

The Catholic Churches of

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




*Christ
our Savior
was born on
Christmas
Day*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26, 2021

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis ~ 3:15-3:45 pm,
Sunday: St. Edward ~ 7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary ~ 9:15-9:45 am
Tuesday St. Mary ~ 5- 5:30 pm Tuesday: St. Mary -5- 5:30 pm

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. David nine months
in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.
Bulletin deadline is on Wednesday at noon
The Office will be closed on Friday

 *Merry Christmas!* 

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson,
Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka,
Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank
Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner,
Donna Scholz, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul),
Millie Spring (chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF,
cancer), Joe Korman (SE, hospice at Riverside in Royal-
ton), Geri Klimek (Covid, hospitalized), Bruce Wolters
(burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM,
recovery from Covid), Joe Schumer (SM, cancer),
**Fr. Peter Kirchner (Pastor at Opole/Rice, dialysis, in
need of kidney transplant)**

family of +Rudy Cazeau (brother-in-law of Fr. David),
family of +Brian Lange, **family of +Mike Schiller (SF),**
family of Tim Roelike (brother of MJ Blonigen, SM)

WEEKEND COLLECTION December 19, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$787, Loose: \$34 Votive: \$66.25
Retired Religious: \$10, Christmas Flowers: \$100,
Immaculate Conception: \$40, Christmas: \$125
Total: **\$1,164.25**

St. Francis: Adult: \$570, Loose: \$105, Retired Religious:
\$20, Christmas Flowers: \$25, Christmas: \$310,
Total: **\$1,030**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,379, Loose: \$145, Fall Collection:
\$350, Retired Religious: \$50, Christmas Flowers: \$10,
Christmas: \$350 Total: **\$2,284**

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 12/28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
6 pm St. Francis	† Irene Stern *Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday 12/29	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
8am St. Francis	† Paul & Virginia Keppers ~Kathy Thell *Anointing of the Sick
Thursday 12/30	
8am St. Edward	† Betty Kane *Anointing of the Sick
Not obligatory	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~Vigil
Friday 12/31	
4 pm St. Mary	† Leo & Katherine Hartung
Not obligatory	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday 1/1	
9 am St. Edward	† Arnie Marstein
Weekend Masses	Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday 1/1	
4 pm St. Francis	Healing & Strength for Millie Spring
Sunday 1/2	
8 am St. Edward	† Arnold Carlson
10 am St. Mary	† Marcia Osberg

Faith Formation

Grades 3-6 Parents

We hope that you have a Merry Christmas! This coming
week's session is "A Match Made in Heaven". Remember
that the following Wednesday, Jan 5 will be our next
classroom lesson.

Grades 7-10 Class: Jan 12

Remember there will be no classes for the next two
weeks. Please review and read ahead which will only but
help strengthen your faith!

Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch: Jan 19

We will be blessed to have Karen Liebsch's (SM)
grandson come to our classes! He plans to visit each of
our grades 7-10. He will conclude with Adoration for the
last 20 minutes! Please pray for an outpouring the Holy
Spirit!

Youth News

Come Holy Spirit Guide Us!

After our youth returned home from Indianapolis, there has
been a strong desire for a continued growing in their faith.
Most of them spoke of their powerful experience of
Adoration and Confession. Pray as we discern the
possibility of having a monthly Sunday evening praise and
worship Mass along with Adoration and Confession

Three Saints News

Brian Lange Fundraiser

Please make cash donations at the Stearns Bank in Upsa-
la. He passed away from complications due to COVID. He
was an active member of the Upsala Fire Department for
23 years.

Daily Masses Cancelled: Jan 4-6

Due to Fr David and other priests on retreat in Buffalo.

Finance Committee Meetings: Jan 17th & 18th

Members remember that St Mary's will meeting Monday
evening while St Edward's & St Francis Tuesday evening.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Sat., Jan. 1, 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God****EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Jeff Czech**Server:** Isaac Harren**Ushers:** John Kokett & Raymond Kokett**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann**Gift Bearers:** Brian & Tracey Hartung**Sun., Jan. 2, 8:00 am The Epiphany of the Lord****EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Adeline Molus**Server:** Isaac Harren**Ushers:** Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett**Gift Bearers:** Mark & Kaye Nienaber**New ACC Members**

Congratulations to Greg Larsen and Leonice Urbanski. Thanks to all the people from our three parishes who were open to being on this committee. This is a three-year term and we will meet quarterly.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**Sat., Jan. 1, 4:00 pm The Epiphany of the Lord****EM of HC:** Rosanne Voss**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt**Server:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida**Gift Bearers:** Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners**New ACC Members**

Congratulations to Matt Herzog and Sylvester Tschida. Our six members will join six members from the Holdingford area churches to comprise what is called 'Mary and the Saints'. One topic of discussion is to have one bulletin for our six parishes.

ST MARY'S NEWS**Fri., Jan. 31, 4pm The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~Vigil****EM of HC:** Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Kim Koehn**Server:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger**Ushers:** Tom & Jan Kilian**Greeters:** Michell & Brooke Kingston**Gift Bearers:** Mikel & Julie Nelson**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann**Sun., Jan. 2, 10am The Epiphany of the Lord****EM of HC:** Rose Harren **Lector:** Jan Kilian**Server:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen**Ushers:** Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger**Greeters:** Walt & LeAnn Beneke**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Theresa Lange**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian**New ACC Members**

Congratulations to Rodney Roering and Renee Scholz. This committee replaces the Pastoral Council. Two of the nominees: Leonice Prokott and JoAnne Prom are experiencing some severe grief and loss, since they were not chosen. Please reach out and help console them.

Hail Damage

After much back and forth from Catholic Mutual Group from their Auditor and Engineer, they decided "they were unable to issue any payment in response the claim for damage to the parish (Aug 28, 2021)". Thanks Duane Harren and Mikel Nelson for all your help.

Morrison County Food Shelf Thanks You

"Thank you for your recent donation of \$500. 2020 and 2021 have been difficult for many members of our community. Your donation has helped provide one of the most basic necessities to those in need. These are our friends, neighbors and family. In 2021 so far, we have averaged 320 families per month, totaling an average of 863 individuals per month. We couldn't do what we do without your help!"

Three Saints News continued**Saint Andrew Gourmet Coffee Coming Soon!**

This coffee is directly purchased from a group of farmers in San Miguel Escobar, Guatemala. This will be a blessed effort fulfilling our call to Social Justice as we will pay them above fair-trade standards. Fr Mark Innocenti from Elk River has been doing this a number of years. In Fr David's previous parishes this coffee was made available and the people loved it!

Funeral Lunch Options Temporary Policy

Parishioners from each of our parishes decided in light of the pandemic, that we must come up with a temporary policy (Nov 17, 2021). We decided that we wanted to be cautious. Our parishes offer three options: Catered, Prepared Meal or Sandwiches. In the entrances of our churches, there are copies of this policy.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest –Jan. 8

Agas 9-14 can sign-up at 8:30 am at the Upsala High School Gym. Contact: Jeff Czech 630-2753 or Jim Daly 584-8171.

Thank you

I want to thank the members of our faith community who sent an Angel to my door with the 12 days of Christmas packages. Thank you doesn't seem enough but that's all I have. Your are all in my prayers. ~Bertha Herdering.

Totus Tuus Team Members Needed

College age students, consider helping out this summer being a missionary to our youth! We need 3 young ladies and 3 young men.

Notes from Fr David

Merry Christmas! Two thousand years ago into a humble, lowly stable Jesus/the Light of the world was born. Into our humble, lowly hearts let the Light of the world shine forth. On Sunday, we return to expand that celebration of our Lord's birth into a celebration to His immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising Him in the religious traditions of their faith. Let us pray that our families may provide fertile ground for our children to grow in their faith.

I feel so very blessed to be your Pastor! I hope that you enjoy your Christmas gift! We ordered extras, so please next week take more home with you and give them out to others. Thanks to Santa's elves who did all the wrapping! Dynamic Catholic has been making available numerous books over the years and the cost is minimal for our parishes. The author Matthew Kelly is a well-known speaker and author. I have seen him speak two times and his message was most powerful!

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our parishes this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God's presence in our communities. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful despite the current pandemic. Additionally, a special thank you to our staff and the devoted members of the various ministries and decorators in our parishes and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes all the time to make our parishes vibrant.

In closing, my Christmas prayer is that you, your family and homes be filled with the blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. At the same time, I thank you all, most sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, inspiring Christmas greetings and priceless gifts. "Lord, may all my dear parishioners be over shadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus."