

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

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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.

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 Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Norbert Roering, Joann Pinke, Diane Lange, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson

Mass Schedule

March 30 – April 5, 2020

Monday:	3/30	NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tuesday:	3/31	Livestream 6:00pm † Fr. Andrew Marthaler
Wednesday:	4/1	Livestream 6:00pm † Josephine Roering
Thursday:	4/2	St. Francis of Paola Livestream 6:00pm † Jeffery Kalis
Friday:	4/3	Livestream 9:00am †† Norbert & Veronica Toenies - Darrell & Anette Wegleitner
Saturday:	4/4	St. Isidore NO MASS SCHEDULED
Sunday:	4/5	Palm Sunday Livestream 10:00am †† Rita & Jerry Fasen - Joan Berg

Religious Education at Home



Created by the trusted theologians and award-winning film studio at the Augustine Institute, Signs of Grace is the only comprehensive sacramental preparation program for children that includes a thorough family faith formation component. For a limited time only, we have loaded these videos to the FORMED platform for easy access during these challenging times in the world.

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

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed to visitors. Please call if you need something.

ONLINE MASS

Fr. Theis will be streaming the Mass on the St. Mary's Facebook page. St. Mary's Church, Upsala. If you are having problems, or don't have Facebook, visit the website for help and other options.

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the week of March 30 – April 5:

No Adoration

Confessions – Tues. 5 – 5:45pm & 6:30 – 8pm

Wed. – 6:30 – 8pm

Sat. – 10am – Noon

Also by appointment

All confessions will be at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry + Raffle The fish fry & raffle have been canceled. To be determined if the raffle will be held at a later date.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Lectio: Salvation
with Dr. Michael Barber

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation."
But what does "salvation" mean?



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 \$75.00; Votive \$21.50 - **\$96.50**
St. Edward: Adult \$26.00; Catholic Relief Services \$10.00 – **\$36.00**
St. Francis: Adult \$10.00; Easter Flowers \$5.00 - **\$15.00**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

FUNERAL LUNCH UPDATE

There will be no lunches served after any upcoming funerals until further notice.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Spaghetti Supper: Items are needed for the silent auction. Please contact a council member with questions or donations.

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 applicants must intend to continue their education at a university or technical college. Applications will be available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gather space of St. Mary's church. The deadline is April 15. Contact Leonice at 573-4965 with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29 – Lenten Penance Service – 2 – 5pm at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus. There will not be a formal Examination of Conscious at the beginning.

April 10 – The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Divine Mercy Novena. Schedule of times and locations will be in next week's bulletin.

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.

Lent Prayer a Day

The Fifth Week of Lent
Sunday

My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.

The Fifth Week of Lent
Monday

God of love, I know that you are the source of all that is good and graced in my life. Help me to move from the life of sin to which I so often cling, into the new life of grace you offer me. You know what I need to prepare for your kingdom. Bless me with those gifts.

The Fifth Week of Lent
Tuesday

Loving God, You have heard my complaints, my impatience. Sometimes I become frightened when I move away from you. Guide my heart back to you. Help me to think beyond my own wants and to desire only to do you will. Thank you for the many blessings in my life and for the ways I feel your presence.

The Fifth Week of Lent
Wednesday

Loving Creator, I know in your great love for me, you see the deep sorrow in my heart. Hear my prayers which are offered with such trust in you. Be with me in both mind and heart as I renew my life in your spirit.

The Fifth Week of Lent
Thursday

Lord, all I want is to be faithful to you in my life, but so often I fail. Free me from my many sins and guide me to the life I will share with you. I wait for your promise to be fulfilled with great hope in my heart and your praise on my lips.

The Fifth Week of Lent
Friday

Most forgiving Lord, again and again you welcome me back into your loving arms. Grant me freedom from the heavy burdens of sin that weigh me down and keep me so far from you.

The Fifth Week of Lent
Saturday

Loving God, Your eternal watchfulness keeps me safe from harm. I am filled with a great happiness when I feel your endless love for me. Thank you for your care for me, one of your children. I ask you to protect from harm those who will soon be your children, joined in the joy of your church. Please continue to pour out your blessings on all of us who have been given the lifegiving waters of baptism.

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.

4 **steps for Spiritual Communion**
CatholicLink

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.