

The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

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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

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 before desired baptism date.

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers

YOUTH NEWS

Mass Server Training

Thanks so much to Riley Klasen, the son of Mike and Randi from St. Mary's who has started serving. He served for the first time at the 10am Mass in St. Francis. Is it not the best having servers join us once again? Are there any other young people interested in checking out this ministry? If you decide you want to change your mind after a few times, that is just fine. Jesus so loves it when the children become more involved in their faith.

Religious Education Update

In person classes are suspended until January. Parents please pick up materials for your students during normal class times on Wed., Dec. 2, otherwise after Masses the weekend of Dec. 5/6. Teachers are putting together materials that you can go over with your children at home. Keep an eye on Remind for updates.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,081.00; Loose \$188.00; Thanksgiving Tree \$ 120.00; Online Giving \$310.00 - **\$1,699.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$991.00; Loose \$104.00; Votive \$44.00; Sexual Abuse Settlement \$520.00; Fall Collection \$150.00; All Saints \$40.00; Online Giving \$160.00 - **\$2,009.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$1,206.00; Loose \$49.00; Fall Collection \$650.00; Thanksgiving \$445.00; All Saints \$10.00; Online Giving \$160.00 - **\$2,520.00**

Mass Schedule Nov. 30 – Dec. 6, 2020

Monday: 11/30 *St. Andrew*

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 12/1

St. Mary 6:00pm † Diane Lange

Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday: 12/2

St. Francis 8:00am †† Norbert & Josephine Roering

Anointing of the Sick - SF Men's Society

Thursday: 12/3 *St. Francis Xavier*

St. Edward 8:00am † Bev Fosler

Anointing of the Sick - Fr. David

Friday: 12/4

St. Mary 7:30am † Ken Hartung

Anointing of the Sick - G & MJ Boeckermann

Saturday: 12/5

St. Mary 4:00pm † Marie Atkinson

Sunday: 12/6 *Second Sunday of Advent*

St. Edward 8:00am People of the Parishes

St. Francis 10:00am ††† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange, Anniversary for Dan & Joyce
- Joyce Schulzetenberg



Religious Education

Dec. 2:

No Classes – Please attend the Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 6

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (12/2)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (12/4)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (12/8)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

Advent Penance Service

There will be a Penance Service Sun., Dec. 6 from 2 – 5pm at St. Mary's in Upsala. Five priests will be available for Confessions.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

The use of the [Advent Wreath](#) is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9:](#) (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Thank you!

Thank you to all the donors who gave blood at our drive during this difficult time. Also thank you volunteers who did an excellent job. We couldn't have done it without you!

Rosie and the American Red Cross.

Box of Joy Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Box of Joy! We sent 88 boxes of love to those in need. Please keep in mind that we will join this Christmas gift ministry program next year...so keep an eye out for deals throughout the year! God Bless! Tamara Lange

St. Edward & St. Francis Church Closing

The churches of St. Francis and St. Edward's will be locking the doors at 6:00pm daily. Exceptions will be Religious Education, any scheduled meetings, and adoration. It will go back to 8:00pm April 1st, 2021.

Communal Penance Service

Come receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday, December 6th from 2-5pm at St Mary's in Upsala. This will be an ideal opportunity with our guest priests: Fr Bob Harren, Fr Virgil Helmin, Fr Gregory Mastey, Fr Eb Schefers. The different rooms/confessionals will be: main office, sacristy, confessional and the two side rooms in the sanctuary. Some will have the option of face-to-face or behind the screen while others will be only face-to-face. Since our children and youth will not be having their reconciliation service Wednesday evening, we hope that they also can join us for this Sunday evening service. The Holdingford area parishes will also be joining us.

First Friday Visit/Anointing of Sick

This week, Fr David will be making home visits as well as having Jesus available in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at our daily Masses. Know those of you who are elderly and/or are seriously ill are encouraged to receive this sacrament on a monthly basis. Pope Francis reminds us priests that we are to be generous with this sacrament. Please call Fr David if you would like a home visit.

Sacred Heart Penance Service

Come to Freeport December 9th at 7pm to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Dan Walz will have a number of visiting priests helping out.

Monthly/Daily Missal

Each of our parishes are given 15 copies of 'Give Us This Day' as they can be found in the entrance of our churches. This is a yearly subscription. This is a beautiful way to fall deeper in love with the scripture readings which is none other falling more in love with Jesus.

Missalettes Available

Due to the pandemic, we are not allowed to have missalettes in our churches. Please consider taking them home and/or using them when you come to weekend Mass. Know that you have to take them with you as you cannot leave them in Church.

Struggle with Pornography?

"Please contact me if you or you know of someone who struggles with this affliction. Perhaps you may be interested in meeting 1:1 or in a group setting with others who struggle with pornography? Brothers, I know how difficult it is to come forward as shame and guilt likely has a hold on you. The Devil loves secrecy, isolation and darkness and Jesus loves communication, connectedness and bringing it to the light." Fr David

Vocation Team

Is the Good Lord nudging you to consider looking into this ministry of encouraging religious and priesthood vocations? The Bishop is asking that all parishes have a team or group of people interested in helping our parishes to do to promote this ever-important ministry.

Central Office Address

When mailing envelopes and other items if you are from St Edward's and Sr Francis, it helps us immensely if you could send it directly to our Central Office.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Saturday, December 5 – 4pm

EM of HC: Renee Scholz Lector: Kim Koehn
Greeter: Elmer Frie Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

New Child of God

Please welcome our new little brother Luke Joseph Zwilling, son of Rachael Hartsock and grandson of Ervin and Kari Hartung and great grandson of Betty Zwilling. He was baptized into our faith community this weekend. Blessings to his godparents: Ashley Donaldson, Dakotta Hartsock and Pat Zabinski.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, December 6 – 8am

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Adeline Molus
Greeter: Sally Schleper Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Cemetery Facelift

"Thanks for the prayers. We have a plan for a road to be built in the spring. The old road in the middle of our cemetery will become

a walk-way. Pray for other ideas to help enhance our parish cemetery! Next week will be in formation about donating towards this project." Fr. David

Confessional To Be Updated

It will be so great for the priest to use the confessional once again. With the mounted doors as well as having the option of face-to-face will be a significant improvement. Many elders who have a hard time kneeling and hearing will likely prefer this option.

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, December 6 – 10am

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida
Lector: Holly Keppers Greeter: Bob Theisen

Fall Collection

Thank you to all who have responded to the Fall Festival letter sent out. So far, 28 envelope holders have given \$9,120! Pray that next year we will be able to have a Fall Festival and won't have to have a Fall Collection.

Christmas Gift Ideas

St Francis sewing circle has embroidered dish towels, hot pads, hand towels, scrubbies, clothes pin bags, quilts for sale. Interested or questions call 573-2509. If no answer leave a message. Pictures of some items are on the website.

Baby Shower For Jesus

During advent season St. Francis Christian Women will once again have a bassinet at church to accept items for Elevate (formerly Birthline - assisting young mothers with babies in need). Items most needed: Newborn to 12 months clothes, boy and girl, baby toys, bath toys, diapers (newborn to size 3), gift cards, and cash donations (put in envelope/collection) labeled. Please only these items at this time. All are welcome to Donate Wishlist items. A Blessed Thank you in advance from St. Francis Christian Women

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Once again, we begin the season of Advent, this is a time of preparation for Christ's coming into the world on Christmas morning. But this is not the only arrival of Christ for which we can prepare. He comes into our hearts at any time in any way. He comes to us in the Eucharist. We hope to be welcomed into His arms when we leave this world. Finally, He will come again at the end of time. As we gather in His name this weekend, let us contemplate how we can prepare to receive Christ even when we least expect Him.

For those who were unable to join us last weekend for Holy Mass, here follows some of Bishop Kettler's November 20 letter to Pastors: "As you know, we are experiencing a serious resurgence of COVID-19 cases in our state and diocese. The governor and state health authorities have issued additional requirements and guidance to keep us safe. Have recovered from having COVID-19 myself, I can attest to the impact that even a mild case has on a person's health and well-being. This disease poses a serious threat to the people of our parishes and local communities – especially to those who are most vulnerable because of age or underlying conditions. With this in mind, I want to clarify what my expectations are in light of the governor's new executive order and the latest data from state health authorities. I am requiring all pastors and parish leaders to obey the executive order, adhere to the requirements outlined in our liturgical and ministry protocols, and follow the additional requirements that I outline below.

Worship Services: Masses – including for weddings and funerals – and prayer opportunities in our churches are not affected by Gov. Walz's new order. The governor has noted that the recent spread of the virus has not be linked to worship services. All liturgies, however, must continue to follow the protocols we already have in place (see www.stcdio.org/coronavirus-update).

Catholic Schools: I cannot stress enough the importance of our Catholic school families following their school's required protocols in order to provide a safe environment and protect their community. I am grateful to all of our families for following the requirements and support their school's leadership in this regard.

Faith Formation, youth gatherings, retreats and related activities: These types of events pose a greater risk of spreading COVID-19. From now until the end of the year, these in-person gatherings must be suspended and shifted to online meetings or conducted at home.

Meetings, social activities, organizational meetings and related activities: From now until the end of the year, these in-person gatherings must also be suspended and shifted to online meetings or conducted at home.

I am requiring these measures at this time because I believe they are the best way to protect one another and serve the common good during this very difficult time. I will continue to evaluate the pandemic situation and make changes in the future based on the recommendations of our health authorities and my advisors. I ask for your patience, trust and understanding. You continue to be in my prayers." Bishop Donald J Kettler

St. Mary – December 2020

Saturday, December 5 – 4pm – 2nd Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Renee Scholz
Lector: Kim Koehn
Greeters: Elmer Frie
Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

Tuesday, December 8 – 7am – Immaculate Conception

EM of HC, Lector, Greeters, Ushers: Volunteers

Saturday, December 12 – 4pm – 3rd Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Dave Scholz
Lector: Jan Kilian
Greeters: Jan Kilian
Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

Saturday, December 19 – 4pm – 4th Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Beth Lange
Lector: Michelle Fleischhacker
Greeters: Rosemary Mehr
Ushers: Duke Lange & Michael Lange

Thursday, December 24 – 4pm – Christmas Eve

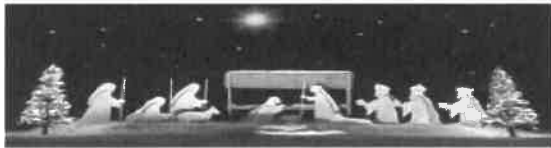
EM of HC: Brian Lange
Lector: Chantelle Frie
Greeters: Rosie Harren
Ushers: Ken Lange & Bob Blonigen

Saturday, December 26 – 4pm – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

EM of HC: Karen Liebsch
Lector: Leonice Prokott
Greeters: Jayne Lange
Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Thursday, December 31 – 4pm – Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

EM of HC: Jan Kilian
Lector: Leonice Prokott
Greeters: Laura Ripplinger
Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger



St. Edwards – December 2020

Sunday, December 6 – 8am – 2nd Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann
Lector: Adeline Molus
Greeters: Sally Schleper
Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Tuesday, December 8 – Noon – Immaculate Conception

EM of HC, Lector, Greeters, Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 13 – 8am – 3rd Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann
Lector: Dennis Biniek
Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Sunday, December 20 – 8am – 4th Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann
Lector: Shari Biniek
Greeters: Megan Wensmann
Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Thursday, December 24 – 8pm – Christmas Eve

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck
Lector: Tracey Hartung
Greeters: Raymond Kokett
Ushers: Dennis Biniek & Nick Schleper

Friday, December 25 – 8am - Christmas

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann
Lector: Jeff Czech
Greeters: Sally Schleper
Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

Sunday, December 27 – 8am – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck
Lector: Adeline Molus
Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

St Francis of Assisi – December 2020

December Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners

Sunday, December 6 – 10am – 2nd Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida
Lector: Holly Keppers
Greeters: Bob Theisen

Monday, December 7 – 8pm – Immaculate Conception

EM of HC: Judy Theisen
Lector: Clara Pflueger
Greeters: Dan Lange

Sunday, December 13 – 10am – 3rd Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann
Lector: Barb Moorman
Greeters: Rosanne Voss

Sunday, December 20 – 10am – 4th Sunday of Advent

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners
Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann
Greeters: Rita Lange

Thursday, December 24 – 5pm – Christmas Eve

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners
Lector: Rebecca Schmidt
Greeters: Gerry Boeckermann

Friday, December 25 – 10am – Christmas

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt
Lector: Chad Koopmeiners
Greeters: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Sunday, December 27 – 10am – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss
Lector: Barb Moorman
Greeters: Bob Theisen

****If you cannot come at your scheduled time, PLEASE find someone trained to take your place.****

DECEMBER 2020

AS – All Saints, Holdingford
 IC – Immaculate Conception
 SC – St. Columbkille

SE – St. Edward, Elmdale
 SF – St. Francis, St. Francis
 SM – St. Mary, Upsala

Confessions: SF, SF, & SM – before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC – by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Upsala Office <u>Manager Hours</u> Mon, Thurs, Fri. 8am – 3:30pm</p>	<p>30 <u>Holdingford Office</u> Hours Mon – Wed. 10am – 3pm Thurs. 1 – 5pm</p>	<p>1 6pm Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i></p>	<p>2 8am Mass – SF <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Upsala 12noon - 4pm RE: No in person classes SM & SF Parents please pick up student packets</p>	<p>3 8am Mass – SE <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i></p>	<p>4 7:30am Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Elmdale 12noon - 4pm</p>	<p>5 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM *St. Nick after Mass outside* 5pm Mass - SC</p>
<p>6 8am Mass – SE *St. Nick after Mass outside* 8am Mass - AS 10am Mass – SF *St. Nick after Mass outside* 10am Mass – IC Penance Service: 2 – 5pm @ SM</p>	<p>7 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm (Praise & Worship 7 – 8pm) 8pm Mass – AS(SM) 8pm Mass – SF Immaculate Conception Vigil Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm via Zoom</p>	<p>8 *Holy Day of Obligation* Immaculate Conception 7am Mass – SM Noon Mass – SE Noon Mass – SC (possibly outside) 7pm Mass - IC Adoration St. Francis 7am - 8pm Offices Closed</p>	<p>9 8am Mass – SF RE: No in person classes Confirmation – SM online Penance Service: 7pm @ Sacred Heart, Freeport</p>	<p>10 8am Mass – SE</p>	<p>11 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>12 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC Rural Catholic Singles Group – AS: 6 – 10pm 1st Reconciliation Retreat – AS, IC & SC @ AS(SH): 8 – 10:30am – Via Zoom</p>
<p>13 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - AS 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>14 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm</p>	<p>15 6pm Mass – SM</p>	<p>16 8am Mass – SF RE: No in person classes</p>	<p>17 8am Mass – SE</p>	<p>18 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>19 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC</p>
<p>20 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - AS 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>21 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm via Zoom</p>	<p>22 6pm Mass – SM 3:30pm – Well-Read Mom's – AS via Zoom</p>	<p>23 8am Mass – SF NO RE CLASSES Confirmation – SM online</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 4pm Mass – SM 4pm Mass - IC 5pm Mass – SF 6pm Mass - SC 8pm Mass – SE Midnight Mass – AS (SM) Offices Closed @ Noon</p>	<p>25 Christmas 8am Mass – SE 9am Mass – AS (SH) 10am Mass – SF Offices Closed</p>	<p>26 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC</p>
<p>27 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass - AS 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>28 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm via Zoom</p>	<p>29 6pm Mass – SM</p>	<p>30 8am Mass – SF NO RE CLASSES</p>	<p>31 8am Mass – SE 4pm Mass – SM 6pm Mass – IC 11:30pm Candlelight Mass – AS(SM) Solemnity of Mary Vigil</p>	<p>1 *Holy Day of Obligation* 8am Mass – SE 9am Mass - SC 10am Mass – SF Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day Offices Closed</p>	<p>2 Fr. David Grundman 320-309-4174 Office 573-2132 Fr. Gregory Mastey 746-2231 – rectory Office 228-0105</p>