!

Please pray for our young people who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time next week:
Megan Becker, Lane Boeckermann, Alba Eggert, Carter Harren, Wyatt Hartung, Haylee Heesen, Wyatt Klase, Katie MacArthur, Abby Rakotz, & Gavin Welinski

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Catholic Home Missions

To think that over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their parishes. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities. If you forgot this weekend that all loose collection will be given to this mission, please leave your gift in the collection next week in a marked envelope.

Graduation Mass Planning

There will be a planning meeting for the Graduation Mass at St. Francis on May 3 at 7:30pm. All Juniors and Parents from all three parishes are asked to attend.

Outdoor Pentecost Graduation Mass at St Francis?

What is the Holy Spirit placing on your heart? We would need not worry about being overcrowded. It would likely be a memory our graduates would never forget. The outdoor Masses in Holdingford are always well attended. In case of rain, we can move easily into the Church. Decorations for Pentecost outdoors would not be as beautiful as in the Church. The choir said that they could make it work outdoors. Come Holy Spirit help us to bring about God's will.

May Edition of Give Us This Day

Remember to get your copy of all the scripture readings weekday and weekend for the Mass. No greater way to grow in your faith than to deepen your love for Jesus through scripture.

Prayer Petition at Mass

Thank you for all the positive words of praying for our elderly on a monthly basis. No doubt, we are forgetting many people, so please contact Fr David or the office. Thanks also for those of you sending b-day greetings to those who are 80 and older. It means to the world to them knowing that they are not forgotten. Fr David first began this in his previous parishes when the pandemic struck.

First Friday Home Visits

May 7 is fast approaching and Fr David will be bringing the sacraments into your homes. It is most important that we do not forget our elders during this time of the pandemic. They need love, prayer and the sacraments to help them remain strong during this time. Please call Fr David or the office if you would like a home visit.

Pandemic Financial Update

As our Finance Councils met the previous week, your generosity leaves us speechless! Amidst this pandemic, the challenges have been many: unable to have our usual parish gatherings/fund raisers in addition to a number of our parishioners are unable to join us for weekend Masses due to the fear of contracting the virus. However, year-end projections are that each of our parishes will have a balanced budget! You are amazing! We are ever grateful! We cannot help, but think when our parishes fully open up once again that we will become even stronger than before!

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, May 2 – 10am – First Communion

EM of HC: Renee Scholz *Lector:* Brian Lange

Greeter: Rosemary Mehr

Ushers: Mitch Lange & Darren Lange

Confessional Updating

It is important that we make both "face-to-face" as well "behind the screen" available to all penitents. This remodeling will make it easier for you to receive Jesus. In addition to Charlie Gunderson doing the necessary carpentry work, we plan to have an electrician install some lights to help people know when the confessional is being used.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, May 1 – 4pm

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann *Lectors:* Tracey Hartung

Greeter: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

In Need of Clothesline?

It is located behind our Rectory. When we put in our new cemetery road, it will be removed. Please contact our Parish Office if you can make use of it.

Outdoor Statue of Mother Mary

Linda Mader, an artist who lives a couple of miles outside of St Francis has a colored outdoor five-foot statue of our Blessed Mother. In her words, "it is exquisite as I never seen anything like it!" The cost is around \$800! Please contact Fr David if you or your family may be interested.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, May 2 – 8am

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida

Lector: Barb Moorman

Greeter: Dan Lange

Fall Festival

There will be a fall festival meeting Mon., April 26 at 7:30pm at church.

Thank you for Religious Ed Commitment

"It is truly amazing how you have paid tuition for your students for so many years! Your generosity has helped encourage our other two parishes this coming year to pay for their student's tuition as well. This is the beauty of us working together more and more for just as each individual have various strengths, so does each parish. This means that there will also be sacrifices such as you will no longer be teaching your children here at St Francis. I just ask for your patience for in time I believe this new program will bring blessings more than we could ever ask or imagine!" Fr David

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

We celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday this weekend, recalling Jesus' promise to protect us from harm, to rescue us when we stray, and to guide us home at the end of the day. Ultimately Jesus laid down His life for us, as He told His disciples that He would do this. We likely come with worries and concerns on our minds especially in light of all the unrest taking place in our country. Let us find comfort in knowing that the Good Shepherd watches over us, providing comfort, protection, guidance, and above all, salvation.

Congratulations to our fifteen young people confirmed with the graces of the Holy Spirit this past week! I loved Bishop Kettler's homily including three points: prayer, witness and service. What more needs to be said? The world needs you, needs your prayers. What are you doing with these gifts of the Holy Spirit? Think about teaching the faith, the Bishop said. What difference are you making by actions? Thanks Chantelle Frie as you really outdid yourself! An amazing night for one and all.

Congrats to our 2nd graders who will be receiving Jesus for the very first time this coming Sunday. Would it not be wonderful to have our dining room and entryway filled with overflow out into the parking lot? For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal. Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted! This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion; it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! Thanks much to our teachers: Janelle Roerick and Jennifer Wensmann.

At least once every three years, current diocesan policy states that we are to participate in a missionary appeal. This is coordinated by our St Cloud Mission Office. This weekend enables us to recognize our catholicity by linking us with members of our family of faith in another part of the world. The weekend of May 15-16, we will welcome the Diocese of Murang'a Kenya to our parishes. Fr Benedict Mwangi will be the mission priest visiting our parishes.

And lastly, I am discerning the scheduling of weekend Mass times beginning the first weekend of July. This has been the traditional time of the year in which our parishes would rotate Mass times. We know that the diocese asks that we have a permanent schedule. The real challenge for our three parishes is to ask one parish to have the Saturday Mass on a permanent basis. So as your Pastor, I plan to make the decision as to what I believe the Holy Spirit is wanting for our three parishes as well as our diocese. As I continue to discern and speak with other priests, please pray that God's will be done.



Powerful moment during Confirmation when the Bishop and priests prayed over the Confirmation students!

St. Mary – May 2021

Sunday, May 2 – 10am – 5th Sunday of Easter

First Communion

EM of HC: Renee Scholz

Lector: Brian Lange

Greeter: Rosemary Mehr

Ushers: Mitch Lange & Darren Lange

Saturday, May 8 – 4pm – 6th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Dave Scholz

Lector: Kim Koehn

Greeters: Rosie Harren

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Saturday, May 15 – 4pm – Ascension of the Lord

EM of HC: Beth Lange

Lector: Jan Kilian

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Saturday, May 22 – 4pm – Pentecost Sunday

EM of HC: Brian Lange

Lector: Michelle Fleischhacker

Greeter: Randy & Jane Tretter

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

Saturday, May 29 – 4pm – The Most Holy Trinity

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch

Lector: Chantelle Frie

Greeter: Elmer Frie

Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

St. Edwards – May 2021

Saturday, May 1 – 4pm – 5th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lectors: Tracey Hartung

Greeter: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Sun., May 9 – 8am – 6th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lector: Jeff Czech

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

Sun., May 16 – 8am – Ascension of the Lord

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Greeter: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Sun., May 23 – 8am – Pentecost Sunday

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeter: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

Sun., May 30 – 8am – The Most Holy Trinity

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lector: Shari Biniek

Greeter: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

St Francis of Assisi – May 2021

May Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners

Sunday, May 2 – 8am – 5th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida

Lector: Barb Moorman

Greeter: Dan Lange

Sunday, May 9 – 10am – 6th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Greeter: Rosanne Voss

Sunday, May 16 – 10am – Ascension of the Lord

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Lector: Holly Keppers

Greeter: Rita Lange

Sunday, May 23 – 10am – Pentecost Sunday

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Greeter: Bob Theisen

Sunday May 30 – 10am – The Most Holy Trinity

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Greeter: Dan Lange



May 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Fr. David Grundman 320-309-4174 Office 573-2132</p> <p>Fr. Gregory Mastey 746-2231 – rectory Office 228-0105</p>	<p>Group Contact Info: Women's Group – Kristin Moltor – evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com Well-Read Mom's – Susan Heroux – (320)224-6052 Youth Praise & Worship – Shelley Vouk – (320)248-2860 Rural Catholic Singles Group – Janel Heinen – (320)290-2877</p>				<p>May 1 & 2 – Consecration to St. Joseph during Mass at AS, IC, SC</p>	<p>1 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SE 5pm Mass – SC</p>
<p>2 8am Mass – SF 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SM First Communion (SM) 10am Mass – IC SF CUF Breakfast 9am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>3 8am Mass – SC Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm (Praise & Worship 7 – 8pm) Women's Group – AS @ 10:30am, IC @ 7pm</p>	<p>4 6pm Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i></p>	<p>5 Cinco de Mayo 8am Mass – SF & AS(SM) <i>(Anointing of the Sick - SF)</i> Adoration Upsala 12noon - 4pm</p>	<p>6 8am Mass – SE <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> 8am Mass – IC Finance Council Meeting – AS, IC, SC – 6:30pm</p>	<p>7 7:30am Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Elmdale 12noon - 4pm</p>	<p>8 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC 8pm - Rural Catholic Singles Group Faith Community Night Out – 5pm</p>
<p>9 Mother's Day 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC</p>	<p>10 8am Mass – SC Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm</p>	<p>11 6pm Mass – SM Adoration St. Francis 7am - 8pm St. Isidore K of C Mass for Vocations – 7pm @ Arban</p>	<p>12 8am Mass – SF 8am Mass – AS(SM) RE Parent Meeting – SM 6:30pm (SE, SF & SM)</p>	<p>13 Ascension of the Lord 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - IC</p>	<p>14 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>15 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC</p>
<p>16 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC</p>	<p>17 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS @ 10:30am, IC @ 7pm</p>	<p>18 6pm Mass – SM 7pm Mass - IC</p>	<p>19 8am Mass – SF 8am Mass – AS(SM)</p>	<p>20 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - IC</p>	<p>21 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>22 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC</p>
<p>23 Pentecost Sunday 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF Senior Mass (SF) 10am Mass – IC</p>	<p>24 8am Mass – SC Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group -- AS @ 10:30am, IC @ 7pm</p>	<p>25 3:30pm – Well-Read Mom's – AS 6pm Mass – SM Graduation Mass 7pm @ Arban for AS, IC & SC</p>	<p>26 8am Mass – SF 8am Mass – AS(SM)</p>	<p>27 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – IC 7pm – Theology on Tap</p>	<p>28 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>29 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC</p>
<p>30 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day 8am Mass – SC</p>	<p>AS – All Saints, Holdingford IC – Immaculate Conception SC – St. Columbkille</p>	<p>SE – St. Edward, Elmdale SF – St. Francis, St. Francis SM – St. Mary, Upsala</p>	<p>Confessions: SE, SF, & SM – before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC – by appointment</p>	<p>Holdingford Office Hours Mon – Wed. 10am – 3pm Thurs. 1 – 5pm</p>	<p>Upsala Office Manager Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri. 8am – 3:30pm</p>