

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Confessions are 1/2 hour before all Masses.

Please see Mass Schedule on next page.

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.



St. Hubert

Patron Saint of Hunters

Late in the eighth century, a hunter named Hubert was tracking a stag through the forest of the Ardennes. As he readied himself to shoot the animal with his arrow, he was startled when the stag turned suddenly in its flight, and he saw between its antlers a luminous cross. This experience caused Hubert to change his way of life, and he never hunted again. Yet only a few

centuries later he was known as the patron of hunters, and is a saint greatly honored in France and Belgium.

Saint Hubert lived a full life. He became bishop of Tongres and traveled through his huge diocese on horseback and by boat, preaching and building churches to the glory of God. He was the friend of the great of his day—Pepin of Heristal and Charles Martel among them—and also of the poor. In particular his heart went out to prisoners, and he would secretly place food for them before their dungeon windows. As he died he said to those about him, "Stretch the pallium over my mouth for I am now going to give back to God the soul I received from Him."

Prayer to share the fruit of the hunt

Lord, I am so blessed to be able to hunt and I appreciate the blessings You have bestowed upon me. Yet I know that so many others are in great need. Give me the grace to share the food of the hunt not only with my family and friends but also with those who have greater need: the hungry and the poor. May my sharing with them be one small part of my continuing care for your poor. As they ask You, Father, for their daily bread, use me as one small instrument to help provide it to them.

~Very Rev. Father Edward Schmidt/catholicgentleman.com

St. Hubert, Pray for Us!

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
Saturday 11/8		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:00 p.m. St. Francis Deer Hunter's Mass	† Loretta Renneker ~ Tom & Jeanette Gerads	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Kurt & Jackie Goebel, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
Sunday 11/9		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Dennis Biniek	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensman c, Lector: Karla Schneider, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski Jr. & Greg Larson, Greeters: Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, Gifts: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Renee Scholz c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 11/10	<i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>		<u>Adoration</u> <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm <u>First Fridays:</u> St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)		
Tuesday, 11/11	<i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Ken Welle, Jan Kilian & Richard O'Hotto	Jesus, I trust in you!
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Anointing of the Sick	† Eileen Stiller		
Wednesday, 11/12	<i>St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Anointing of the Sick	† Arnold Kleve ~ St. Francis Men's Society		
Thursday, 11/13	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward *Anointing of the Sick	† Stanley & Bernetta Czech		
Friday, 11/14			
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Evelyn Locnikar		

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11/15		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Deceased friends & relatives of the Hartung & Boeckermann Families	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Bob & Judy Theisen, Sacristan: Kathy Thell
Sunday 11/16		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Jerry Theisen c, Derek Biniek c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Barkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Nick Stodolka	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz, Volunteer c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
K-6: Beth Lange (bethlange83@gmail.com) (320) 630-8390
7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203 or confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Confirmation (Holdingford)

Wed., Nov 12th, 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Nov. 12th, 7:00 p.m. 7-10th gr. St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be at the St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in Upsala. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Nov. 15th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18-30 who are looking to socialized other young adults. We typically meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. These meetings are subject to change so please contact Katie (423-2203) or Marissa (630-2433) if you would like to join us.

Natural Family Planning

Alexandria on Monday, Nov. 17th & Dec. 15th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus (320) 290-8751 or at uphus.nfp@gmail.com.

Little Falls on Tuesday Nov. 4th & Dec. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 631-5660.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, Nov. 20th & Dec. 18th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill & Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Monday, Nov. 17th & Thurs. Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reincke at omf@gw.stcdio.org or (320) 258-7609.

All classes are approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP!

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER

St. Edward: \$200

St. Francis: \$405

St. Mary: \$1,025

Sign-up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on our website or by contacting the Parish Office to have a form mailed/mailed to you.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/2/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,250 Loose: \$98, All Saints: \$1,080, All Saints Loose: \$53.53, **Total: \$2,481.53**

St. Francis: Adult: \$695, Loose: \$162, Votive: \$120, Catholic Charities: \$10, All Saints: \$180 **Total: \$1,167**

St. Mary: Adults: \$2,135, Loose: \$247.85, Votive: \$175.75, Catholic Charities: \$25, All Saints: \$ 70, **Total: \$2,653.60**

Pro-Life: Every Life. Voice. & Vote

Will you be part of an ambitious vision to make Minnesota pro-life again? You are invited to come to a special presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14th in Little Falls at the Initiative Foundation (405 First St. S.E.) in the Prairie Room. Receive a crucial pro-life update and learn how you can help restore protection for vulnerable human life.

Student Pro-Life Activism

On Saturday, Nov. 15th from 2:30-4:30 p.m., students in grades 6-12 can learn about ways to get involved, do a volunteer project together, enjoy free food and have fun! This even also takes place at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls. Learn more at mcl.org/everyvoice or (612) 825-6831.

Youth Group Kick-off:

All youth in grades 8-12 are invited to our first youth group gathering that will include food, fun, and faith on Sunday, November 23rd, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For over 50 years we have helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. **When:** November 22-23, 2025 **Where:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria, MN **Contact:** Miki Schultz, (507) 227-8229.

St. Mary's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up in our gathering space until Sunday, December 7th. Once again we are working with the Morrison County Human Services Department to provide gifts to children within the Foster Care Program. Please take a Star or Ornament form the tree and purchase a gift for a child. Everyone is welcome to participate. Thank you! Happy Holidays!!!

FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us at Word of Life Church (3328 1st Ave. W., Upsala) for Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings! Serving on November 27th at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

News and Events



St. Gertrude's Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

*"Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home, and in my family.
Amen."*



All mothers grieving the loss of an unborn child due to stillbirth or miscarriage are invited to attend our Known By God unborn child loss retreat. Participants will receive large group talks on prayer and grief, small group sharing time, lunch, personal prayer time, shared resources, and more.

Our presenter is Bernadette Gockowski, mother of five children on earth and three in heaven. She began the Known By God retreat in 2019 in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis to bring mothers grieving the loss of an unborn baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. Prior to staying at home with her children, Bernadette worked as a youth minister for six years and has a Master's degree in religious education from the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Date: November 15, 2025 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$35.00 **Location:** Christ Church Newman Center, 396 1st Ave S, St. Cloud. Registration Deadline: Please register online by November 1st. To register visit: stdio.org/known-by-God.

Please note: The office will be closed on Monday, Nov. 10th due to the funeral of Jessie's mother-in-law, Marianne. Randi will be in for the money counters. Thank you!

Go to Adoration to really celebrate "Thanksgiving".



Visit a cemetery to pray for the dead.



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CATHOLIC'S NOVEMBER TO-DO LIST



Begin St. Andrew's Novena.



Memorize St. Gertrude's Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



Prepare for Advent.



Make some spiritual resolutions to celebrate the Church's new Liturgical Year.



Quilts & Tributes

The Art of Conversation Gallery has a new show up now with the theme of Quilts (of any kind) and Tributes to our Veterans (any media). You can bring in your submissions any time in November during gallery hours and it will be added to this gallery show. Hours Fri., 4-6:00 p.m., Sat., 10:00 a.m. to Noon & Sun. Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Upsala American Legion Auxiliary is again sponsoring **Wreaths Across America** in local cemeteries, and we need help in getting wreaths for all the area veteran's graves. Please help Upsala American Legion Auxiliary Unit 350 honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath for \$17 to be placed on a veteran's grave on Dec. 13th, in St. Mary's, St. Edwards, and St. Francis of Assisi cemeteries. Grave specific requests can be made. To sponsor a wreath, or many wreaths, scan the QR code or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/MN0085P.

If you prefer to sponsor wreaths by cash or check, please call Kristi at (612) 202-5974. Orders must be received by Wreaths Across America no later than Nov. 28th. All are invited to help place wreaths or attend the ceremony on December 13th at the Upsala Area Veterans Memorial, at 10 am.



*Lord, God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and
author of peace, we ask you
to bless the members of our
armed forces now and those
who served. Give them
courage, hope and strength.
Be their power and protector.
To you be all glory, honor
and praise. Amen*