



The Catholic Churches

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



"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Mt 21:1-11

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 2, 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

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Three Saints News



Over 80 Blessings for April

Millie Gerads (SM) 4/3
Werner Gerads (SM) 4/9
Raymond Kurowski (SE) 4/11
Juanita Roerick (SF) 4/13
Doreen Gerads (SF) 4/15
Dan Lange (SF) 4/19
Irene Schmitz (SF) 4/22



Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Come to St. Francis of Assisi for our last performances:
Saturday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m.
(Cookies, milk and coffee served after Sunday's performance)

Koinonia Weekend with Fr David: May 5-7

Thanks to all who took home one of the over 50 registration forms handed out after last weekend Masses! Please no pressure, what is God's will for you? No catholic guilt from Fr David. However, I am convinced that if our parishes would take part in TEC, Koinonia or something similar, we would begin to see many graces!

A testimony from the retreat: "God showed me more in those three days than any other time! God allowed me to see love as a Verb. He also helped me realize that I should treat my wife as His daughter and not my wife."

Pre-Funeral Planning

For those who received the necessary materials from Fr David to help plan your funeral Mass, once you finish, please contact him. He would love to walk through your plans with you and then you could return the scripture readings.

Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Novena Schedule

April 7th - at Bowlus after 12 noon service, April 8th - at Upsala at 3 p.m., April 9th - at North Prairie after the 10 a.m. Mass, April 10th - at Elmdale at 7 p.m., April 11th - at Upsala at 7 p.m., April 12th - at Elmdale at 7 p.m., April 13th - at North Prairie at 7 p.m., April - 14th - at Bowlus at 7:15 p.m., April - 15th - at Upsala at 7 p.m. The Schedule is also on our website.

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

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 4/4	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Audrey Lange ~Beth Lange *Stations of the Cross *Anointing of the Sick Confessions
7-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	
Wednesday 4/5	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Don Herzog ~St. Francis' Men's Society *Stations of the Cross * Anointing of the Sick Confessions
12-1:00 p.m. St. Mary	
Thursday 4/6	
12-1:00 p.m. St. Mary	Confessions
6:00 p.m. St. Mary Mass & Adoration until 9:30 p.m.	† Marlene Scepaniak
8:00 p.m. St. Francis with Adoration until 11:00 p.m.	† Dorothy Gerads
Friday 4/7	
12:00 noon St. Mary	
3:00 p.m. St. Edward	
Weekend Masses	
Easter Sunday	
Saturday 4/8	
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Brian Wensmann
Sunday 4/9	
8 a.m. St. Francis	† For the People
10 a.m. St. Mary	† Julie Scholz

Faith Formation April 5th

Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Youth

Youth! Sign-up to attend NCYC

Sign-up on our website or go to: NCYC 2023 Sign Up. This year's event will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16th-18th, 2023

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: April 2nd

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

Family Mass Serving?

In order to encourage our children to help serve at Mass, might our parents or grandparents or even godparents be willing to join them in serving at Mass? Perhaps there would be less nervousness and our children be more open to check it out? Remember after a few times serving and not wanting to continue that is just fine as at least they gave it a try.

Are you being calling to Eucharistic Ministry?

In St. Mary's, Communion under both species has returned. We need more ministers in all three of our parishes. Is God inviting you to come forward? Fr. David hopes to make it available in St. Edward's and St. Francis.

Area Church Events

Matching Grant Fundraiser: April 2nd

Catholic United Financial will have our breakfast at All Saints-St. Mary's Hall (River Street, Holdingford) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free Will offering. Everyone welcome!

Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace: April 7th

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite you to participate in a Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace on Friday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. Gather outside the West entrance at St. Francis Convent to walk together and pray at various places in Little Falls. The walk concludes back at the convent at about 11:00 a.m. visit: www.fslf.org

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**Friday, April 7th - 3:00 p.m. Good Friday -Volunteers needed****Saturday, April 8th- 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil****EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann**Lector:** Tracey Hartung**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Ted Lewandowski**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett**Gift Bearers:** Mark & Kaye Nienaber**Spaghetti Supper: April 14th**

On April 14th, St. Edward's Church will be having it's 16th Annual Spaghetti Supper from 5-7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Thank you in advance for your support. Anyone putting together a gift basket should bring it to the church by April 10th. We will be selling chances for the baskets at the event.

Easter Vigil Celebration

There will be wine and cheese after the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Edward, Elmdale. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**April Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida**April Bank Deposit:** Frank Koopmeiners**Thursday, April 6th - 8:00 p.m. Holy Thursday****EM of HC:** Brittany Harren**Lector:** Mary Jane Boeckermann**Servers:** Volunteer**Gift Bearers:** Kurt & Jackie Goebel**Sunday, April 9th - 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday****EM of HC:** Judy Theisen**Lector:** Jane Keppers**Servers:** Carter Roerick**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Brittany Harren**New AED Cabinet**

Please reach out and thank Charlie Gunderson as he always does such fine work. Medical personnel please familiarize where this is as you will be called upon in case of emergency.

ST MARY'S NEWS**Thursday, April 6th - 6:00 p.m. Holy Thursday****EM of HC:** LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn (c), Dave Scholz (c)**Lector:** Jan Kilian**Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen**Ushers:** Mary Frie**Greeters:** Mitchell & Brooke Kingston**Gift Bearers:** Randy & Donna Roske**Bank Deposit:** Mike Klasen**Friday, April 7th - 12 noon Good Friday - Volunteers needed****Sunday, April 9th - 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday****EM of HC:** Dave Scholz, Jan Kilian (c), Chantelle Frie (c)**Lector:** Mary Frie**Servers:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger**Ushers:** Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger**Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Theresa Lange**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian**Blessings upon Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scholz**

Congrats to Bob Scholz and Donna Jackels, parishioners who recently tied the knot April 1st at St Mary's! They have been working hard preparing this past year. No doubt God calls at all ages and the key is simply to be open to God's will. Bob and Donna often come to our 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

New Cabinets from Charlie Gunderson

Check out our sacristy as his craftsmanship helps bring forth the beauty of our new monstrance (vessel used during adoration)! Thanks to everyone who helped donate and bring this monstrance to our faith community! He also made an AED cabinet mounted near the sacristy.

WEEKEND COLLECTION March 26, 2023

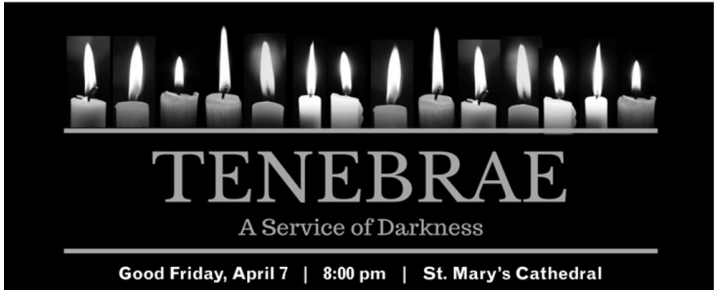
St. Edward: Adult: \$585, Loose: \$78, Votive: \$86, Easter Flowers: \$75, Catholic Relief: \$58 **Total: \$882**

St. Francis: Adult: \$388, Loose: \$159, Easter Flowers: \$20 **Total: \$567**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,675, Loose: \$140, Easter Flowers: \$80, Catholic Relief: \$50, **Total: \$1,945**

Mission Office in St Cloud

+ Souls in need of Mass intentions, please consider sending them to the missions as priests greatly appreciate this. Oftentimes foreign priests say Mass without an intention/stipend. Words from + Rory Dunn/last week's homily: "... I need prayers and lots of them." Recently, the mission office has been sending them to Africa. A Mass intention is \$10 stipend/offering. Make the check out to 'Mission Office' or contact them to get more information: (320) 251-1100 or 11 8th Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301

**Notes from Father David**

Each year, the Church celebrates this holiest of weeks with reverence and awe. We stand before the Lord Jesus, who suffered and died to save us from our sins. We are overwhelmed by this great act of love that brings us new life to all who call out to God in faith. As we begin his Holy Week, we pledge our prayerful support and love, for the journey that is ahead of you involves embracing the cross of Christ in a deeper way.

With Holy Week upon us, many graces available when you come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note the individual times offered in our parishes. It was most beautiful how so many parents, children and youth came to Jesus March 22 for our Religious Education Confessions! No doubt the Holy Spirit is touching our families. No matter how long it has been since your last confession or how you were once treated unkindly by a priest, please come back to Jesus. God wants to bless you this Easter with special graces.

Holy Thursday begins the three-day remembrance of the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of the Lord. We remember how Jesus' life on earth ended – in triumph disguised as defeat. Everything that He has done has led to this point: his forty days alone in the desert, resisting the temptation of the devil; preaching, teaching, and healing in a revolutionary way, which captivated the people but threatened the authorities; gathering close friends who would carry His mission on. Instead of foot washing for our two Masses, you will be invited to bring food items for those in need. There will be boxes in the entrances of our churches which then will be brought forward at offertory. Food items will make their way to Food Shelves in Little Falls or Holdingford.

Good Friday the cross is at the center of our worship. Christ died in order to set us free from our sin. As you continue to prepare to become closer to Christ, ponder the mysteries of the cross. Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, this collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When we contribute, we join with Catholics around the world united with the Church in the Holy Land.

The Easter Vigil is like none other, with the lighting and the blessing of the Easter fire, a symbol of light emerging from the darkness, of warmth radiating through the cold, of life triumphing over death. We will bless new Easter candles for St Edward's and St Francis. That evening our three parishes keep vigil around this holy fire, gathered in glorious expectation of new life: new life in Sally Hansen as she receives the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, new life in the renewal of our own baptismal promises, new life in the resurrection of our Lord. **Afterwards, please join us in our church basement at St Edward's as we celebrate Sally coming into our Catholic faith with some refreshments!**