

The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

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Emergencies only after 9pm

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Edward 7 – 7:45pm
Sunday St. Francis 7:15 – 7:45am
Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch: 573-4127 Kathy Koehn: 573-2363
Judy Theisen: 573-2933 Joyce Koopmeiners: 573-2728

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and MUST call the Pastor before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office three months before desired baptism date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled.

Divine Mercy Novena (continued from the right)

Due to the situation with the Coronavirus, the Novena will be held at St. Mary's, Upsala only. Devotions on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday will be livestream only.

Please do your best to keep yourself informed, as this schedule and situation could change, especially after Easter Sunday. Let the situation that we are presently challenged with increase our prayer life rather than diminish it. The world needs prayer and our Lord's Divine Mercy now more than ever. Please join us in Praying this beautiful and powerful novena. The novena will be approximately 25 minutes. If you have questions, call John Kokett at 573-4239.

Mass Schedule

April 13 - 19, 2020

Monday: 4/13
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 4/14
Livestream 6:00pm † Ruth Shodeen

Wednesday: 4/15
Livestream 6:00pm † Edna Boeckermann
- St. Francis Christian Mothers

Thursday: 4/16
Livestream 6:00pm † Don Bartkowicz

Friday: 4/17
Livestream 6:00pm † Edna Boeckermann

Saturday: 4/18
Livestream 5:00pm † Gerald Roering

Sunday: 4/19 *Divine Mercy Sunday*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Fr. Theis will be out of town April 21st – 27th. In case of emergency, call Fr. Helmin (320)293-6220

The Bishop has announced that all churches are to remain closed through May 15.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed to visitors. Please call if you need something. **Bulletins will be online only.** If someone doesn't have online access, call the office and we can mail them.

ONLINE MASS

Fr. Theis will be streaming the Mass on YouTube. The link can be found on the website.

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the week of April 13 - 19:

Parking Lot Adoration at St. Mary's. The Blessed Sacrament will be in the entryway. You can face your vehicle toward the Blessed Sacrament, but please stay in your vehicle. If you have your vehicle running, please use the parking brake so your lights turn off.

Tues., April 14: 7 – 9pm

Wed., April 15: 11am – 1pm

Thurs., April 16: 7 – 9pm

Fri., April 17: 7 – 9pm

Confessions – By appointment, by the side door of St. Mary's Church during parking lot adoration. Please remain in your vehicle until you are next.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2020

Sponsored by the K of C - St. Gregory the Great Council 12604 With regards to the celebration of the novena beginning with Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast of Mercy according to Our Lord's express wish, it is greatly recommended to give honor to the Divine Mercy, in answer to Jesus' claim and appeal, by offering the novena for both His general and particular daily intentions. The General Intentions are: 1. The conversion of the whole world; 2. That the Divine Mercy becomes known so that everyone will extol Christ's goodness. Schedule:

4-10-2020 Good Friday 6:30pm livestream

4-11-2020 Holy Saturday 3:00pm livestream

4-12-2020 Easter Sunday after 10am Mass livestream

4-13-2020 Easter Monday 6:30pm livestream

4-14-2020 Easter Tuesday after 6pm Mass livestream

4-15-2020 Easter Wed. 6:30pm livestream

4-16-2020 Easter Thurs. 6:30pm livestream

4-17-2020 Easter Friday after 6pm Mass livestream

4-18-2020 Easter Sat. after 10am Mass livestream

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12-6pm First Wednesday

St. Edward 12-9pm First Friday

St. Francis 7am-9pm Second Tuesday

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Audrey Pflueger, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Joann Pinke, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$950.00; Rice Bowl \$70.00; Online Giving \$250.00 - **\$1,270.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,745.00; Easter \$75.00; Rice Bowl \$20.00 – **\$1,840.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$940.00; Easter \$300.00; Votive \$407.39; Online Giving \$155.00- **\$1,802.39**

The office is still operational and thus we are still counting on your generosity for the collection. Several options are available:

1. Automatic Withdrawal – If you are interested, you can visit the website and print off the form you need, or call the office and we can send you the form.
2. Drop your envelopes at Stearns Bank in Upsala
3. Mail to the office at: Church of St. Edward, St. Francis, or St. Mary, PO Box 249, Upsala, MN 56384.

THREE SAINTS NEWS

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Spaghetti Supper: Postponed

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Tall Red Votive Candle Holders: There are some available for \$2 each. Contact Bob if interested, 573-2933.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

St. Mary Scholarship: St. Mary's will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a member of St. Mary's in Upsala who is graduating from a public or private high school in spring of 2020. The deadline is April 15. Contact Leonice at 573-4965 with questions.

FORMED has many great things you can use and learn from:

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Presence The Story of the Eucharist

God authors His great love story not only with words, but with deeds. All of God's mighty deeds throughout history make up one beautiful narrative of salvation, which culminates in the Paschal Mystery.

While you are watching TV/Internet Mass...

Remember you are participating in a Holy Mass.

Before Mass, clean and put everything around you in order.

Wear decent clothing as when you attend Sunday Mass.

Consider fasting 1 hour before.

Get rid of distractions away from the screen like gadgets and food or any reading materials.

Do some initial preparation prayers before Mass.

During the Mass, actively respond, singing if possible

Write down your family intentions and place them on a table.

Stay put in the area of the TV or computer and avoid standing and doing things not related to the Mass.

During the consecration, kneel before the presence of Christ in the Sacred host and wine.

Avoid holding hands even at home during the Mass

Do the Spiritual Communion since you cannot physically receive Holy Communion.

Pray that the COVID-19 will end very soon and pray for all the medical practitioners.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

1 Make an act of faith
Come up with your own prayer or use a traditional one to express to the Lord our faith in his real presence in the Eucharist

2 Make an act of love
Say a prayer that expresses your love and gratitude to the Lord. Thank Him for his infinite love as well.

3 Express your desire to receive him
As you are not able to physically receive the Lord, express your desire to receive Him in your heart.

4 Invite Jesus to come into your heart
With a humble and contrite heart we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

Special Blessings at Easter

The Lord who conquered darkness with light
give peace to you.

The Lord who conquered death with life,
give peace to you.

The Lord who conquered loneliness with love,
give peace to you.

As I've said before, suspending Masses and closing our churches are the hardest decisions I've made as a bishop, but this has been the right thing to do. Minnesota has, thus far, not suffered to the extent that other states have during this pandemic. I believe it is because we are closely following the guidance and recommendations of state and federal authorities. The health and safety of our parishioners and neighbors is paramount, and we must do what we reasonably can to protect them. Our actions and sacrifices are providing a pro-life witness to everyone in our state.

While mitigation efforts to date have helped, the coronavirus continues to pose a serious health threat, particularly to the elderly and those with underlying illnesses. Even people who don't show symptoms can be carriers of this virus, thus putting others at risk. After consulting with members of my staff, local health authorities and others, I have decided the following:

1. Through May 15, church buildings and parish offices are to remain closed to the public. Phone messages and emails will still be checked, however.
2. There should be no Eucharistic adoration.
3. There should be no gatherings, of any kind, of more than ten people.
4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is still to be offered, though only by appointment.
5. First Communion should be delayed until after May 15.
6. Funeral Masses remain prohibited during this period; graveside services are allowed with no more than 10 people present. A memorial Mass should be scheduled for a date after May 15.
7. Baptisms should be rescheduled. Parents within the parish boundaries wanting, nevertheless, to baptize their children during this time should contact me.
8. Confirmations for the entire month of May are canceled.

There is a deep longing among our faithful to come together again for the celebration of the Eucharist. The current situation has required everyone to make great sacrifices in the way we pray and worship. I look forward to the time when we can safely worship together again. Right now, it's important to help parishioners to see and experience Christ's presence in other ways – in their families and in their communities. We are an Easter people, filled with the hope given to us by the Risen Christ. It is not too early to start thinking about what kinds of joyous liturgical celebrations you might plan when we are able to gather again.

Sincerely,


+Donald J. Kettler
Bishop of Saint Cloud