

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.

Commemoration of all the
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November 1, 2024–October 31, 2025

St. Edward, Elmdale

Margaret Rose Carlson ~October, 31, 2024

LaVerne Monica Lang ~April 4, 2025

Steven Thomas Michels ~July 7, 2025

Kathryn Hennek ~ August 13, 2025

Raymond Kurowski ~ October 7, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

Daniel Hubert Lange ~February 6, 2025

Bernadette Frances Voss ~April 1, 2025

Joan Marie Gerads ~July 31, 2025

Frank F. Gerads ~August 4, 2025

Eileen Ann Stiller ~August 7, 2025

Eugene Richard Lashinski ~October 11, 2025

St. Mary, Upsala

Rose Mary Binek ~ November 15, 2024

All Saints/All Souls-The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Saturday 11/1		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Edmund & Delores Roerick and Rosie Bauer ~ Roerick Family	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Allen & Janelle Roerick, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
Sunday 11/2		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jim Wensman c, Jim Bartkowiec c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Lucille Gordon ~Beth Lange	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Lether c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday, 11/3	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)
Tuesday, 11/4	<i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	No Mass
Wednesday, 11/5	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	No Mass
Thursday, 11/6	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	No Mass
Friday, 11/7	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Dorene Stueve ~ Lorene Koopmeiners



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
 St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
 St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm
First Fridays:
 St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm

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

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

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, Volunteer c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

St. Francis Saturday Night Mass will change from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 15th.

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 5th, 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Nov. 5th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Formation, 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.

Attention Youth in grades 8-12:

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 23, 5:00-6:30pm to join together for a Youth Group event at St. Mary's! Food, Fun, Friends & Faith! Details coming soon!



WINTER 2025
THEOLOGY ON DRAFT SERIES
Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evenings to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:00-8:30 PM
WILLY T'S AT THE HOLIDAY INN
5637 HIGHWAY 29 SOUTH, ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308
WITH
Ben Epper

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:00-8:00 PM
LOS MARIACHIS MEXICAN GRILL
415 N BENTON DR, SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379
WITH
Ben Epper

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Nov. 8th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at 290-2877.

We have 7 new Saints!

On October 19th Pope Leo canonized Ignatius Maloyan, Peter To Rot, Vincent Maria Poloni, María Carmen Rendiles Martínez, Maria Troncatti, José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, and Bartolo Longo. Learn more on aleteia.org

Marriage Encounter

Nov. 22nd-23rd St. Mary's Catholic Church and school, Alexandria, MN. Contact: Miki Schultz(507) 227-8229 or wwme.org.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 10/26/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$597.15 Loose: \$185.25, Votive: \$65.25, Catholic Charities: \$85, All Saints: \$5, World Mission: \$70, Fire Fund: \$20, **Total: \$1,024.65**

St. Francis: Adult: \$330, Loose: \$138, Catholic Charities: \$2, **Total: \$470**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,554, Loose: \$187.37, Catholic Charities: \$187, Bingo: \$2,652, **Total: \$4580.37**

Over 80 Blessings for November

Leonard Koroll (SE) 11/2
Patricia Eggert (SM) 11/12
Walt Beneke (SM) 11/29
Ken Welle (SM) 11/29
Jeanette Maciej (SE) 11/30
Devota Nilson (SM) 11/30



The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 8th for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you!

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.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.
~Wisdom 3:9

St. Francis' News

St. Francis Bazaar

There will be an "After Bazaar" meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6th at 7:30 p.m. In the church basement. Everyone is invited to come and share your thoughts.

Church Lock-up

St. Francis Church will start locking up at 6:00 p.m. on Nov. 3rd. It will go back to 8:00 p.m. in the spring.

Cemetery Clean-up

All flowers need to be removed from the cemetery by Nov. 12th. Any flowers left on the cemetery after then will be removed and discarded. Just the flowers need to be removed. Other decoration can remain in the cemetery.

St. Edward's News

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Leila Kaiser

daughter of Justin & Heather
November 1, 2025

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



TJKaiser

son of Justin & Heather
November 1, 2025

News and Events



**Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753**

Meeting: Nov. 4th at St. Edward's at 7:00 p.m. Please note the time change.

Accompany Those Passing

Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

Please keep those who are sick and those taking care of them in your prayers



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Known By God

A RETREAT FOR MOTHERS GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF AN UNBORN CHILD

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.

Quilts & Tributes

The Art of Conversation Gallery will have a new show going up on Dec. 31st with a 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 the gallery show. Hours Fri., 4-6:00 p.m., Sat., 10:00 a.m. to Noon & Sun. Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Why is November called the Month of Remembrance?

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

Wreaths Across America

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 graves. Please Help Upsala American Legion Auxiliary Unit 350 honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath for \$17 today to be placed on a veteran's grave December 13, 2025 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 10:00am.



All Souls: Help the Souls in Purgatory!

To gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory, the following conditions must be met: Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin; receive the sacrament of confession; receive the Holy Eucharist and recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

If some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.

It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.

One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence. ~catholicculture.org