



The Catholic Churches

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



*Lord, you are truly the Savior
of the world;
give me living water,
that I may never thirst again.*
Jn 4:42

Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 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
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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Three Saints News

ACC Meeting: March 14th

Our meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

May this season of Lent provide you added time for prayer and reflection. We ask you to please take a moment to pray for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the vital ministries it supports. You can mail in your envelope, drop it in the collection basket or give online at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

Welcome Bishop Patrick Neary: March 31

He will be coming to our parishes of St Mary's and St Francis for our Smelt/Fish Fry and Raffle as well as our 'Journey with Jesus to Calvary'! We are blessed that he is making time in his busy schedule.

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.

Special Collection for Turkey and Syria

Praise the Lord as our collection for our brothers and sisters was: \$2,463! You are amazing! Amazing graces as your kindness and generosity overflows! The U.N. flash appeal for \$397.6 million to help Syrian quake victims is 42% funded and the \$1 billion appeal for victims in Turkey is just 7.4% funded - and this only covers emergency needs for the next three months, U.N. spokesman said on February 28.

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 Biniek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, Herbie Gerads, Gary Larson & Family of +Marlene Scepaniak

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Monday 3/13	
11:00 a.m. St. Mary	Marlene Scepaniak's Funeral Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday & 10 am Monday
Tuesday 3/14	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Lorraine Bierschbach ~Mary Hollenkamp *Stations of the Cross Adoration
7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. (SF)	
Wednesday 3/15	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Living & deceased members of the St. Francis Men's Society *Stations of the Cross
Thursday 3/16	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Linus Lehner *Stations of the Cross Adoration
12 noon-9:00 p.m. (SM)	
Friday 3/17	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Rita Wensmann *Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. St. Edward	
Weekend Masses	
Fourth Sunday of Lent	
Saturday 3/18	
10 a.m. Senior Living	
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Communion Service Lois Maciej
Sunday 3/19	
8 a.m. St. Francis	
10 a.m. St. Mary	† For the People Ramona Heurung

Faith Formation March 15th

Confirmation: Class: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

K-6: Home Lesson week of March 12th -18th

Examination of Conscience - Lesson 5

*Penance Service for all grades will be March 22 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Confirmation at St Anna: April 11th @ 7pm

Bishop Patrick is having five priest's help him this spring with the confirmations throughout the diocese: Frs. Tim Baltes, Matthew Crane, Scott Pogatchnik and Ralph Zimmerman. Bishop Patrick will have the majority of the confirmations (fourteen). Fr Tom Olson, a retired priest will be our celebrant. We will be combined again this year with the Holdingford area parishes. Please remember to keep in prayer our confirmation candidates.

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC on our website or go to:

NCYC 2023 Sign Up. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023.

Seminary Visits: March 18th

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary visit is March 18th-20th. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, Adoration & discernment talks, Please contact Fr. Doug at the Vocation Office at (320) 251-5001 if interested in attending.

40 Days for Life

Our Lenten Campaign goes through April 2nd. Please join fellow parishioners with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) on Thursday afternoons from 1:00-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or for more information, please call Marilou Sommers 247-9838.

Rosary Walk for Life: March 14th

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. Next upcoming dates will be March 14th, 21st & 28th.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, March 18th - 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Nick Schleper

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Steve & Kathy Blonigen

Spaghetti Supper: April 14th

We are looking for volunteers & gift baskets. Please call Ted Lewandowski 293-1508 or Joy Koroll 573-2214 for questions. Everyone is welcome to join us for our Spaghetti Supper from 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Edward's.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, March 19th - 8:00 a.m.

March Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

March Bank Deposit: LeRoy Pflueger

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Lector: Jim Scholz

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Russ & Gina Boeckermann

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

There will be a full dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. Please be there 20-30 minutes early to get your costume on so we can get started right away at 10:00. If you want to be involved in this year's performance there is still time. Call Bob at 573-2933

Thank you to everyone who made our Matching Grant Breakfast a huge success this year! We served 370 meals! Special thanks to all the men and boys for helping serve and clean up, for all those who donated and especially to everyone who came for a meal. God bless all of you!"

Bazaar meeting

There will be a planning meeting on Monday, March 13 at 7:30pm in the church basement. Those with input are asked to attend as plans are well underway for this year already. Thank you.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, March 19th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Renee Scholz

Lector: Chantelle Frie

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klasen

Bank Deposit: Cindy Koehn

Annual Smelt Fish Fry & Raffle

On Friday, March 31st, St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having its 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. 4-8:00 p.m. with the cash raffle at 7:30 p.m. We will be selling raffle tickets after St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$100 each. The tickets will also be available at Nelson Insurance, the parish office and after 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday until the raffle. It would be great if each family bought or sold at least one ticket! Thank you in advance for your support.

Return of the Precious Blood

Recently St Mary's has made available the cup at Sunday's Masses. In April, ministers will be scheduled as before the pandemic. We would love to restore the cup also to St Edward's and St Francis. Might you be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

WEEKEND COLLECTION March 5, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$1555, Turkey Relief: \$614, Votive: \$39, Central Eastern Europe Special Collection: \$5, Easter Flowers: \$255 **Total: \$2,468**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,160, Turkey Relief: \$705.02, Votive: \$194, Funeral Fund: \$10, Easter Flowers: \$270, Central MN Catholic: \$140 **Total: \$2,479.02**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,889, Turkey Relief: \$1,144, Votive: \$69, Cemetery Cross: \$125, Easter Flowers: \$160 **Total: \$4,387**

Dispensation for St Patrick's Day: March 17

Bishop Patrick says that all Catholics in our diocese are not obligated to observe meatless Friday on this day. Pray that St Patrick will intercede for our diocese and our families.

Pre-Funeral Planning

Recently Fr David made available some material to help people plan their funeral. From choosing the songs, scripture readings, various ministers, etc. all help see to it that remaining loved ones can respect your wishes. This was originally intended for the elderly, but all ages need to plan for that day when you go Home to Jesus. Please contact Fr David or our office for the material. Know that he would love nothing more to meet with you and help you plan as much as you wish.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary at St. Francis of Assisi

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 performance). Admission is free.

Area Events

SKYWARN Spotter training: March 12th

1:00 –3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Spotters are not 'storm chasers' safety is a primary concern. Pre-registration is not necessary but preferred; contact Tom Kilian at MorrisonCoSkywarn@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

March 19th: Knights of Columbus Annual KC Breakfast & Raffle will be held in Bowlus starting at 9:00 a.m. To donate a prize for the raffle, please call John Kokett (573-4239)

Women's Lenten Retreat: March 18

"Be Still and Know that I am God." Retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Parish, St. Cloud (1125 11th Ave. N.) Registration is \$20. Mail to St. Cloud DCCW c/o Lara Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. N.W., Rice, MN 56367. Contact: Lora (320) 393-2701 or email lorakna1@hotmail.com.

Notes from Father David

We hear the Chosen People grumble in our first reading, for they are thirsty and have no idea how long their journey through the desert will last. "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" they complain. Here in the Lord's body and blood, we can be assured that the Lord is in our midst. Jesus has quenched our deepest thirst with living water, with water welling up to eternal life, Together, let us give witness to our faith that God remains always in our midst.

Thank you for discerning a gift to Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your generosity supports ministries of the diocese that are at the heart of the Church's mission: support clergy and seminarians, life at all stages, Catholic education, faith formation, family life, multicultural ministries, pastoral planning, evangelization and other important work benefiting those in need. Know that every gift makes a difference. Let us meet our parish goal as we strive to do our part within the diocese.

Did you know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness? Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time sinners reconcile with the Church who is also wounded by our sins. Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. I will try to make confession more available before and after our weekend Masses. I will also have some individual times before Holy Week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at All Saints-St Mary's in Holdingford March 26 from 2-5pm with 4-5 priests available.

It's official as I have completed discerning what the Holy Spirit wants for our parishes. Easter Triduum Schedule: Holy Thursday: 6pm SM, 8pm SF; Good Friday: 12noon SM, 3pm SE; Easter Vigil: 8pm SE; Easter Sunday 8am SF and 10am SM. Please pray for Sally Hansen, the fiancé of Ted Lewandowski as she prepares to be welcomed into our Catholic faith at our Easter Vigil Saturday at 8pm. Let us try to fill God's House!

Belated thank you for all the Christmas gifts and prayers. You are three very, very generous parishes who love their priests! I have enjoyed using the many gift cards the past few weeks: Lange's, Paul and Kathy's, Teal's Market, Jordi's Trailside Cafe, Chipotle, etc. Young people, see how priests are spoiled! It's great being a priest.