



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward Elmdale St. Francis of Assisi St. Francis St. Mary Upsala



First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Sunday: St. Francis: 7:15 -7:45 a.m., St. Mary: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Three Saints News

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m.

3/3 St. Mary 3/10 St. Francis 3/17 St. Edward 3/24 St. Mary

Bishop's Annual Appeal

This is Announcement Weekend for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with the envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Visit: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal to find out more.

End of Life Workshop: February 28th

Catholic United Financial is offering a free workshop at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Upsala. Typical questions about end-of-life issues are: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Join us to become informed about these issues. To save your seat please RSVP to 1-800-441-9949 or workshops@catholicunited.org

ACC Meeting: March 14th

ACC Members - Please mark your calendars. Our meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

40 Days for Life

Our Lenten Campaign goes through April 2nd. Please join fellow parishioners with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) on Thursday Afternoons from 1:00-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or for more information, please call Marilou Sommers 247-9838.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Scepaniak, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Herbie Gerads

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 2/28</u>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Sharon Heim ~Beth Lange Family
<u>Wednesday 3/1</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Arnold Scholz *Stations of the Cross after Mass
<u>Thursday 3/2</u>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	LeRoy Harren *Stations of the Cross after Mass
<u>Friday 3/3</u>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary 7:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Phyllis Vornbrock *Stations of the Cross
Weekend Masses		Second Sunday of Lent
<u>Saturday 3/4</u>		
10 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Edward	†	For the Residents Joe & Angie Korman ~Linda Langer
<u>Sunday 3/5</u>		
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	†	For the People Joe, Elaine, Mark Schumer

Faith Formation: March 1st

All are welcome to join Faith Formation classes to listen to our speaker, Jen Messing at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Jen's topic is *The Theology of the Body 101: Love, Identity & Purpose*. See our website for additional information.

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: March 5th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday. Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

Praise and Adoration: March 6

Join the Holdingford parishes at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints - St. Mary's. There will be music and of course, **Jesus!**

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC on our website or go to:

NCYC 2023 Sign Up. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023.

Totus Tuus 2023 Leaders

Are you a Young Adults interested in leading youth in a fun and faith filled program this summer? You can learn more on our website. To apply: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: March 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for young adults ages 18-30 who are looking to socialize with others. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays alternating between All Saints-St. Mary's and St. Mary, Upsala. Our March 18th meeting is at St. Mary's, Upsala. Call or text Janel (320) 290-2877 for questions.

Seminary Visits

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary visit is March 18th-20th. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, Adoration & discernment talks, Please contact Fr. Doug at the Vocation Office at (320) 251-5001 if interested in attending.

Thank you

Will you be so kind as to thank Bethany Lange, owner of Buffy's Bar in Upsala for donating the wine for the Valentine's Dinner on Saturday Feb 11? That is VERY kind of her and sales of the wine went directly toward the *Youth!*

Area Events

Freeport Lions Club Breakfast: March 12th 8:30 a.m. - Noon
Sacred Heart Church Basement, Freeport, Serving Swany White Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, potatoes & Beverages
Adults: \$10, Children age 5-12: \$4 and under 5: FREE.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, March 4th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lector: Tracey Hartung

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Brad & Crystal Hartung

Saturday Mass Time

Please note that the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will change to 8:00 p.m. on March 18th.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

March Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

March Bank Deposit: LeRoy Pflueger

Sunday, March 5th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Joe & Barb Fuchs

St. Francis CUF Matching Grant breakfast: February 26th

We will serve our annual breakfast in the St. Francis Church Basement from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Menu consists of sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls from Albany Home Bakery along with all the toppings & beverages. Free Will offering to support our Religious Education program. Worker info: Men & boys of the parish are asked to help. 1st shift A - L 8-10:30 a.m. 2nd Shift M-Z 10:30 a.m. until done. Anyone interested in donating towards the breakfast contact Chad Koopmeiners 293-7092 or Bob Theisen 573-2933.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

There is still time. If you want to be a part of the 2023 "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" Performances. Call Bob at 573-2933. We can use your help on stage, back stage or in the choir. Costume fitting is on Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The main actors meet on Sunday, March 5th for the last time. On Saturday, March 11th at 10:00 a.m. everyone will meet. We only have 3 scheduled practices with everyone so it is important that you try to make it.

Performances:

Wednesday, March 29th - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31st - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1st - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2nd - 1:00 p.m.

Admission is Free. The performance lasts about 1 1/2 hours.

Cookies, milk and coffee are served after the Sunday performance.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, March 5th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Dave Scholz

Lector: Mary Frie

Servers: Emily Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp

Gift Bearers: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

We Found our Weekly Cleaner!

Praise the Lord as our parishioner Linda Langner stepped forward! Please extend a heartfelt thanks for her willingness to serve in this ministry. Thank God as she was the only person that applied. She currently cleans for other businesses/homes including St Edward's Church and the Priest's house, so we know that she will do a great job. It has been great that Nicole Frie continues to assist during this time of transition. Please remain patient with us for the next few weeks.

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 19, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$770, Loose: \$84, Central MN Catholic: \$90
Total: \$944

St. Francis: Adult: \$365, Loose: \$67, Rent: \$150 **Total: \$582**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,436, Loose: \$162, Central MN Catholic: \$80, Funeral Lunch: \$20 **Total: \$2,698**

ST MARY'S NEWS continued

Annual Smelt Fish Fry & Raffle

On Friday, March 31st, St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having its 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. 4-8:00 p.m. with the cash raffle at 7:30 p.m. We will be selling raffle tickets after St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Mass starting Sunday, February 19th. Tickets are \$100 each. The tickets will also be available at Nelson Insurance, the parish office and after 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday until the raffle. It would be great if each family bought or sold at least one ticket! Thank you in advance for your support.

Area Events

Cor Jesu: March 3rd

Cor Jesu, Latin for "Heart of Jesus," is an opportunity to encounter Jesus's merciful love in the Eucharist and meet him face to face. Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints, Holdingford with Adoration and Reconciliation to follow.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: March 11th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Join for Fellowship, snacks & games. Call or text Janel (320)-290-2877 for more information.

SkyWarn spotter Training: March 12th

St. Mary's, Upsala from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Tom Kilian (320) 232-5705 to register. All are welcome. This is a free event where you can help spot approaching storms.

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Retreat:

Dana Webskowski, will be the featured speaker at our Lenten Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud on Saturday, **March 18th**. "Be Still and Know that I am God" is the theme of the day and Dana will guide the attendees to do just that during her morning presentation and again, through musical adoration following lunch. Dana's mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Contact: Pat Kasella, (320) 584-5120. Details can be found at <https://stcldio.org/event/dccw-womens-lenten-retreat-2/>.

Notes from Father David

The Holy Spirit gathers us together this weekend as we begin this forty-day season of Lent. Lent is full of temptations, and we are especially aware of them during Lent. We are tempted to do things we find desirable, even when we know they're wrong. We are tempted to avoid things that undesirable, even when we know they're the right thing to do. This weekend we hear the serpent successfully tempt Adam and Eve and the devil unsuccessfully tempt Jesus. May the Holy Spirit, who accompanied Jesus in the desert and accompanies us wherever we go, give us the strength to resist temptation.

Commitment Weekend (March 3-4) is approaching for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is important that each of us hear the call to share our gifts in support of our Catholic faith. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a very effective way to support services that the diocese provides to our parishes as well as vital ministries throughout the 16 counties of the Diocese of St Cloud. All parishes within our diocese' participation can be in the form on a monetary gift, but please know that we also deeply appreciate those of you who pray for the Appeal and the ministries it supports. We will have an audio message following the homily including hearing a few words from Bishop Patrick Neary! In St Mary's at our 10am Mass, we will have a video on our big screens and actually see Bishop Patrick as we hear this message.

After much prayer and reflection, I am nearing completion for our upcoming Easter Triduum schedule. We will have a total of seven liturgies. There will be two Holy Thursday celebrations, two Good Friday Services, one Easter Vigil and two Easter Sunday Masses. The first question I struggled with is the location for the Easter Vigil Saturday evening. It has been determined that it will take place at St Edward's in Elmdale. Most likely we will have an individual receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion Confirmation! Praise the Lord! This person would like to have this happen in their home parish. In addition, the Becker family from St Francis are committed to sing for the Easter Vigil in Sauk Centre.