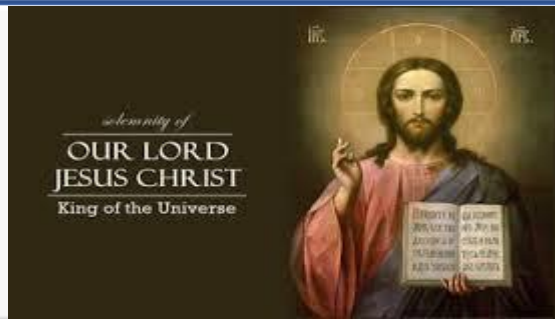


The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 2020

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

PRAYER LINE

Karen Liebsch (SM): 573-4127 Kathy Koehn (SM): 573-2363

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Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and must call the Pastor before setting a date.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact the office before desired baptism date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please stop in or call the Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled with the exception of Tues. evening.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkovicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiynek, Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,465.00; Loose \$100.00; All Saints \$25.00 - **\$1,590.00**

St. Edward: Adult \$1,780.00; Loose \$83.00; Fall Collection \$400.00 – **\$2,263.00**

St. Francis: Adult \$576.00; Loose \$23.00; Fall Collection \$1,550 - **\$2,149.00**

YOUTH NEWS

Mass Servers Needed

Are you interested in helping serve Mass during the pandemic? We would love to have one server at every weekend Mass to carry the cross in and out, ring the consecration bells and receive the collection from the ushers. If you are 3rd grade and older and are interested, please call Fr David or the parish office.

Mass Schedule Nov. 23 - 29, 2020

Monday: 11/23 *St. Clement I, St. Columban*
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 11/24 *St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*
St. Mary 6:00pm Deceased Family Members
of Charlie Boeckermann

Wednesday: 11/25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*
St. Francis 8:00am † Izzy Hartung
- G & MJ Boeckermann

St. Mary: 6:00pm Landscaping Project
Thanksgiving Vigil Thanksgiving

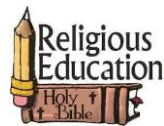
Thursday: 11/26 *Thanksgiving*
St. Edward 9:00am Thanksgiving
- Jim & Dorene Czeck

Friday: 11/27
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Saturday: 11/28
St. Mary 4:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 11/29 *First Sunday of Advent*
St. Edward 8:00am †† Don & Rita Wensmann
- Jim & Julie Wensmann

St. Francis 10:00am †† Edmund & Delores Roerick
- Carol Dobmeier



Religious Education

Nov. 25:

Grades 1 – 6: No RE classes

Confirmation: No class. Attend Mass for Thanksgiving if you can. Chantelle will email lesson instructions this week.

St Nicholas & Rupert will make an appearance outside after all Masses the weekend of Dec. 5/6. All children are welcomed to come visit! Thank you to the St. Francis Men's Society for making this happen.

OFFICE CLOSED/EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Office will be closed Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 26th & 27th. Early bulletin deadline this week. Please have all announcements to the office by noon on Tues., Nov. 24th.



Over 80 Blessings! (December)

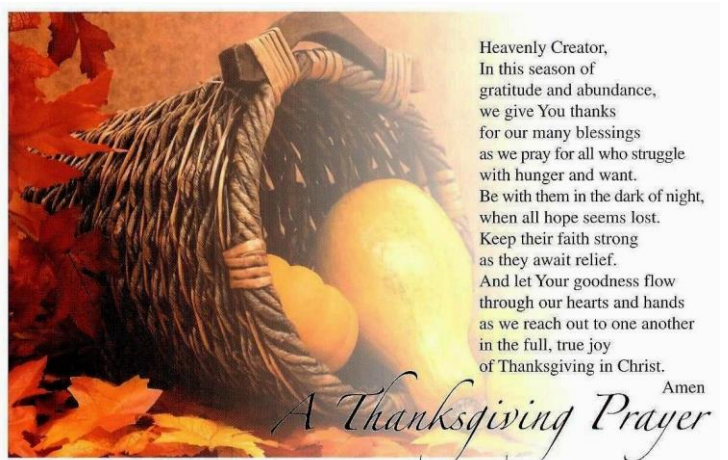
Geraldine George (12/6)

Virgil Burg (12/7)

Arnold Molus (12/16)

Joseph Korman (12/29)

Wilfred Vos (12/31)



Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.
Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Upcoming Special Collection: Religious Retirement Fund (Dec. 13)

THREE SAINTS NEWS

St. Edward & St. Francis Church Closing

Starting November 23rd the churches of St. Francis and St. Edward's will be locking the doors at 6:00pm daily. Exceptions will be Religious Education, any scheduled meetings, and adoration. It will go back to 8:00pm April 1st, 2021.

Thanksgiving Tree

Because of the uncertain times we are currently facing, monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Tree can be brought to the Central Office, or dropped in the weekly collection. Please place your donation in a separate envelope labeled, "Thanksgiving Tree". Thanksgiving Tree donations will be collected until November 29th.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be at St Mary's Catholic Church in Upsala on November 23, 2020 from 1pm to 7pm. Appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org – code Upsala

"Paying for the sins of others"

"Your kindness and generosity was most greatly appreciated as our diocese moves toward closure by filing a Chapter 11 reorganization case. Each of our parishes contributed \$15,500 toward the \$22.5 million trust to compensate survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Personally, you helped Jesus and our parishes: \$6,000-SM; \$3,600-SF and \$1,825-SE. Continue to pray that all these court proceedings will conclude in a timely fashion. I will keep you informed of any further developments." Fr David

Centralized Office Address

With our parish offices located at St Mary's Church, it will be most helpful if all mail could be directed to this location. There is still some mail being sent to St Edward's and St Francis.

Friday Morning Mass Cancelled

No doubt many will be shopping on black Friday buying gifts for Fr David! 😊 Sorry about the inconvenience of Daily Mass (Nov 27 @ 7:30am) being cancelled.

Bishop Kettler's 76th B-Day

Bishop's birthday falls on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 26). Please send him a card of thanks for all that he has done for the Church and our diocese: PO Box 1248, St Cloud, MN 56302. He submitted his resignation to Rome one year ago. Pray that he will be blessed with many years of retirement.

Thanksgiving Meal Blessing

Bring any food you may wish to be blessed for your Thanksgiving dinner or for the poor at one of our Masses.

Struggle with Pornography

Please contact Fr David if you are interested in meeting with him. This sin can make one feel isolated, filled with shame and not knowing where to turn.

Take Home Missalettes

Due to the pandemic, Lord only knows how long it will be until we are allowed to have missalettes/music books in our churches. In the entrance of our churches, there are copies available for you to take home. You can keep it and bring with you when you attend Mass.

Vocation Team

Our parishes are seeking individuals interested in helping to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It would be wonderful to have a couple people from each of our parishes. We can start small and just do one or two things the first year. Please call our parish office or Fr David.

Monthly/Daily Missal

Beginning with the month of December, in each of our parishes there will be 15 copies of 'Give Us This Day' in the entrance of our churches. Please take only one for yourself. If over time, copies still remain then you can give them to others. This has the daily and weekend scripture readings along with daily inspiration from the lives of saintly witnesses, relevant reflections on Scripture and simplified daily prayer for morning and evening.

Holy Communion Home Visits

Due to the pandemic, many of our parishioners/loved ones have not received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for a long time. Please contact Fr David if would you like to bring communion to your loved one/neighbor? This ministry is vitally important. Our elders need to receive Holy Communion especially during this pandemic.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Wednesday, Nov. 25 – 6pm – Thanksgiving Vigil

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie Lector: Tom Kilian

Greeters: Rosie Harren & Jayne Lange

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Saturday, Nov. 28 – 4pm

EM of HC: Joe Schumer Lector: Brian Lange

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Thursday, Nov. 26 – 9am - Thanksgiving

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Tracey Hartung

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Sunday, Nov. 29 – 8am

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck Lector: Jeff Czech

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

Cemetery Facelift

"Thanks to all who met this past week discussing some necessary improvements. Please join us Dec. 3rd at 7pm in our church basement as we need you to be part of this undertaking. Dennis Biniek, Bob Brezinka, Jim Czeck, Jeff Czech, Mike Heisick, John Kokett & Jim Wensmann will be meeting in the cemetery to assess the whereabouts of the road, etc. All are invited to join us." Fr David

ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

Sunday, Nov. 29 – 10am

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Greeters: Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann

Thank you!

Thank you to Gerald & Julie Roerick and Carter Roerick for donating all the pumpkins and gourds for the fall decorations and Joyce Koopmeiners for decorating the windows. Also thank you to Judy Gerads for the beautiful flowers.

Thank you to the Holdingford American Legion for the flags on the cemetery on Veterans Day. Thank you to Fred for putting them up.

Men's Society/CUF Meeting

Mon., Nov. 30 at 8pm in the church basement.

Christmas Gift Ideas

St Francis sewing circle has embroidered dish towels, hot pads, hand towels, scrubbies, clothes pin bags, quilts for sale. Interested or questions call 573-2509. If no answer leave a message.

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear the familiar passage in which the Son of Man separates the sheep from the goats, explaining to them that what they did (or failed to do) for the least of their neighbors, they did (or failed to do) for Him. As we gathered as a community of faith, let us look for the Lord in our neighbor, welcoming Christ in the stranger, providing for Him in the needy, comforting Him in the suffering, befriending Him in the lonely, and exulting with Him with those who are filled with joy.

On Thanksgiving Day, let us give thanks to all those people in our lives who make our lives better, from our loved ones whom we hope to join at table, to random people who provided little kindnesses to us along our way. In doing so, let us not forget the ultimate source of all goodness and life, who created us, saved us, sanctifies us, and brings us together to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast that literally means thanksgiving.

Advent begins next weekend and is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation. Many symbols and traditions are associated with Advent, especially the Advent Wreath with its four colored candles (three purple and one pink). Even amidst this pandemic, let's use Advent well and wisely. That means spiritual preparation. If you cannot attend daily Mass, at least meditate on the Scripture readings assigned to the Masses of the season. Since the Church's "particular voice" for the season is Isaiah, try to read a chapter a day of that prophetic book. Make friends with the key figures of the season: John the Baptist and his parents for the first half; Our Lady and St. Joseph for the second half. Having lived the first Advent two millennia ago, they can provide us with valuable examples for us who seek to do so today.

I hope that everyone will be have an opportunity to come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Catholic Church encourages us to receive Jesus twice throughout the year during Advent and Lent. With the pandemic, it likely has been very difficult for you to receive this sacrament. December 6th from 2-5pm at St. Mary's in Upsala, we will have three retired priests (Frs Bob Harren, Virgil Helmin, Eb Schefers) along Fr Gregory Mastey and myself available to hear your confession. Know that on the weekends, I will be in the confessional prior to the Masses. Did you know that upon Resurrection, giving the disciples this beautiful sacrament was the first thing that Jesus did? Special graces are available when you come to Jesus in this sacrament.

Thanks for all the names being written in our Book of Remembrance. No doubt with November the month of Poor Souls that special graces are going to our loved ones. With Advent fast approaching, this book will be removed. Remember that there is no greater prayer for our loved ones than by offering Mass intention.