

The Catholic Churches

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Francis ~ 7:15-7:45 pm,
Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary ~ 9:15-9:45 am
Tuesday St. Mary ~ 5- 5:45 pm

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
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(SE) Sally Schleper 573– 2127

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.

Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon

Upcoming Events

April 13: Guest Speaker for K-10: 7-8:30pm, All are invited!
April 22: Spaghetti Supper at St Edward's 5-7:30pm
April 23: First Communion Retreat at St Mary's 9-10:30am
April 24: 6pm Youth Mass at St Mary's
May 1: First Communion Masses:
10am St Mary's & 2pm St Francis
May 5: National Day of Prayer @ Veteran Memorial at 7am
May 7: Elementary-aged kids and their families are invited to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd at the Westrich Farm 9am-12:30pm. RSVP by April 22: stcdio.org/ShepherdisCalling

Three Saints News

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

Pamphlets are in our churches. If you forgot to start Good Friday, start now as there are still graces. Fourth Day is Easter Monday. Chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads with a specific intention each day.

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 24th 12noon-4pm

Come to St Stanislaus Church in Sobieski for Confession during these four hours. Exposition and Adoration from until 3pm. Chaplet and closing prayers at 3pm with a reception to follow.



The Knights of Columbus will lead us in the Divine Mercy Novena in our parishes:

4/17 – Bowlus 9am following Mass
4/18 – North Prairie 7pm
4/19 – Upsala following 6:30 Mass
4/20 and 4/21 – Elmdale 7pm
4/22 – Bowlus 7pm
4/23 – North Prairie 7pm

Synod Listening Sessions in Holdingford: Immaculate

Conception: April 28 at 9:30 am, St. Columbkille: May 1 at 6 pm,
All Saints- St. Mary: May 3 at 7:30 pm and May 14 (Singles group) at 7 pm.

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, Carol Langner, In Thanksgiving: Brayden Harren & Millie Spring: Cancer: FREE, Judy Gerads (SF, recovery), Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM, recovery from Covid), Dennis Biniek (SE, recovery from colon cancer) Family of +Marcella Vos (sister of Valeria Lehner, SF), **Family of + Claude Yurczyk.**



He is
Risen!

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Monday 4/18		
7 pm St. Mary		Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday 4/19		
6 pm St. Mary	†	Paul Ampe
6:30 pm St. Edward		Finance Committee Meeting
8 pm St. Francis		Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4/20		
8 am St. Francis	†	Audrey Pflueger
Thursday 4/21		
8 am St. Edward	†	Joe Korman
Friday 4/22		
7:30 am	†	Mark Kociemba
5-7:30 pm St. Edward		Spaghetti Supper
Weekend Masses		Divine Mercy Sunday
Saturday 4/23		Catholic Home Missions Collection
9-10:30 am St. Mary		1st Communion Retreat
8 pm St. Francis	†	Paul & Ginger Keppers (Coffee Sale)
Sunday 4/24		Catholic Home Missions Collection
8 am St. Edward		For the People (Coffee Sale)
10 am St. Mary	†	Virgil Burg (Coffee Sale)
6 pm St. Mary		Youth Mass †Brian Wensmann

Faith Formation

K-6: April 27: Classroom lesson: The Trinity: Now, That's a Mystery.

2nd graders: April 23 First Communion Retreat 9-10:30 am at St Mary's.

Grades 7-10: April 20 7:30-8:30pm, Year End Party

Thanks to all teachers, students and parents who helped make this past year most special. It was filled with many challenges. Come join us for a time of refreshments and treats

Youth News

Sunday Night Youth Mass: April 24 @ 6pm

We have only two Youth Masses remaining until summer. Come to St Mary's and meet other youth for a time of adoration along with praise and worship music!

Youth Center @ Upsala Rec

Two weeks ago, our first afternoon, we had about 15 youth gathered from 3:15-6pm including boards games, ping pong, foosball, etc. Youth Pastor Zach (763-242-7237) from Community Covenant is most encouraged. They will meet Tuesdays and Thursday through the month of May. They are in need of adult volunteers to help supervise.

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 at the Church of St. Benedict's in Avon. All are Welcome! Free will offering.

Hospice Volunteers

There are opportunities in the Upsala area for Hospice Volunteers who provide companionship for a couple of hours per week to give caregivers a brief respite. Contact Centracare Hospice at (320) 259-9375 to volunteer today.

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join us for prayers, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59 years old. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7 pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church Basement in Holdingford. Contact Janel 290-2877.

May 14th: Synod Listening– Single Catholics vision

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., April 24th, 8:00 am Divine Mercy Sunday

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Adeline Molus

Server: Isaac Harren

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Chuck & Sheila Biniek

Spaghetti Supper: Friday, April 22 from 5-7:30pm

The tastiest spaghetti sauce ever! Due to the pandemic, we haven't served this for two years! Also, exquisite garlic toast, the freshest lettuce salad ever, heavenly desserts and beverages to simply die for!

Listening Session: April 25 @ 7pm

This is an opportunity for you to give voice to some of your concerns, speak about your hopes and dreams for your Church. How can we build better trust? In 2023, Bishops will meet in Rome reflecting upon your input.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sat., April 23rd, 8:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Barb Moorman

Server: Volunteers

Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

Gift Bearers: Craig & Rosanne Voss

Listening Session: April 27 @ 8:30am

All churches throughout the world are being asked to gather and reflect upon where the Holy Spirit may be guiding us. You need not attend your church. Where ever you may feel led from the Holdingford area churches, Little Falls, Albany, Freeport, etc. These sessions are 60-90 minutes in length.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sun., April 24th, 10:00 am Divine Mercy Sunday

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Tom Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Rosemary Mehr

Gift Bearers: Tom & Theresa Lange

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

A big THANK YOU to all of those who helped and supported the St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle! It was another huge success thanks to all of you! Thank you as well to the committee members for your devotion to this big event. What a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

Listening Session: April 26 @ 6:30pm

All people, not just our parishioners are encouraged to join us. Non-believers, different denominations or Catholics who don't regularly attend Mass are welcomed to join us. We need every-one to be part of this as we don't have all the answers.

Volunteers to Lock/Unlock Church

We need help in this area. Perhaps you can do one or two days? Please contact the office or Fr David

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: April 23/24

Did you know that nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need? Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal next week-end.

Counseling Available in Our Area

Have you ever wanted to talk a professional about your struggles? Paula Johnson, MS, MA, LMFT offers Christian Counseling at Holy Family Church on Wednesday and Thursday. Call 320-253-3540 or check online at: TheCenterForFamilyCounseling.com.

Spring Senior Day: May 17

Pamphlets in the entrance of our churches. There is also a Seniors Retreat May 16-19. This takes place at Camp Lebanon. For more information: 320-403-9555.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 10, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$644 Loose: \$74.89, Easter: \$20 Easter Flowers \$60 Total: **\$ 798.89**

St. Francis: Adult: \$715, Loose: \$106, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Rice Bowl: \$20, Easter: \$150, Good Friday Holy Land: \$10 Total: **\$1,021**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,686 Loose: \$189 Easter Flowers: \$25 Total: **\$1,900** Raffle: \$20,000 Meal: \$7,721 Total: **\$27,721**

Three Saints News

“Journey with Jesus to Calvary” A big thank you to everyone who made this year's “Journey with Jesus to Calvary” a big success. We had many people who came for the first time and were very moved by our presentation of Jesus' Passion. We all came together and put on a show that we should be proud of. The attendance for the 4 shows was 530 people (and 1 dog). Thank you so much again and may your truly experience God's love and joy this Easter.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women new deanery will hold there Spring board meeting on Thursday April 21, at 7 pm in St Francis. This includes the parishes of St Marys, St. Edward's and St Francis. All women are welcome to attend. Will be asking for volunteers to help with the annual Fun, food & fund day, Thursday 6/16 in Melrose.

Totus Tuus Helpers Needed: June 11-17

Are you able to volunteer to help out with this summer Vacation Bible School? It will be taking place at St Mary's in Upsala this summer. We will financially \$\$\$ reimburse you for your help! Young people this would be a great learning opportunity to put on your resume.

Mass Intentions Sent to Mission Office

With us sending 144 Masses to the missions, no doubt you have a strong devotion to the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is central to our faith as we know there are no greater graces that we can give to + our loved ones. Most parishes have a limit to the number of Masses which can be said in a given year. Three a year for an individual/couple is oftentimes the norm. To date, we have not set a limit. Please be conscious of this as many people who only offer a few Masses each year are finding it hard to get a Mass said.

Notes from Fr David

Easter Sunday, He is risen! Jesus is not dead! Our Savior has conquered death and been raised to new life. Since we are all baptized into His death, we are all raised to new life in Him. God's love and mercy has been poured out on us all, for us all, so that we may live, as St Paul wrote, “in newness of life.” In that newness of life, we come together to celebrate at this most glorious feast, singing of our joy and thanksgiving. It so refreshing to welcome back our Alleluias!

This past week was most amazing as there were ‘Resurrection Graces’ flowing! The Smelt/Fish Fry in St Mary's had so much positivity flowing with the great number of people working! So many of the people helping out brought a new energy to our faith community. It was especially most gratifying in seeing all the youth and children working hard. The people came for a meal and stayed visiting for hours! The phenomenal performances of “Journey with Jesus to Calvary” was truly off the charts! People were emotionally, spiritually and physically moved by reenactment of the passion. Many tears were shed. Next year, all our religious education students will be attending and hopefully being apart of this most important ministry. Bob Theisen, I think that you all need to take this on road! No doubt, that's just what the good people of St Francis need is another commitment?

So many things happening at the same time. Did you see “Camp Rock” at Upsala High School this past week? Your youth have so many gifts and talents! It was great to see a number of our parishioners: Noah Boeckermann, Paige Gerads, Jessi Lange, Hannah Luedtke, Hailie Luedtke, Eli Roerick and Natalie Wensmann. Thanks to the Upsala High School Drama Club for putting on another memorable performance. It is most encouraging that the “Arts and Drama Education” are a strong component within our school.

Remember that we have the Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection next weekend. Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Did you know that in southwestern Michigan, 21,000 Hispanic migrants come to the area to work on the farms that grow berries, apples, cherries, and other fruit crops? For the entire May-November growing season, their diocese works proactively to meet the unique pastoral needs of migrant workers through its Office of Hispanic Ministry.