

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 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 cancelled.

Mass Schedule

March 2 - 8, 2020

Monday: 3/2
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 3/3 *St. Katharine Drexel*
St. Mary 6:00pm † Clarence Stueve
- Lorene Koopmeiners

Wednesday: 3/4 *St. Casimir*
St. Francis 8:00am † Edna Boeckermann

Thursday: 3/5
St. Edward 8:00am † Don Bartkowicz

Friday: 3/6 *World Day of Prayer*
St. Mary 7:30am Deceased Members of St. Mary's Mission

Saturday: 3/7 *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity*
St. Edward 8:00pm People of our Parishes

Sunday: 3/8 *Second Sunday of Lent*
St. Francis 8:00am † Rita Fasen
- Joan Berg

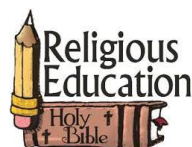
St. Mary 10:00am † Hilaria 'Larry' Nelson

Religious Education

March 4:

Grades 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm

Grades 7 - 10: Class 7:30 – 9pm



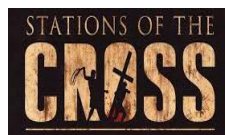
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday after the 10am Mass at St. Mary's (except March 29)

Fridays at 7:30pm – alternating between St. Francis and St. Edward.

- St. Edward – March 13, 27

- St. Francis – March 6, 20, April 3



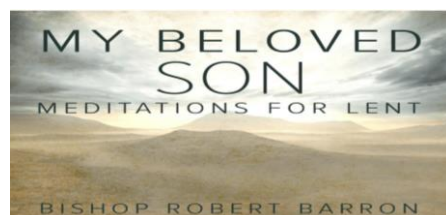
CONFIRMATION CHOIR

Calling all Singers and Choir Members in our Cluster of Parishes! We will be having Confirmation on March 22nd at St. Hedwig's in Holdingford (2:00 PM), and wish to invite you to join in providing the music for the Confirmation Mass. Practice will be held at 11:30 AM at St. Hedwig's Church on Sunday, March 15th. If you sing with the choir now, or you would like to sing, you are MOST WELCOME and strongly encouraged to join us in supporting our soon-to-be fully-initiated members of the Church.

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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered on Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to embrace the way of happiness joyfully.

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, Mark Schumer, 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



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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,105.00; Loose \$127.00; Central MN Catholic \$20.00 - **\$1,252.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,246.00; Loose \$51.00; Votive \$22.50; Funeral Lunch \$30.00; Central MN Catholic \$20.00; Easter Flowers \$25.00 – **\$1,394.50**

St. Francis: Adult \$255.00; Loose \$55.00 - **\$310.00**



Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, A Lent to Remember explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

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THREE SAINTS NEWS

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

There is someone pretending to be Fr. Theis, and other area priests, sending emails to people asking for money. Delete them – they are scams. The emails will look like they came from Fr. Jeremy Theis, or whichever priest they are pretending to be.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Weekend with a gift for ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COUNCIL #12604



The March meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #12604 will be held at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3rd at St. Stanislaus Kostka church in Bowlus. Please contact Peter Borash at 320-292-7004 with any questions.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella's meeting March 2 at St Mary Church in Little Falls, at 6:00 PM. We will be going upstairs for rosary and first Monday Mass.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, March 7 – 8pm

EEM: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann(c)

Lector: Dennis Biniek

Servers: Raymond Kokett & Daniel Kokett

Greeters: Jackie Oldakowski & Megan Wensmann

Gifts: Dan & Barb George

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: St. Edward is in need of people who are interested in becoming EM of HC's. Please contact the office.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, March 8 – 8am

EEM: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Jane Keppers, Joyce Koopmeiners, Barb Moorman

Lector: Holly Keppers

Servers: Carter Roerick & Nick Herzog

Gifts: AJ & Pam Welle

Greeters: Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann

Money Counters Needed: St. Francis needs some volunteers to count money – there are only two people volunteering. Mondays at 9am (unless the bank is closed, then Tuesday) at the parish office. Super easy - training and coffee provided. Call the office if interested.

Fall Festival Committee Meeting: There will be a fall festival meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:30pm.

March Cleaning List: John/Marsha Rakotz, Mike/Alice Westrich, Jon/Tamara Boeckermann, Steve/Jackie Moll, Mary Evens, Gerry/Mary Jane Boeckermann, Norm/June Schwieters

Journey with Jesus to Calvary: I still need people for in the play – actors, extras and choir members. It was decided to drop the Friday night performance this year. The performances will be on Wed., April 1 – 7:00pm, Sat., April 4 – 7:30pm, Sun., April 5 – 1:00pm. If you want to be a part of this year's production or want to help in any way call Bob at 573-2933.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, March 8 – 10am

EEM: Renee Scholz, Joe Schumer, Rosie Harren

Servers: Max Lange & Jimmy Jensen

Lector: Karen Liebsch

Gifts: Mike & Randi Klasen family

Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian

Ushers: Ken Lange & Bob Blonigen

Smelt/Fish Fry: The St. Mary's Fish Fry & Raffle is Friday, April 3rd. We will start to sell raffle tickets after Mass on Sundays starting March 1st. All parishioners are asked to buy or sell AT LEAST on \$100 ticket. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Church!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7 – First Reconciliation – 9am at St. Mary's

March 18 – Rel. Ed. Penance Service

March 22 – Confirmation – 2pm at All Saints – St. Hedwig

March 27 – Festival of Forgiveness – 9am – 9pm at Sacred Heart in Freeport

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ultrasound Fundraiser Dinner: The Knights of Columbus and Pregnancy Resource Center is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Sunday, March 8th 5pm – 7:30pm at the Eagles Club in St. Cloud. Free will donation and funds will go to purchase two ultrasound machines.

"55 Alive": The Bowlus First Response will be sponsoring a "55 Alive" 8 hour initial course and a 4 hour refresher course. Both classes will be held at the Bowlus fire hall on Sat. April 4th and Sat. April 11th. Please contact Tom Fussy @320-232-5703 or Jordie Stay @ 320-584-8193 for more details.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

The current discipline is as follows:

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. That is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.

- The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

- The law of fasting permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon, or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons from 18 years of age to 59 years are obligated to fast.

- The law of abstinence from meat applies to all persons who have completed their 14th year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages 7 to 14 also follow the law of abstinence.