

The Catholic Churches

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Upsala



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkowicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkowicz, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Virgil Burg, Paul Ampe (SM, Hospice Home) Brayden Harren (SF, battling brain Medulloblastoma cancer), Carol Spencer (broken hip, rehab at St Otto's)

Penance Service

Sunday, March 21, 2021

2 - 5pm

Church of All Saints(SM)

Holdingford, MN

Four priests will be available to hear confessions



Religious Education

March 24:

6:30pm – Brayden Harren's Prayer Warriors

All are welcome – young and old – to come!!

At St. Mary's: The K of C Council will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet

At St. Francis: The Men's Society will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Confirmation: 7:30 – 9pm

St. Francis students will be having a food drive on 3/24.
Food will go to the Holdingford Food Shelf.

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 1

Food Drive in lieu of Washing of Feet

6pm St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. David)
- Adoration until 8pm

8pm St. Francis (Fr. Virgil)
- Adoration until 9:30pm

Adoration will be ending with Night Prayer

Good Friday - April 2

Noon St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. Virgil)

7pm St. Edward (Fr. David)

Easter Vigil – April 3

7pm St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. David)

Easter Sunday – April 4

7am St. Francis (Fr. Virgil)

8am St. Mary, Upsala (Fr. David)

10am St. Edward (Fr. David)

First Friday Adoration @ SE has been moved to April 9.

Congratulations to the 2nd graders who had First Reconciliation March 13, 2021!!



Front row-Katie MacArthur, Abby Rakotz

Middle row-Gavin Welinski, Wyatt Hartung, Carter Harren, Wyatt Klasen

Back row- Fr. David, Alba Eggert, Lane Boeckermann, Haylee Heesen

NCYC 2021

The National Catholic Youth Conference will be Nov. 18 – 20, 2021. Students in grades 9 – 12 will be leaving Nov. 17 and returning on the 21st. Please contact the office ASAP if interested. Only 10,000 will be able to attend this year so tickets will be first come, first serve. Cost will be around \$700, but there will be fundraising opportunities. Registration forms will be coming from the Diocese April 1. Sales sheets for the Solar Salt Fundraiser are available. Visit the parish website for more info, or talk to any of the 36 students who went in 2019.

If you would like to support our students going to NCYC by purchasing softener salt, contact the office. Sales go until April 19.

The Passion of the Christ Movie Nights & Reconciliation Schedule

Sun., March 28: Movie @2pm, Confessions following

Tues., March 30: Movie @ 7pm, Confessions @ 5pm & after movie

Wed., March 31: Movie @ 6pm, Confessions @ 5pm & after movie

Join us at St. Mary's in Upsala!

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,910; Choir \$100; Easter Flowers \$60; CRS \$184; Online \$250 - **\$2,484.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$945; Fall Collection \$150; CRS \$233; Easter Flowers \$45; Cemetery Maint. \$400; Online \$295 - **\$2,068.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$619; CRS \$134; Votive \$142.73; Central MN Catholic \$40; Online \$255 - **\$1,190.73**

THREE SAINTS NEWS

BRAVE BRAYDEN

Brayden Harren, son of Andy and Brittney Harren from our St. Francis Parish, has been diagnosed with cancer. He is a first grader at Upsala Area School and will be facing radiation and chemotherapy in the following weeks. For an update on his brave journey, log onto www.caringbridge.com and search the site using his name. Several parishioners have asked what kind of fundraisers are taking place for the family. Go to <https://gofund.me/5b68be24> to make a cash donation. On March 21st from 12-4:00 there is a fundraiser at Rudolph's Redneck Roost in Holdingford. They will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the family and there will be a cash donation box available as well. Lange's convenience store and Nelson Insurance, in Upsala, will be selling BRAYDEN STRONG t-shirts in the following weeks and the proceeds will go to the Harren family. On April 24th there will be a benefit held at Schiffers in St. Anthony. Details to this fundraiser are unavailable as it is still in the planning stage. Cards and letters of support can be sent to 4363 18th St., Holdingford, MN 56340. Prayers are appreciated for the entire Harren family.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Many Catholics treasure the sacrament of Reconciliation. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, rather than from an unsure hope, that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God. Come this Sunday, March 21st from 2 to 5pm at All Saints St Mary's in Holdingford. Graces will be flowing!

Thursday Adoration

Thanks to all the people who have been taking part in this beautiful time at St Mary's. Know that this week (Mar 25) will end our adoration. There will be no benediction. Did you know that St John Vianney saw with his very own eyes, Jesus would cup the face of each person who visited Him in the Blessed Sacrament and would give each one a tender kiss of gratitude? "I draw them with hands of love ... I fostered them like one who raises an infant to his cheeks". (Hosea 11:4)

Holy Thursday Masses

In Christ's time, washing of feet happened all the time when they came to one another's home. Now when people come to our homes, we offer food and drink. With that in mind along with the COVID virus restrictions, rather than washing of feet, please bring non-perishable food to share with those in need. At the regular offertory time, bring forth your food or we will have a basket for cash donations. It will be divided evenly between Morrison County and Holdingford Food Shelf.

Palm Sunday/Holy Week

As restrictions continue to lessen, we are grateful that hymnals and missalettes can once again be used. Congregational singing in a limited capacity which will include singing basically all the Mass parts with the exception of the Opening Song, Offertory, Communion and Closing Song. There will be no foot washing for Holy Thursday and the cross is not to be touched during the veneration on Good Friday. Small candles will be allowed for the Easter Vigil.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Once again, it is with heavy hearts that this live performance will not be taking place this year in St Francis. Last year, they practiced and practiced and then the pandemic closed all of our churches. This tradition began in 2009 when religion teacher Jane Keppers decided more was needed than just reading the story of the passion of Christ to elementary students. She wrote this play in which parishioners play roles of the people involved with the passion and death of Jesus of Nazareth. The rest is history as it's been held every year before Easter at St Francis Church. In light of this great loss, please consider joining us this at St Mary's for the showing of "The Passion of the Christ".

Additional Times for Sacrament of Reconciliation

We hope that following The Passion of The Christ movie, it will work for you to come to Jesus. Roughly figure two hours after the movie starts, Fr David will be in the confessional. He will remain there at least one hour. Also, Sunday, March 28 at St Edward's from 7-9pm and Monday, March 29 at St Francis from 7-9pm. Please call Fr David if you would like to schedule another time.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your ever generous gifts and for helping 'Jesus in disguise'. All totaled our three parishes gave \$754! Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information how to give.

Petitions for Elderly

"The Holy Spirit placed upon my heart to pray at weekend Masses for the elderly from each of our respective parishes. Monthly, I will make an effort to list a prayer intention for those in care facilities or are in their homes. This past week, I visited LeRoy Harren (SM) in Albany and Bernie Bartkowicz (SE) in Avon." Fr David

First Friday Home Visits

With April 2nd falling on Good Friday, Fr David will still be making his regular home visits on that day. Please give him a call if you would like to get on his list. He will bring holy communion, anointing of the sick and make confession available.

Divine Mercy Novenas

As you noticed that the Knights of Columbus will be praying this most powerful novena. Next Sunday, please take home a pamphlet and holy card as you can pray it on your own. It begins on Good Friday and ends nine days later on Mercy Sunday.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sat., March 27 – 4pm – Palm Sunday

EM of HC: Dave Scholz *Greeter:* Elmer Frie

Lectors: Chantelle Frie & Tom Kilian

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

St. Mary's Lenten Smelt+Fish Fry+Raffle

NEXT FRIDAY, March 26th 4-8pm. CARRY-OUT ONLY (Come in through the main door, purchase and pick-up "Carry-Out" order, and exit through the side door) Raffle tickets are now SOLD OUT! Thank you for selling or buying them!! We are so blessed to live in such a generous community. Good luck to those who bought one! Winners of the raffle will be announced on Facebook and our church website 238catholic.org. Those who win will be contacted personally as well.

St. Mary's parishioners!

Our annual Smelt + Fish Fry + Raffle is now less than a week away! We need your help. On Thursday, March 25th we will need a lot of help for food preparation. Anytime after 4pm would be great! On Friday (the day of the fish fry) we also needs lots of helping hands! The two shifts to sign up for are 4-6:30pm or 6:30-9pm. Please sign-up to help by calling or texting Laura Ripplinger 320.333.9184. We will not need parishioners to bring bars this year due to restrictions. This is a HUGE fundraiser for our church. Let's make this year another successful one! Thank you for all of your support!!

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sun., March 28 – 8am – Palm Sunday

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann *Greeter:* Raymond Kokett

Lector: Jeff Czech & Dennis Biniek

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

Welcome Ted and Sally

Our new parishioners Ted Lewandowski and Sally Hansen have moved to our area a few months back from Royalton. Ted is originally from the Gillman area. They are engaged and looking forward to meeting everyone.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sun., March 28 – 10am – Palm Sunday

EM of HC: Judy Theisen *Greeter:* Bob Theisen

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners & Rebecca Schmidt

Thank You!

We would like to thank our family, friends, and the entire community for extending their love, prayers, food, gifts, and especially their support during this trying time. Also, a special thanks for Fr. David Grundman for celebrating Mass, Fr. Derek Wiechmann for a meaningful homily, Jesse Kuechle for the beautiful music, Jodi Maus for a great eulogy to celebrate Rich's life, and Patton Schad funeral home for the preparations and support. Your thoughtfulness and compassion will remain with us. Thank You! - The Rich Boeckermann Family

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

During Lent, our Lord calls us to make a conversion of the heart. Our parents, teachers, grandparents, neighbors can show us the way, but then it is up to us to commit to Christ's mission. As we approach the days in which we remember Jesus' suffering and death, we ask ourselves if we are willing to resolve to die to sin and live faithfully, selflessly, and courageously in the Lord?

This Sunday, March 21 is a busy day as graces will be flowing. I hope and pray that you will join me at the 'Benefit for Brayden Harren from 12-4pm at Rudolph's Redneck Roost in Holdingford. May more money, kindness and blessings than ever imagine pour forth! From 2-5pm at All Saint's St Mary's in Holdingford will be an opportunity for you to go to confession. Come to Jesus and receive God's healing. Let's trust in Jesus knowing that miracles will happen as everyone comes out of this sacrament feeling better. Why is that? Because Jesus heals, Jesus loves and Jesus forgives no matter what you have done or how long since your last confession.

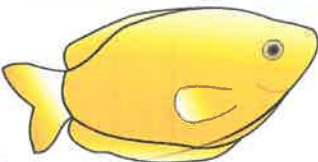
We will begin the interviewing of those people interested for the Religious Ed Coordinators. I have been leading this discernment as only the Holy Spirit knows what is best for our children, young people and their parents. Our Catechism states, "Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents." (CCC 2226)

Please keep the priests of our diocese in your prayers as we will gather this coming Thursday at St Mary's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. This is a beautiful time for all priests to renew our priestly vows. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page.

Palm Sunday next weekend, we are asked not to have a procession. We will place the new palms in baskets in the sanctuary where they will be blessed. You can take them home with you after Mass. I hope that you will not be too sad as the directive states, "The homily should be brief, or a period of silence may also be observed." We will have a basket in the entrances of our churches if you want to bring your old palms from year's past.

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CLEANED**

SMELT & FISH FRY



St. Mary's Church, Upsala

**CASH RAFFLE
DRAWING AT 7:30**

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St. Mary – April 2021

Thursday, April 1 – 6pm – Holy Thursday

EM of HC: Beth Lange

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Greeter: Jan Kilian

Ushers: Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen

Friday, April 2 – Noon – Good Friday

EM of HC: Brian Lange

Lector: Brian Lange & Kim Koehn

Greeters: Rosemary Mehr

Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

Sat., April 3 – 7pm – Easter Vigil

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch

Lector: Chantelle Frie & Michelle Fleischhacker

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Mitch Lange & Darren Lange

Sun., April 4 – 8am – Easter Sunday

EM of HC: Jan Kilian

Lector: Jan Kilian

Greeter: Rosie Harren

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Sat., April 10 – 4pm – Divine Mercy Sunday

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Lector: Joe Schumer

Greeter: Randy & Jane Tretter

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Sat., April 17 – 4pm – 3rd Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie

Lector: Tom Kilian

Greeter: Elmer Frie

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

Sat., April 24 – 4pm – 4th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Joe Schumer

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Greeter: Jan Kilian

Ushers: Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen

St. Edwards – April 2021

Friday, April 2 – 7pm – Good Friday

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lectors: Shari Biniek & Tracey Hartung

Greeter: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Sun., April 4 – 10am – Easter Sunday

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Sun., April 11 – 8am – Divine Mercy Sunday

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Jeff Czeck

Greeter: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czeck

Sun., April 18 – 8am – 3rd Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeter: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Dennis Biniek & Nick Schleper

Sun., April 25 – 8am – 4th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Shari Biniek

Greeter: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

St. Francis of Assisi – April 2021

April Ushers: Roger & Kathy Thell

Thursday, April 1 – 8pm – Holy Thursday

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Lector: Holly Keppers

Greeter: Dan Lange

Sun., April 4 – 7am – Easter Sunday

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Lector: Barb Moorman

Greeter: Rosanne Voss

Sun., April 11 – 10am – Divine Mercy Sunday

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Greeter: Rita Lange

Sun., April 18 – 10am – 3rd Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Greeter: Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann

Sun., April 25 – 10am – 4th Sunday of Easter

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Greeter: Bob Theisen