

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Palm Sunday March 28, 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 Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkovicz, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Virgil Burg, Arnold Scholz, Brayden Harren (SF, cancer treatment at the Mayo), Irene Lashinski (SF, hospice), family of +Gilbert Schmitz, family of +Paul Ampe

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2021

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory the Great Council 12604

Booklets will be available at the place of prayer. Divine Mercy Schedule:

4/2/2021	Good Friday	St. Edward	after 7pm Service
4/3/2021	Holy Saturday	St. Francis	3:00pm
4/4/2021	Easter Sunday	Holy Cross	after 10am Mass
4/5/2021	Easter Mon.	St. Stanislaus	6:30pm
4/6/2021	Easter Tues.	St. Mary's	after 6pm Mass
4/7/2021	Easter Wed.	St. Stanislaus	8:00pm
4/8/2021	Easter Thurs.	Holy Cross	6:30pm
4/9/2021	Easter Friday	St. Edward	6:30pm
4/10/2021	Easter Sat.	St. Mary's	after 4pm Mass

NCYC 2021

The National Catholic Youth Conference will be Nov. 18 – 20, 2021. Registration forms have been mailed (on 3/25) to those already expressing interest. Registration forms are due back to the office by **April 9**, as tickets are first come, first serve. If you didn't get one, but would like to go, call the office. Cost this year is \$725, and the first fundraiser is softener salt sales. Sales sheets for the fundraiser are available from the office. Visit the parish website for more info, or talk to any of the 36 students who went in 2019.

If you would like to support our students going to NCYC by purchasing softener salt, contact the office. Sales go until April 19.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (4/7)
St. Edward 12 – 4pm 2nd Fri. (4/9)
St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (4/13)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,023; Loose \$113; Choir \$100; Easter Flowers \$120; Easter \$120 - **\$2,476.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$2,810; Loose \$68; Easter Flowers \$85; Holy Land \$20; Central MN Catholic \$20; Rice Bowl \$50; Easter \$50; CRS \$70 - **\$3,173.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,820; Loose \$77; Easter Flowers \$70; Central MN Catholic \$80 - **\$2,047.00**

Mass & Devotions Schedule March 29 – April 4, 2021

Monday:	3/29	NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tuesday:	3/30	
St. Mary	6:00pm	† Ty Poppenhagen
	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday:	3/31	
St. Francis	8:00am	† Rich Boeckermann
	8:30am	Stations of the Cross
Thursday:	4/1	Holy Thursday
St. Mary	6:00pm	Special Intention
Food Drive in lieu of Washing of Feet		- Dave & Renee Scholz
		Adoration until 8pm ending with Night Prayer
		All Saints (St. Mary) 7pm Adoration until 11pm
St. Francis	8:00pm	Healing & Strength for Brayden
		Adoration until 9:30pm ending with Night Prayer
Friday:	4/2	Good Friday
St. Mary	Noon	No Intention
		Immaculate Conception Noon
St. Columbkille (Outside)	3pm	
St. Edward	7pm	No Intention
Saturday:	4/3	Easter Vigil
St. Mary	7:00pm	People of the Parishes
		Immaculate Conception 8:15pm
Sunday:	4/4	Easter Sunday
Arban (Outside)	6:30am	
St. Francis	7:00am	† Connie, Ethel & Jeff Middendorf - Diane Herzog
St. Mary	8:00am	† Ty Poppenhagen - Amy Poppenhagen
		All Saints (St. Hedwig) 8:30am
St. Edward	10:00am	† Barbara Jendro - Ione Brezinka
St. Columbkille	10:30am	



Religious Education

March 31: No Classes

The Passion of the Christ Movie Nights & Reconciliation Schedule

Sun., March 28: Movie @2pm, Confessions following
Tues., March 30: Movie @ 7pm, Confessions @ 5pm & after movie
Wed., March 31: Movie @ 6pm, Confessions @ 5pm & after movie

Join us at St. Mary's in Upsala!

Additional Confession Times

Sun., March 28: 7 – 9pm at St. Edward

Mon., March 29: 7 – 9pm at St. Francis

Church Closing Times

Starting April 5th, St. Francis and St. Edward's will go back to being open until 8:00pm.



Over 80 Blessings! (April)

Leonard Czech (4/10)
Daniel Gerads (4/10)
Raymond Kurowski (4/11)
Marcie Cichon (4/13)
Nita Roerick (4/13)
Doreen Gerads (4/15)
Charles Cichon (4/30)



THREE SAINTS NEWS

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COUNCIL #12604

The April meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #12604 will be held on Tues., April 6 at 7:30pm, following the Novena at St. Mary's in Upsala.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Thanks to the good many people who received Jesus in this beautiful sacrament! Five of us priests were busy in the confessionals last Sunday for nearly the entire three hours! Time is running out as Easter is fast approaching. Special graces and blessings are available for those who are able to make their Easter duty by going to confession: one hour following the movie "The Passion of Christ", St Edward's tonight (March 28) from 7-9pm; St Francis March 29 from 7-9pm; St Mary's March 31 from 5-6pm." Fr David

Divine Mercy Novena

"In the entrances of our churches, there are a novena pamphlets and holy cards. There are many graces available to those praying this powerful prayer. As we prayed the chaplet at last weekend's Masses, you noticed that it only takes five minutes. Each day for the novena, you are asked to pray two paragraphs. Let's all commit to storming Heaven seeking God's mercy in our families, marriages, singlehood, workplaces, schools, parishes, etc. It begins Good Friday and ends the Sunday after Easter (Mercy Sunday). If your schedule allows, please join the Knights of Columbus in the various parishes."

Update on Coronavirus Protocols

"Recent words from Bishop Kettler: *"With the arrival of spring, I know many parishes are discussing the possibility of having summer and fall festivals or special milestone celebrations. These gatherings can be wonderful community-building and fundraising opportunities. I remained concerned, however, about the threat of COVID-19 that still looms over our communities. Although vaccines are becoming more widely available, it will still be some time before everyone has an opportunity to receive one. Recent news reports the possible threat this may pose to more vulnerable populations. Parish festivals also add a layer of unpredictability when it comes to physical distancing as well as risks related to food and beverage service/consumption and sanitization. Therefore, at this time, in the interest of health and safety, festivals and similar parish celebrations remain prohibited until further notice. In lieu of these celebrations, I encourage parishes to consider organizing raffles (as some of you did last year) and drive-thru/takeout food options. Funeral luncheons and wedding receptions also remain prohibited until further notice. Church capacity limits lifted, please note, however, that worship services still must follow the diocese's social-distancing and mask requirements."* He spoke about how the sprinkling rite can be used in Masses. Protocols for Mass Servers remain in place. All are encouraged to use sanitizer when entering the church building as a further way to limit the spread of the virus.

Good Friday Home Visits

"Please give me a call if you or your loved one is interested in receiving the sacraments. Your loved ones need not even be from our parishes. Our elders need to be receiving Jesus as there is no greater strength and healing than in the sacraments: Anointing, Confession and Eucharist. I will be making my regular First Friday visits, so I may be forced to have some visits on Holy Thursday." Fr David

Have a Party?

If you have an upcoming spring party, St. Francis has tables, chairs, and tents to rent out. Chairs are \$.50 each, 150 available; tables are \$5.00 each, 11 available; tents are \$20 per 10' section, 60 ft available. Call Bob at 573-2933 to save a date.

Large Votive Candle Holders

Red candle holders are available to hold the tall Votive candles. They are \$3 each. Contact Bob 573-2933.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

See the chart below for Ministry Schedules

Eternal Rest to Paul

+ Paul Ampe went Home to Jesus. He was only 68 years old as he had pancreatic cancer. He was struck down unexpectedly by pancreatic cancer in November, 2020 and struggled with dignity and grace, always kind, patient and respectful of his caregivers. His funeral will be here March 31 at 11am. Visitation will take place here March 29 from 4-8pm.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

See the chart below for Ministry Schedules

Cemetery Maintenance

Spring is in the air means our committee will be looking into when to get started on this project. We had a great winter of people praying and people giving so much money for this work. I just heard back from the St Cloud Bookshop and the cost of five-foot outdoor statues of Sacred Heart or Blessed Mother are most likely are too steep as the cost for each one: Resin: \$6-8,000 pending monotone or full color; Marble: \$10,000 or Bronze: \$13,000.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

See the chart below for Ministry Schedules

CUF & Christian Women Meeting

The CUF and Christina Women will have a meeting on Mon., April 5 at 8pm in the church basement.

Journey with Jesus To Calvary

Bishop Kettler sends his prayers and blessings to all who helped to make this such a powerful Lenten experience for so many people. He regrets that it is not happening this year as he was planning to come this past Wednesday. And yet, he agrees that it was very wise not to schedule it in light of the virus.

Eternal Rest to Gilbert

+ Gilbert Schmitz went Home to Jesus. He was only 65 years old. He farmed all his life on the family farm in Krain Township. Please keep his siblings from our parish in your prayers: "Reno", Isadore and LeRoy. Their brother + John went Home to Jesus in 2012 and he was only 61 years old. Memorial Cards for Gilbert are in the entrance of the church.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

With our palm branches handed out at the end of Mass due to the pandemic, instead of shouting hosannas, we do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that Jesus' arrival is also His entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. No doubt this past year, each one of us and some parishioners more than others have been through their own feelings of abandonment and agony. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

I hope that you will be able to join us Holy Thursday when we celebrate the great and grave feast of the Last Supper. Jesus gives us His body and blood, serves us through His ordained priests, and completes His gift of love by commanding us to love one another as He has loved us. Remember to bring non-perishable food items which will later be distributed to the Food Shelves in Morrison County and Holdingford. During Offertory, everyone will be invited to come forward to the altar with their donation as the ushers will not be taking up collection. If you prefer cash donation, there will be a basket available. Please stay for a time in adoration with us. It would be great if you could stay or come back to join us with 'Night Prayer'.

On Good Friday, we do not have Mass. Mass is offering of Calvary renewed. With no Mass, it is as if Good Friday Calvary bursts into every time and place to that we stand at the very foot of Christ's cross while He offers His sacrifice for our redemption. The account of His wounds and His death is read, and we reverence His cross and receive His body and blood in the Blessed Sacrament. And then in the evening liturgy of Holy Saturday, we make the final preparation for the glory of our Lord's resurrection. The mystery of our faith is the mystery of suffering love triumphant. Holy Week is the invitation to share in this mystery to shore us up in our sufferings and our faith.

	Holy Thursday		Good Friday		Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday		
	St. Mary	St. Francis	St. Mary	St. Edward	St. Mary	St. Francis	St. Mary	St. Edward
EM of HC	Beth Lange	Mary Jane Boeckermann	Brian Lange	Dorene Czeck	Karen Liebsch	Joyce Koopmeiners	Jan Kilian	Julie Wensmann
Lectors	Leonice Prokott	Holly Keppers	Brian Lange & Kim Koehn	Shari Biniek & Tracey Hartung	Chantelle Frie & Michelle Fleischacker	Barb Moorman	Jan Kilian	Adeline Molus
Greeters	Jan Kilian	Dan Lange	Rosemay Mehr	Sally Schleper	Nathan & Laura Ripplinger	Rosanne Voss	Rosie Harren	Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers	Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen	Roger & Kathy Thell	Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger	Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott	Mitch Lange & Darren Lange	Roger & Kathy Thell	Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger	Jeron Wensmann & Jeff Czech

April 2021

Holdringford
Office Hours
 Mon – Wed.
 10am – 3pm
 Thurs. 1 – 5pm

AS – All Saints, Holdringford
 IC – Immaculate Conception
 SC – St. Columbkille

Confessions: SE, SF, & SM – before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC – by appointment

SE – St. Edward, Elmdale
 SF – St. Francis, St. Francis
 SM – St. Mary, Upsala

Upsala Office
Manager Hours
 Mon, Thurs, Fri.
 8am – 3:30pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Easter Sunday 6:30am Mass – Arban (outside) 7am Mass – SF 8am Mass – SM 8:30am Mass – AS(SH) 10am Mass – SE 10:30am Mass - SC</p>	<p>5 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm (Praise & Worship 7 – 8pm) Women's Group – AS 7pm</p>	<p>6 Women's Group – AS 10:30am 6pm Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i></p>	<p>7 8am Mass – SF & AS(SM) <i>(Anointing of the Sick - SF)</i> Adoration Upsala 12noon - 4pm RE: Gr 1-6 SM & SF Gr. 2 – AS, IC & SC</p>	<p>1 Holy Thursday 6pm Mass – SM (Adoration until 8pm) 7pm Mass – AS(SM) (Adoration until 11pm) 8pm Mass – SF (Adoration until 9:30pm)</p>	<p>2 Good Friday Services: Noon – SM Noon – IC 3pm – SC (outside) 7pm - SE</p>	<p>3 Easter Vigil! 7pm Mass – SM 8:15pm Mass – IC</p>
<p>Fr. David Grundman 320-309-4174 Office 573-2132 Fr. Gregory Mastey 746-2231 – rectory Office 228-0105</p>	<p>Group Contact Info: Women's Group – Kristin Moitor – 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>11 Divine Mercy Sunday 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC</p>	<p>12 8am Mass – SC Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm SM Finance Council Mtg – 7pm</p>	<p>13 6pm Mass – SM Adoration St. Francis 7am - 8pm 7pm Mass – AS (SH) SE Finance Council Mtg – 6:30pm SF Finance Council Mtg – 8pm</p>	<p>14 8am Mass – SF 8am Mass – AS(SM) RE: Gr 1-10 SM & SF AS, IC, & SC; G.I.F.F.T. night @ AS(SM) 6:30 – 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - IC</p>	<p>16 7:30am Mass – SM Adoration Elmdale 12noon - 4pm</p>	<p>17 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC 8pm - Rural Catholic Singles Group</p>
<p>18 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC</p>	<p>19 8am Mass – SC Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 7pm</p>	<p>20 Women's Group – AS 10:30am 6pm Mass – SM Confirmation: SE, SF & SM @ St. Stan, Sobieski – 7pm</p>	<p>21 8am Mass – SF & AS(SM) RE: Gr 1-6 SM & SF Gr. 2 – AS, IC & SC</p>	<p>22 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - IC</p>	<p>23 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>24 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC First Communion - SC</p>
<p>25 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) First Communion - AS 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass – IC First Communion - IC</p>	<p>26 8am Mass – SC Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm</p>	<p>27 3:30pm – Well-Read Mom's – AS 6pm Mass – SM 7pm Mass - IC</p>	<p>28 8am Mass – SF 8am Mass – AS(SM) RE: Gr. 1 - 10 – SM & SF First Communion Practice (SM) Gr. 2 – AS, IC & SC</p>	<p>29 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - IC</p>	<p>30 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	