



# The Catholic Churches

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



"And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.'" Lk 1:46-48

## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 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

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
(SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728  
(SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

### Three Saints News

#### Thank Retired Priests

In gratitude for the two retired priests helping out the previous weekend, please consider sending them a note of thanks:  
Fr. David Maciej (808 Ann Marie Circle #301, Little Falls 56345)  
and Fr. David Petron (18168 150<sup>th</sup> Str, Sauk Centre 56378).

#### Kidney Donation

Thanks to David Segura and his wife Anita (320-293-1932) for speaking after our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Failure of kidneys affect so many people. Is the Lord calling you to consider donating? Also, please remember to keep Fr. Peter Kirchner (retired priest of our diocese) in need of a kidney; Jan Schultz from Upsala who recently received a kidney donation as well as Barry Johnson (friend of Fr. David) from Henning with kidney failure.

#### Adult Funeral Mass Servers

Currently we do not have Mass servers for funerals. Occasionally the family will provide servers, but more times than not this fails to happen. Adult servers would be a wonderful ministry to consider. In Fr. David's former parishes of Belgrade, Brooten and Elrosa, this was a great assistance to the priest.

#### Memorial Day Services: May 29th

Originally called "Decoration Day," Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May to honor those who died while serving in the U.S. Military. We will have a 9:00 a.m. Mass at St Mary's.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17*



The old line says, "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured; God has a better plan in store for you.

#### Knights of Columbus

This year's ditch clean-up is on May 20th. Meet at the church parking lot in Bowlus at 10:00 a.m.

#### Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Binek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Gary Larson

### Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<b>Tuesday 5/16</b>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Leona Burggraff-Borg
<b>Wednesday 5/17</b>	
8 a.m. St. Francis	† Denis & Irene Notch ~Jane Keppers
<b>Thursday 5/18</b>	
<i>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Thanksgiving Intention
12 noon-9 pm St. Mary	~The Czech Family Adoration
<b>Friday 5/19</b>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Ed & Irene Harren
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	
<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	
<b>Saturday 5/20</b>	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living	Communion Service in Upsala
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Dominick & Mary Kaiser
~The Kaiser Family	
<b>Sunday 5/21</b>	
8 a.m. St. Francis	† Mike Schiller ~Karen Schiller
10 a.m. St. Mary	For the Graduates

### Faith Formation

#### Confirmation and Grades 7-10 Teachers Needed

Did you ever want to learn more about your faith? There's no greater way to learn than by teaching. We need a minimum of five teachers: Confirmation teacher/s, teachers for grades 7-10. How about "team" teaching? If we are unable to get teachers, we will then be looking into parents teaching at home.

### Youth

#### Graduation Mass: May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's

Junior class families: please provide 2 doz. rolls, bars, cookies or muffins and plan to come serve and help clean-up.

#### Baccalaureate Service: May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Gethsemane Church, Upsala

#### Volunteers Needed for Totus Tuus: July 9-14

Registration forms are in the entrance of our churches & our website. Our Summer Vacation Bible School will need two host families and five other volunteers to host an evening meal for the four collegians. Grades 1-6 will meet from 9am-2:30pm and grades 7-12 from 7-9pm.

#### Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: May 14th

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.

#### Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: May 20th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays: Even months are at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street), and at St. Mary's Church in Upsala on odd months. The May 20th meeting will be held in Upsala. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for more information.

#### Vocation Camp: June 20th-22nd

Camp (on a lake in Avon) for young men in grades 7 – 12. Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023VocationCamp>. Families welcome to attend Mass on June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. with pot-luck lunch to follow. Cost: \$40 Scholarship available. Contact: Julie Jacobs 251-5001 [jjacoms@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jjacoms@gw.stcdio.org).

**The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC)** is made up of youth in grades 9-12 from a variety of parishes from across the diocese. These youth meet 5-6 times annually. Please visit <https://stcdio.org/cem/faith-formation/leadershiptraining/> to learn more. You can also apply on our website.

## ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

**Saturday, May 20th - 8:00 p.m.**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann

**Lector:** Tracey Hartung

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Nick Schleper

**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett

**Gift Bearers:** Greg & Renee Wensmann

## ST FRANCIS' NEWS

**May Ushers:** Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

**May Bank Deposit:** Mary Jane Boeckermann

**Sunday, May 21st - 8:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Mary Jane Boeckermann, Syl Tschida (c), Judy Theisen (c)

**Lector:** Jim Scholz

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Tammy Lehner

### Thanks, Carter, for Serving Mass

As he graduates, it was amazing how he's been serving for ten years! Carter is the grandson of Juanita and the late + Gilbert Roerick as well as Melvin & Karen Goebel.

### Mothers Day Flowers: Sunday May 14th

Long stem carnations will be available Mother's Day before & after mass for Free Will donation fund-raiser for Elevate (formerly Birthline).

### St. Francis Cemetery Clean-up: May 15th

We will be starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring a rake, shovel, saw or just a pair of helping hands.

### St. Francis Men's Society: May 21st

Everyone is welcome to join us after our 8:00 a.m. Mass next weekend. The Men's Society will be serving donuts, coffee and milk.

### Snowplowing

I think it is safe to say the snow is done. Thanks you to everyone who helped me keep the sidewalks and parking lot free of snow. All your help was greatly appreciated. ~Bob Theisen

## ST MARY'S NEWS

**Sunday, May 21st - 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Dave Scholz, Jan Kilian (c), LeAnn Beneke(c)

**Lector:** Chantelle Frie

**Servers:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

**Ushers:** Mary Frie

**Greeters:** Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family

**Gift Bearers:** Patrick and Lisa Zabinski

**Bank Deposit:** Mike Klasen

## Three Saints News

### Continue to Pray for our Graduates

Mitchell George, Paige Gerads, Hope Hartung, Maddie Koetter, Max Lange, Matthew Lehner, Tyson Leners, Hannah Luedtke, Carter Roerick, Jacob Roerick, Natalie Wensmann, Bryce Westrich and Andrew Young.

### Scholarships for St. Francis and St. Edward Seniors

Applications are available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gathering space of St. Mary's. Please return your application to the Central Office at St. Mary's.



**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram? Have you visited

the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools that inform us of the latest Catholic news are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

## WEEKEND COLLECTION May 7, 2023

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,442, Loose: \$122, Votive: \$110.25, Cemetery Fund: \$ 25 **Total: \$1,699.25**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$280 Loose: \$113, Votive: \$375.42

**Total: \$768.42**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,224, Loose: \$409.37 **Total: \$2,683.37**

## Area Church Events

### BREAD Talks: May 21st

The Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting "BREAD Talks" each at a different brewery. At these events, which are modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will stand up and give brief testimonies, or "Eucharistic love stories." Join us on May 21st at 2:00 p.m., at Bad Habit Brewing Company, St. Joseph, MN with Melaine Myklebust and special guest, Danny Kremers To learn more visit: [www.stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival](http://www.stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival).

### On the Road Mass: May 15th

The first 'On the Road Mass' with Fr. Gregory will be at 7:00 p.m. at Art & Renee Harlander's 42733 165th Ave., Holdingford



### Eucharistic Revival

Check out the newly updated webpage at [stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/](http://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/). Here you will find news, resources, events and happenings, adoration times and locations and information about the people involved in this initiative. Contact us with ideas and questions at [eucharisticrevivalstcloud@gmail.com](mailto:eucharisticrevivalstcloud@gmail.com).



### May is the Month of Mary ~Our Lady of Fatima

May 13th marked the anniversary of the first of six apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children of Fátima, Portugal. Lucia dos Santos (aged 9) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively) were tending sheep in central Portugal in 1917 when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary.

### Church Bazaar: June 25th

Save the date to come join the fun at the Immaculate Conception Bazaar. Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by food, games, raffles (quilt, cash & gun). Music by 57 Chevy.

### Natural Family Planning Instruction

Sauk Centre: Thursday, May 18th & June 15th at 6:30 p.m.

St. Cloud: Thursday, May 25th & June 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Sheila Reineks (320 252-4721 ext. 308).

## Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" "I will not leave you orphans," Jesus promises His disciples in this weekend's Gospel, emphasizing the importance of the care that a parent gives. Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. On Mother's Day, we honor our mothers and all those who have cared for us, who continue to care for us, and who will always care for us, in a similar way to how God always has and always will care for us.

We hope you'll take some time this weekend to pay respects to your mother—or if that isn't possible, to somebody in your life who embodies the grace and wisdom we associate with godly mothers. A few of our mothers who went Home to Jesus this past year. Please remember to keep all + deceased mothers in your prayers. Perhaps no more famous mother exists than Mary, who at a young age learned from an angel that she would give birth to the long-awaited Messiah. Her role as mother brought her grief as well as joy; we can only imagine what it must have been like for her to witness Jesus' crucifixion. Thanks to all mothers and grandmothers experiencing much grief and sadness praying for their children and grandchildren who no longer practice their Catholic faith.

Thanks to Ms. Anna Payne, Pastor of Brighter Days Family Church in Burtrum who led our morning of prayer on the National Day of Prayer May 4<sup>th</sup>. A number of us gathered at our Veterans Memorial at 7:00 a.m. It is so beautiful that all denominations can gather, no doubt our similarities and commonalities are more powerful and grace-filled than the few differences. Did you know that the National Monument to the Forefathers, formerly known as the Pilgrim Monument, commemorates the Mayflower Pilgrims? This was dedicated on August 1, 1889. It honors their ideals as later generally embraced by the United States. It is thought to be the world's largest solid granite monument. This is located in Plymouth, Massachusetts nearly forgotten as it is a residential area. Notice how "Faith" has her right hand pointing toward Heaven. "He is Risen indeed!"