

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

Mass & Devotions Schedule

May 10 - 16, 2021

Monday: 5/10 *St. Damien de Veuster*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 5/11
St. Mary 6:00pm Special Intention
- Mary Koczur

St. Francis 7am – Adoration, 8pm - Benediction

Wednesday: 5/12 *Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, & Pancras*
St. Francis 8:00am † Tony & Edna Boeckermann
- G & MJ Boeckermann

Thursday: 5/13 *Ascension of the Lord*
Our Lady of Fatima

St. Edward 8:00am † Judie Hennes
- Ione Brezinka

Friday: 5/14 *St. Matthias*
St. Mary 7:30am † Rich Boeckermann

Saturday: 5/15 *St. Isidore*
St. Mary 4:00pm † Harold & Flor Roelike & Paul
- MJ Blonigen

Sunday: 5/16 *Ascension of the Lord*

St. Edward 8:00am People of the Parishes

St. Francis 10:00am † Gilbert Roerick
- Janelle Roerick

Family Formation

May 12:

Parent Meeting – 6:30pm at St. Mary's



Upcoming Parent Meeting

All parents are expected to attend our meeting: May 12th at 6:30pm in St. Mary's. In fact, it would be great if the entire parish would join us to learn more about our new curriculum for 2021-2022! Come and meet our new coordinators: Reba Leither and Tamara Lange. Join us as pray and see how we can help our children, young people, parents and parishioners deepen our love for the Catholic faith.

Youth News

Summer Vacation Bible

We hope and pray that all of our children and young people will be able to join us as Totus Tuus comes again to our parishes as well as the Holdingford area parishes: July 17-23.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the Herzog's for providing the skid loader and to Nick for skillfully unloading the pallets of softener salt from the semi truck and loading them onto trailers for the NCYC fundraiser. Also, thank you to everyone who supported the students and purchased salt!

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, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Cody Pappenfus (SE, traumatic brain injury), Brayden Harren (SF, home until mid-June), Bernadine Bartkovicz (soon back to Serenity Village in Avon), Betty Zwilling (waiting to go home to Jesus), family of +Virgil Burg (SM), Bruce Wolters (Bowlus, 2nd & 3rd degree burns), Karen Liebsch (SM, hospitalized, heart condition)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$2,394; Loose \$242; Religious Education \$100; Online \$180 - **\$2,916.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$910; Loose \$149.25; Votive \$55.51; Cemetery Maintenance \$100; Online \$145.00 – **\$1,359.76**

St. Francis: Adult \$140; Loose \$57; Votive \$119.11; Online \$100 - **\$416.11**



Congratulations to the First Communicants!

Back row (l to r): Fr. David, Wyatt Klasen, Wyatt Hartung, Carter Harren, Lane Boeckermann & Gavin Welinski

Front row (l to r): Alba Eggert, Abby Rakotz, Katie MacArthur, Megan Becker & Haylee Heesen

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Jeron Wiechman & Kelly Schmitz May 22 @ St. Francis

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Mission Appeal Weekend: May 15-16

We hope that you can join us next weekend as Fr Benedict comes to speak to us about his diocese in Kenya, Africa. He will address various needs of his people who at times are struggling greatly. Please make your check out to your parish. Our office will make out one check to the mission office who then forwards it to Fr Benedict's diocese. Ushers, please note that there will be a second collection following holy communion in all parishes.

Home Cooked Meal for Fr Benedict?

Many of you remember Fr John from Homa Bay as he would say that he loved nothing more than "koo-koo" (chicken) 🐔. Might you consider hosting Fr Benedict over this weekend (May 15-16)? Please contact the office if interested.

Retired Priest Help

Thanks to Fr Virgil Helmin (293-6220) from Upsala will be available May 13-17 with Fr David being out-of-town for a few days. In case of emergency, please reach out to him.

Baccalaureate Service

We hope that all our high school graduates and their parents will join us Sunday, May 16th at 8pm in Community Covenant Church. It is great to have two of our very own seniors reading scripture: Shanna Dobmeier (SF) and Anna Blonigen (SE). This is a great time to honor our graduates before they begin their next journey in life.

Graduation Mass Rescheduled

Due to a conflict in the calendar, it was necessary that we reschedule this to Memorial Day Weekend: May 30th at 10am Mass in St Francis. Sorry about the inconvenience as it could not be helped. We will have the Mass outdoors weather permitting.

Memorial Day Celebrations

No better way to begin than with the Holy Mass: May 31st at 9am in St Mary's. Upsala American Legion Post 350 will have a Commemoration at 10am in Upsala High School. There will be Memorial Service following at our Veteran's Memorial including the National Anthem, Presentation of Flags and Flowers, Firing Squad Salute and Taps. Afterwards, all are invited to the Upsala Recreation Building for lunch.

Peter's Pence Collection

We apologize as you have been asked to give a lot with the Catholic Home Mission a few weeks back, next Sunday with Fr Benedict coming and then May 23/23 for the "Holy Father Peter's Pence" collection. Simply give as you are able for God does not ask any more than that.

Team Brayden's Haircut

Are you interested in joining Brayden as he and his family stands up against cancer? Fr David was going to charge \$1 for shaving your head as he has his own clippers. However, after much prayer he decided that he will shave your head for free! 😊

Knights of Columbus Council 12604

Planning for the ditch clean up May 15th at 10am. If you can't help and/or have questions call Jeff, 630-2753.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Saturday, May 15 – 4pm

EM of HC: Beth Lange Lector: Jan Kilian
Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger
Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., May 16 – 8am

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Adeline Molus
Greeter: Raymond Kokett
Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Cemetery Maintenance

"Did you notice that the past two weeks, another \$1,100 came in for our maintenance? Praise God our total amount given stands at \$11,925! You are amazing. At this time, there is no further need for more donations. Road construction is set to begin within the next few weeks. Lastly, the beautiful statue of 'Our Lady of Grace' has been spoken for as it will be most beautiful having statues in our cemetery." Fr David

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, May 16 – 10am

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Lector: Holly Keppers Greeter: Rita Lange

Outdoor Graduate Mass

We hope that all will join us Sunday, May 30th for our 10am Outdoor Mass as we mark the end of Easter! In light of the pandemic, we plan to have our 10am Mass outdoors through the month of June. July will mark a new Mass schedule as you will be asked to have the Saturday for the next year. What time would work best for our parishes?

Brayden's Prayer Cards

As you notice in the entrance of all our churches the St Francis Christian Women made these beautiful prayer cards. They ordered 500 and we love nothing more than have to reorder another 500! Please, please take a number of them and hand them out to others. Take bunches of them to neighboring parishes. They will also be available in the Central Office.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to remain in His love as He remains in His Father's love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first lasting bond we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted as mothers in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ's love.

Congratulation to our 10 First Communicants, Parents, Teachers, Coordinators and all family members who helped make this day unforgettable! I pray that our children's love for the Eucharist spurs us to deepen our love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Our diocese asks that we have a 'Mission Appeal' every three years and they assign a given missionary group. We are blessed to welcome Fr Benedict to our parishes May 15-16: "Our Diocese is in Kenya (East Africa) and it covers an area of 25,000 miles with 44 parishes that are run by diocesan priests and missionary priests. It has 99 diocesan priests, 13 missionary priests, 12 religious congregations, one newly established congregation for women, two diocesan hospitals, one missionary hospital, and 14 dispensaries. It also sponsors several Primary Schools and Secondary Schools, two Schools for the Deaf, three Special Education Schools, all in two big districts." There will be a second collection.

After much prayer, discussions and discernment, I have made the decision that one of our Churches will have a permanent Mass time while two of our parishes will still alternate every year between the Saturday Mass and the 8am Sunday Mass. St Edward's and St Francis will be asked to do the later. St Mary's will have the permanent 10am Mass on Sundays. One could see this as somewhat of a compromise between the schedule our parishes have been doing and what the Planning Office of the Diocese is asking of us. In talking with neighboring pastors in Randall and Royalton, they are doing something similar to what we will implement, that is, one parish is permanent while the other two alternates. No doubt this is not fair. We are all called to sacrifice. I firmly believe that this is the best for our Three Saint Parishes.

When will this begin? The month of July. For the month of June, we will have our 10am Mass outdoors at St Francis. Please remember to bring a lawn chair. I ask for your patience as we move forward. It is great seeing our churches become more filled. Continue to spread the word and keep inviting people to join us for Holy Mass. Let us pray that before long this pandemic will take leave and our lives will return better than ever!

Next on my agenda is to begin scheduling Masses in our cemeteries. I think that it is ever important that we pray and spend time with our deceased loved ones. There are many graces available when we deepen our relationship with them along with all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.