

# The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala

## Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

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Congratulations to our students who received their  
First Reconciliation on December 15, 2021



### Over 80 Blessings for January

Gene Harren 1/8 SM  
Viola Wuebkers 1/16 SM  
Delores O'Hotto 1/19 SE  
Janet Yurzyk 1/26 SM



### 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), Geri Klimek (Covid, hospitalized), Bruce Wolters  
(burn victim, at home, rehab), Marlene Vornbrock (SM,  
recovery from Covid), Fr. Peter Kirchner (Pastor at Opole/  
Rice, dialysis, in need of kidney transplant), **Joe Primus  
(SE, Covid)**

family of +Brian Lange, family of +Mike Schiller (SF),  
family of +Tim Roelike (brother of MJ Blonigen, SM),  
**family of +Joe Schumer, family of +Joe Korman**

### WEEKEND COLLECTION Christmas & Dec. 26, 2021

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,655, Loose: \$110, Fall Collection:  
\$120, Christmas: \$14,920, Christmas Loose: \$96,  
Maintenance: \$50 Total: **\$16,951**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$5785, Loose: \$663, Votive: \$207.12  
Christmas: \$16,565, Solemnity: \$120, Funeral lunch:  
\$130 Total: **\$23,470.12**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$810, Loose: \$355.50, Christmas: \$4,582  
Total: **\$5,747.50**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



### Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

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| Tuesday 1/4      | <i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious-memorial</i>  |
| No Mass          |   |
| Wednesday 1/5    | <i>Saint John Neumann, Bishop-memorial</i>  |
| No Mass          | Adoration, no Benediction SM 12-4pm   |
| Thursday 1/6     | <i>Saint Andre Bessette, Religious</i>  |
| No Mass          |   |
| Friday 1/7       | <i>Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i>  |
| 7:30 am St. Mary | † Freya Tersteeg~ Jayne Lange<br>*Anointing of the Sick<br>Adoration with Benediction SE 12-4pm |
| Weekend Masses   | <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>  |
| Saturday 1/8     |   |
| 4 pm St. Francis | For the People  |
| Sunday 1/9       |   |
| 8 am St. Edward  | † George Casazza  |
| 10 am St. Mary   | † Elaine, Joe & Mark Schumer  |

Fr. David will be on the priest's retreat January 2-6

### Faith Formation

#### Grades K-6/Parents: Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm

We have classroom lesson entitled 'Match Made in Heaven'. Come early for a light meal!

#### Grades 7-10 Class: Jan 12

Remember there is no class this week, so please review the material that you are learning.

#### Confirmation Class: Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm

Remember you are expected to bring either one of your parents or your sponsor. Remember that this Sun, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> we will join the 10am Mass and have class afterwards until noon.

#### Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch: Jan 19

Did you know that we have fourteen seminarians? Fr Doug will be speaking to each of our classes, so please bring along some questions for him. He is originally from Long Prairie.

### Youth News

#### Monthly Sunday Night Youth Mass?

What has the Holy Spirit been placing on your heart? How can we help continue the fire of the Holy Spirit after their Youth Conference in Indianapolis this past November?

#### Catholic Men's Conference Feb 26 in Sartell

Our diocese strongly encourages male students, especially those preparing for Confirmation, to attend with their male sponsor or role model. The purpose of this conference (8:30 am - 4pm) is to assist and encourage Catholic ordained, single men and married men to build stronger families, stronger communities, and ultimately a stronger church.

### Future Happenings

Jan 16: Vespers for Life at 4pm with Bishop Kettler  
Jan 19: Vocation Director Fr Doug Liebsch Visit  
Jan 22: March for Life @ St Paul  
Feb 12: Valentine Dinner @ St Mary's  
Feb 13: Quilt Bingo @ St Mary's  
Feb 26: Men's Conference @ St Francis Xavier in Sartell  
Mar 2: Ash Wednesday

**ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sun., Jan. 9, 8:00 am The Baptism of the Lord**  
**EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck **Lector:** Dennis Biniek  
**Server:** Isaac Harren  
**Ushers:** Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel  
**Greeters:** Jim & Julie Wensmann  
**Gift Bearers:** Brent & Sandy Prokott

**ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sat., Jan. 8, 4:00 pm The Baptism of the Lord**  
**EM of HC:** Syl Tschida  
**Lector:** Holly Keppers  
**Server:** Carter Roerich  
**Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida  
**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Rita Lange

**Freeport State Bank Christmas Gift**

Please remember to thank James Hemker and all who work for the bank. Once again, they gave our parish a Christmas gift of \$1,000!

**Funeral Groups** Group chair & co-chairs form 2021; please return your group books to the entrance table of church so they can be updated. New chair & co-chairs for 2022; Group 1: Becky Schmidt & June Schweitzer  
 Group 2: Pam Welle & Janelle Roerick, Group 3: Judy Lashinski & Jessica Donabauer, Group 4: Brittany Harren & Gail Wuebkers. Contact Kathy Thell for any questions 293-7485.

**ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sun., Jan. 9, 10:00 am The Baptism of the Lord**  
**EM of HC:** LeAnn Beneke **Lector:** Volunteer needed  
**Server:** Lilli Leither & Alayna Weber  
**Ushers:** Darren Lange & Mitch Lange  
**Greeters:** Bernie Waldorf  
**Gift Bearers:** Andy and Linda Langner  
**Bank Deposit:** Mikel Nelson

**Three Saints News****Epiphany House Blessing**

Blessed chalk and copies of the blessing can be found in the entrances of our churches.

**Cash Donation Fundraiser**

With Brian Lange passing away from COVID (Dec 11), please consider donating to the fund at Stearns Bank. He served on the City Council and was a retired First Response Team Member.

**Fr Jerry Mischke's 84<sup>th</sup> b-day**

As Father is retired at the priest's retirement house, he'd love nothing more than to receive a card January 8: 308 3<sup>rd</sup> Str S, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 He speaks highly of being your pastor in Elmdale and Upsala.

**Gourmet Coffee Coming Soon!**

Coffee drinkers, your prayers have been answered. This Arabic coffee is well known in the coffee industry as being of the highest quality. They have roasted it in small batches and only upon order to provide the freshest coffee available. Purchasing this coffee will benefit not only the families in Guatemala. Fr Mark Innocenti (St Andrew's in Elk River) trades directly with the farmer, making cash payments with no middleman to make sure the farmers are adequately compensated.

**Diocese of St Cloud Totus Tuus**

College age students, please be open to be missionary to the children and youth from our diocese this summer. We need three young ladies and three young men. You will be paid for your services all for Jesus! Call Fr David or Fr Doug Liebsch: 533-0291.

**Funeral lunch options in light of pandemic**

Copies of this new temporary policy (Nov 17, 2021) can be found in the entrances of our church. Please call Parish Office for more information or would like to have one mailed to you.

**Baby Shower for Jesus** Proceeds will go to ELEVATE (Pregnancy & Family Resource Center)

Current Needs: Clothing needs NB-9 months, Swaddlers, Sleep Sacks, Warm Fleece Sleepers/Pajamas, Muslin Swaddle Blankets, Car Seat Covers, Car Seat Hanging Toys, Target & Walmart Gift Cards, Baby Girl Long Sleeved Onesies, Baby Wipes, Boy & Girl Pants and Cash Donations. All are welcome to Donate Wishlist items at St. Francis Parish in the Bassinet. A Blessed Thank You in advance by the St Francis Christian Women.

**Getting to know your new secretary**

My New Year's resolution is to go on retreat! I'm already scheduled to go to Pacem in Terris the same time as Janice Wuebkers next June. It will be a time to refresh and renew. I've been on two other retreats and highly recommend that you consider some time away with Our God also-very relaxing and prayerful. ~Jessie

**Notes from Fr David**

Aware of the significance of the blessed star and drawn by its distinctive light, the magi traveled from distant lands to reach Bethlehem. They are the first people outside the immediate area to come and greet the newborn king. This weekend, we gather thousands of miles from Bethlehem, not to mention over two thousand years from the holy event. Yet we too are drawn by our faith to this holy place to seek out the Son of God and do Him homage. Let us in turn make Christ manifest to others wherever we go.

Thanks to so many people joining us for Masses the past two weeks. Our four Christmas Masses were well attended. In having an extra Mass (Dec 4pm at St Francis with Fr Virgil), it proved to be helpful in light of social distancing and the pandemic. Praise God how many people came to Jesus for the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The Holy Spirit breathed on me saying, there's no better place for me to be spending my time than in the confessional. Come to Jesus as He wants to heal and strengthen you.

People were asking me if I was sick as I returned to wearing a mask. Two-fold answer was in fact, I was sick. Secondly, out of obedience to Bishop Kettler has asked us to help ensure that we take reasonable precautions to keep people healthy. His words: "The number of COVID cases requiring medical care is straining the resources of CentraCare and other medical providers in central Minnesota. They are asking for help from their faith community leaders to keep people safe and healthy. The fast spread of the omicron variant and the arrival of flu season add additional layers of concern." I believe that I had the influenza (Dec 21). I was able to meet most of my demands. Of course, a concern was COVID. I am vaccinated and boosted. However, I went to CVS in Albany for a (drive-up) COVID test. About one day later, I was informed via email that it was negative.

Please pray for us priests and I will keep you in prayer as we will be at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo this Sunday evening until Thursday. Church law requires that a priest takes a yearly retreat. There is nothing better than to spend a few days listening to spiritual talks while praying together. Socially, I find it most precious reconnecting with other priests.