



The Catholic Churches

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



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Jn 11:25a,26

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

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

PRAYER LINES

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Three Saints News

Triduum Easter Mass Schedule

April 6th Holy Thursday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala
8:00 p.m. St. Francis, St. Francis
April 7th Good Friday: 12 noon St. Mary, Upsala
3:00 p.m. St. Edward, Elmdale
April 8th Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. St. Edward, Elmdale
April 9th Easter: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis, St. Francis
10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Upsala

Chrism Mass at Cathedral: March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Patrick Neary, joined by the priests of the diocese, will gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the bishop blesses three oils which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. Light reception follows in the church basement.

Bishop Patrick to visit St Mary's and St Francis: March 31st

We are blessed to have our new bishop come to our parishes. You will love him. He is very personable and has a joyful spirit. He recently celebrated his 60th b-day. Did you know that Bishop Patrick chose for his motto: "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope"?

Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral: April 7th

Everyone is welcome to our Cathedral in St. Cloud on Good Friday evening, April 7th, at 8-9:00 p.m. for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. Their choir does a phenomenal performance. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. Michael Retka from St Edward's highly recommends this evening.

West Central Deanery Meeting: March 27th

Please join in our reorganization meeting of the former Melrose-Sauk Centre Deanery. It will be at 7:00 p.m. at Seven Dolors Parish in Albany. Agenda will include reports from officers, nominating committee and upcoming events.

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 Biniak, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, Herbie Gerads, Gary Larson

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 3/28	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Dorothy Gerads *Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 3/29	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Mike Schiller ~Karen Schiller *Stations of the Cross
Thursday 3/30	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Brian Wensmann *Stations of the Cross Adoration
12 noon-9 p.m. St. Mary	
Friday 3/31	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Prom Family~ DJ & JoAnne Prom
Weekend Masses	
Palm Sunday of Lent	
Saturday 4/1	
10 a.m. Senior Living	Mass in Upsala
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People
Sunday 4/2	
8 a.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Scholz
10 a.m. St. Mary	† Linus Lehner

Sacrament Anointing of the Sick: April 1 & 2

Following our Palm Sunday Masses in all of our parishes, you will have an opportunity to receive Jesus. Our LORD God wants to heal and strengthen you. If you are elderly and/or with serious illness, please come forward at the end of Mass. It takes only about fifteen minutes. It is a very powerful and beautiful sacrament. Please note anointing will also be offered at the weekday Masses April 4 & 5.



Individual Confession Times

April 2: 7-9pm St Edward's
April 3: 7-9pm St Francis
April 4: 7-9pm St Mary's
April 5: 12-1pm St Mary's
April 6: 12-1pm St Mary's

Adoration: April 6th & 7th

Our usual Adoration schedules for St. Mary's and St. Edward's have been cancelled for April due to our Easter Schedule.

Please join us for Holy Thursday Adoration after Mass:

6:00 p.m. Mass (SM) with Adoration until 9:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m. Mass (SE) with Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

Faith Formation March 29th

All Students and Parents will be attending the *Journey with Jesus to Calvary* performance at St. Francis of Assisi at 7:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Packets will be handed out before the performance.

Youth

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC

Sign-up on our website or go to: NCYC 2023 Sign Up. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: April 2nd

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.

Area Events

Matching Grant Fundraiser: April 2nd

We will have our breakfast at All Saints-St. Mary's Hall (River Street, Holdingford) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free Will offering. Everyone welcome!

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**Saturday, April 1st - 8:00 p.m.****EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck**Lector:** Shari Biniek**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech**Greeters:** Sally Schleper**Gift Bearers:** Brian & Tracey Hartung**Spaghetti Supper: April 14th**

On April 14th, St. Edward's Church will be having it's 16th Annual Spaghetti Supper from 5-7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Thank you in advance for your support.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**April Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida**April Bank Deposit:** Frank Koopmeiners**Sunday, April 2nd - 8:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Mary Jane Boeckermann**Lector:** Barb Moorman**Servers:** Carter Roerick**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Jeanette Gerads**Journey with Jesus to Calvary**

The last rehearsal is on Sunday, March 26th at 1:00 p.m. This is for all actors and choir members. There is still time to be a part of this year's performance. Call Bob 573-2933. Thank you to all the cast and choir for making this happen again this year.

Performance dates are: Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m., Friday March 31st at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Performances last about 1 1/2 hours. (Cookies, milk and coffee served after Sunday's

Funeral Groups

Group chair & co-chairs from 2022 please return group binders to church. Place on table in entry way. I will update & have ready for 2023 chairs & co-chairs as soon as last years are returned. Thank you! ~ Kathy Thell

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sunday, April 2nd - 10:00 a.m.****EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn, Jan Kilian ©, LeAnn Beneke ©**Lector:** Mary Hollenkamp**Servers:** Emily Ripplinger**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson**Greeters:** Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family**Gift Bearers:** Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn**St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle**

Friday, March 31 4-8pm Cash raffle @ 7:30pm
 St. Mary's parishioners: please sign-up to help!
 Preparation day is Thursday, March 30th-starting at 4:00 p.m.
 Take a shift on fish fry day! Shifts are 4-6:30 or 6:30-9:00 p.m.
 To sign-up, please call or text Laura Ripplinger or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the gathering area of our church.
 We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies (on Thursday or Friday) to help contribute!
 The raffle tickets are going fast! Please stop in at Nelson Insurance, the St. Mary's parish office, or buy one after 10am mass on Sundays! \$100 each.
 Thank you, parishioners, for all of your help!

**Help Nourish Your Local Food Shelf**

The local Food shelf has now become a Super Shelf. This means they now are in need of Personal Care items or financial donations, as well as food items. Based on how much each Food Shelf collects, sponsors (whose names are found on the posters), will donate a proportionate amount of dollars. Please consider making a donation to help your neighbors in need. Place items in the boxes provided by the display in the Gathering Space. Place cash or checks in an envelope marked Food Shelf and put in the collection baskets passed on Sundays or drop them at the church office.

WEEKEND COLLECTION March 19, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$675, Loose: \$169, Easter Flowers: \$50, Food Shelf: \$30, Catholic Relief: \$10 **Total: \$934**

St. Francis: Adult: \$295, Loose: \$113, Catholic Relief: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$50 **Total: \$478**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,813, Loose: \$115.75, Funeral Fund: \$120, Easter Flowers: \$100, Catholic Relief: \$57, Bishop's Appeal: \$200 **Total: \$2,405.75**

Rosary Walk for Life: March 28th

Join in at All Saints-St. Mary's to pray a Rosary for Life inside and outside the church 4:00-5:00 p.m. This is our last one- Everyone come join in!

40 Days Lenten Campaign-St. Cloud Closing Rally: April 1st

From 10:00 a.m. to noon, join fellow parishioners with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness at our Closing Rally starting at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) and proceeding to St. Augustine's for a program, pizza and sharing. Contact Marilou Sommers 247-9838 for questions.

Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace: April 7th

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite you to participate in a Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace on Friday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. Gather outside the West entrance at St. Francis Convent to walk together and pray at various places in Little Falls. The walk concludes back at the convent at about 11:00 a.m. visit: www.fslf.org

Are you being calling to Eucharistic Ministry?

Since the pandemic, for the most part our parishes have not offered the Precious Blood. Most other parishes have resumed this practice. We have some current ministers, but it would be most helpful if more people would step forward to help out. Please call the office or Fr David.

Retreat with Fr David: May 5-7

Are you interested in taking part in Koininia? This takes place at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie. Forms are in the entrance of our churches. About thirty to forty people sign up for this weekend. This is an opportunity for you to grow in your Catholic faith. Fr David will be Spiritual Director along with many other lay leaders. Fr David Maciej strongly supports these weekends.

Pre-Funeral Planning

Would you like to help planning your funeral? Fr David has some material such as list of songs, scripture readings, various ministers, etc. It would be helpful for our office to have a copy of your plans in our office as well. Please let him know if you need the forms or have any questions.

Notes from Father David

On this final Sunday of Lent before Palm Sunday, we hear Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb. Jesus calls us forth from our tombs of sin and death, where our harmful habits and attitudes separate us from God, from life. He is the resurrection. He is the life. Jesus' words to Martha then are His words to us now: Do you believe this? Do you believe that God can bring life out of death? Do you believe that God can free us from the burial bands of sin? Let us recover that faith within us and so prepare ourselves to witness the Resurrection.

I hope everyone will be joining us this year for the numerous presentations of "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" held at St Francis. Even if you have seen it in the past, there are more graces to be received. The Holy Spirit profoundly touched my heart last year. It is most powerful to spend time reflecting on the love of Jesus. Each character adds something special and occasionally some light heartedness makes it way into the scenes. I cannot even begin to imagine the number of hours that the various actors are putting into this ministry. How they remember all their lines is beyond me. Please come and show your support.

I pray that your schedule allows time for you to come to Jesus for our Penance Service this Sunday, March 26 from 2-5pm at All Saints-St Mary's in Holdingford. Please note that our parishes have some individual confession times available. If we truly want to resurrect, it is vitally important that we come to this Sacrament of Reconciliation. For myself personally I receive so many graces. I try to receive Jesus in this sacrament every two weeks. I know that St John Paul II received this sacrament daily. I believe when our parishes receive this sacrament on a more regular basis, we will begin to see and receive more graces!

In light of two Holy Thursday Masses this year, there will be no foot washing. Instead, there will be an opportunity for you to bring food items for the local food shelves. We will have adoration taking place after the Masses. Good Friday services will take place earlier in the day which will allow you to attend the Tenebrae Service held Good Friday evening from 8-9pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Our Easter Vigil at St Edward's will include Sally Hansen (fiancé of Ted Lewandowski) receiving her First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It would be awesome to have a baptism! Might you know of parents who would like their baby baptized?