

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.

Happy Thanksgiving

Practicing gratefulness in daily life

In prayer: Start and end your day with thanks, and balance your prayers for needs with expressions of gratitude.

For basic needs: Be thankful for simple gifts like clean water, food, and a home.

For relationships: Appreciate your family and friends, and express this appreciation through gratitude and thank-you notes.

In hardship: Find opportunities to be thankful even during difficult times, such as setbacks or challenges, because they can build strength and humility.

Through awareness: Recognize the many gifts you have been given, such as life, salvation, and God's presence, and avoid focusing on what you lack.

The Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving

The word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." The Mass is considered the source and summit of the Catholic faith and is a central act of giving thanks to God. By participating in the Eucharist, Catholics offer a profound act of thanksgiving and receive God's blessings.

Gratefulness as a virtue

Gratitude is a virtue that frees the heart and helps overcome self-pity and entitlement. It is a habit that can be intentionally practiced to become an enduring part of your character. The call to gratitude is an ongoing one, as seen in the biblical teaching to "in all circumstances give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

"It is the spirit of gratitude which draws upon us the overflow of God's grace,...for no sooner have we thanked Him for one blessing then He hastens to send us ten additional favors in return. Then, when we show our gratitude for these new gifts, He multiplies His benedictions to such a degree that there seems to be a constant stream of divine grace ever coming our way. ~ St. Therese of Lisieux"


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

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Saturday 11/22		<i>St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i>
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Chris & Abby Fuchs, Sacristan: Sylvester Tschida
Sunday 11/23		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Richard O’Hotto	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jerry Theisen c, Joan Theisen c, Lector: Tracy Hartung, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Diane & Dennis Trettel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Rose Mary Binek	EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Lisa Zabinski c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday, 11/24	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	 <p>Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary’s 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward’s 12 noon -9 pm</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 11/25	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, & Martyr</i>	
No Mass	ACC Board Members Retreat	
Wednesday, 11/26		<p>Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Robert Thell, 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</p>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Deceased Members of the Bauer and Gerads family	
Thursday, 11/27	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Molus	
Friday, 11/28		
No Mass	Happy Thanksgiving!	

The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 11/29		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Donald, Betty & Duane Herzog	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Judy Theisen c, Bob Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren , Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Andy & Brittany Harren, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
Sunday 11/30		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Jim & Lora Bartkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Volunteer c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

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)

No class-Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

No class-Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



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!!!

Youth Notes

Steubenville Youth Conference July 24-26, 2026 in St. Paul. All Currents 8-12th graders are invited to encounter Jesus in a fun and faith-filled weekend. Limited spots available. Call or text Jim (320) 229-2898. Deadline to sign up is December 8th.

Give to the Youth:

Looking for a ping pong table for the youth. If you have one you don't want anymore, please call or text 320-229-2898!

Please Note:

The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday & Friday Nov. 27 & 28th.
Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Francis' News

Cemetery Flag Holders

The American Legion graciously provides the star flag holders for all the veterans in our parish cemetery. The flags are put out on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The last 2 years when the flags were put out on Veteran's Day, two of the flag holders had been removed from a veteran's grave site. For this reason, all of the flag holders have been removed from the cemetery and will go up the day of their use. If by chance, you have removed a flag holder from a Loved one's gravesite, please return it to the church. Just place it on the table in the crying room. Thank you for helping to remedy this situation.

St. Mary's News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Ronald Dingmann

Passed to Eternal Life: Nov. 12, 2025
Burial: MN State Veterans Cemetery,
in Little Falls

Mary & the Saints
St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Mary

**YOUTH
GROUP**

ALL 8-12th Graders Welcome
Bring a friend!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
5:00-6:30pm
St. Mary's - Upsala



- Pizza & Pop!
- Group Games!
- Faith Message!
- Prayer!

Scan
to follow on
Instagram



For more information talk to: Sam Laliberte, Carson Primus, Anne Ripplinger,
Olivia Klasen, Jimmy Jensen, Noah Boeckermann, or Jim Scholz

Plan Ahead: Christmas Caroling Everyone is welcome to bring joy to the seniors at Vitality Living, Upsala by singing Christmas Carols on Monday, December 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Song sheets will be provided.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/16/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$583 Loose: \$78.25, **Total: \$661.25**

St. Francis: Adult: \$210, Loose: \$37, **Total: \$247**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,670, Loose: \$263.60, Choir: \$150, Fall Collection: \$990, Thanksgiving: \$200, **Total: \$3,273.60**

News and Events



Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our Earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and

dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace. ~ <https://www.catholicdigest.com/The Catholic Prayer Book/> Msgr. Michael Buckley

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass:

Nov. 27th: 8:00 a.m. SE

Immaculate Conception:

Dec. 8th: 6:00 p.m. Rosary & Chaplet-6:30 p.m. Mass-SM

Christmas Vigil & Day:

Dec. 24th: 4:30 p.m. SE

Dec. 25th: 8:00 a.m. SF & 10:00 a.m. SM

New Year's/Solemnity of Mary:

Dec. 31st: 4:00 p.m. SF

Jan. 1st: 8:00 a.m. SE 10:00 a.m. SM

Call for Student Artists

The Art of Conversation Gallery's December show will be an all student exhibit. Public, private and homeschooled students are invited to submit artwork in any medium around any theme! Email Submission to Steve@upsalacav.org or text to: (218) 428-8010 by Wednesday November. 26th.

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.

Women's Advent Reflection

The women of Magnify warmly invite all women to a special Advent event at The Gathering Barn of Avon (35204 Co. Rd. Experience a powerful evening of reflection led by National Catholic Speaker, Kristin Molitor. Enter into Praise and Worship with Abby Thomas, whose music beautifully draws hearts to prayer, and share in fellowship with Catholic women from across the area as we await the joy of Christmas. **Magnify is an Apostolate of the Harvest of Hope Communities of Albany, Avon, St. Martin, and St. Anthony. It is a platform to create meaningful connections with Catholic women in our area.*

THE WOMEN OF MAGNIFY INVITE YOU TO

A Women's Advent Evening of Reflection

Join us for an evening of prayer, praise and reflection with National Catholic Speaker, Kristin Molitor.

December, 12 2025

6:30-8:30 pm

Light Refreshments to follow

Located at a unique venue-

*The Gathering Barn of Avon
35204 Co Rd 155
Avon, MN 56310*



Contact Leah Brix for more information:
leahbrixauthor@gmail.com



Upsala American Legion Auxiliary is 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, 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.

