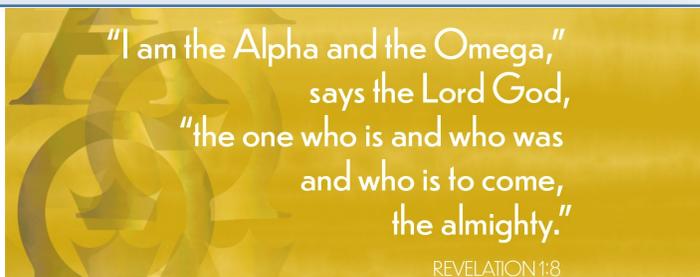


# The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21, 2021

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### RECONCILIATION Schedule

Saturday: St. Francis –3:15-3:45 pm, Sunday: St. Edward-7:15-7:45 am, Sunday: St. Mary-9:15-9:45 am

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 for this week is Monday, November 22.**

### ACC Nomination Weekend: Dec 4/5

Near the end of Masses, we will ask that you write two names of parishioners whom you think may be good candidates. This advisory committee will consist of twelve members for our six parishes (including the Holdingford area). Please pray for God's will. Perhaps you may want to nominate yourself?

### 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, Marlene Vornbrock, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (rehab), Millie Spring (cancer, 1 1/2 year old granddaughter of Fred and Rita Herbes, SF, Rita is in Texas to help), Rudi Cazeau (terminal cancer, brother-in-law of Fr. David), Judy Gerads (cancer, SF), Bobby Pierskalla (St. Wendel), Joe Schumer (SM, hospitalized with cancer)

family of +Marie Nelson (St. Stephen), family of +Amby Herdering (St. Rose), family of +Jim Krych (All Saints-St. Hedwig's), family of +Bev Johnson (Gethsemane)

### WEEKEND COLLECTION November 14, 2021

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,725, Loose: \$41, Votive: \$20.25  
Fall Collection \$100 Total: **\$1,886.25**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$570, Loose: \$191, Thanksgiving: \$100 Total: **\$861**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,366, Loose \$25, Fall Collection: \$275, Total: **\$1,779**

## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 11/23</u>	<i>Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro, Priest and Martyr</i>
6pm St. Mary	For the People
<u>Wednesday 11/24</u>	<i>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>
8am St. Francis 6 pm St. Mary	+Rich Boeckermann Thanksgiving Vigil– For Our Family & Friends
<u>Thursday 11/25</u> Thanksgiving	<i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i>
9am St. Edward 11:30 am –1:30 pm	+Bernadine Bartkowicz Free Thanksgiving Meal at Word of Life Lutheran Church, Upsala
<u>Friday 11/26</u>	
7:30am St. Mary	Special Intentions ~Renee Scholz
<u>Weekend Masses</u>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
<u>Saturday 11/27</u>	
4pm St. Francis	+Betty & Willie Boeckermann ~Alice Westrich
<u>Sunday 11/28</u>	
8am St. Edward 10 am St. Mary	+Jeffrey Kalis & Samantha Colbert ~ Kathy & George Kalis For the People

### THREE SAINTS NEWS

#### SCAM text/call: 320-309-8989

Some of you have received this falsely identifying themselves as Rev David Grundman who needs a favor or a Apple gift card for some women going through cancer at the hospital. Please delete this as he would never ask in this manner.

#### Bless Thanksgiving Day Meal

We hope that you and/or your family will join us for one of our Masses. Please consider bringing a food item which you will have for your Thanksgiving dinner and place it on the table before the altar. Sometimes people have brought food items which will be distributed to the poor.

#### Free Thanksgiving Meal: Nov 25

Thanks to the Word of Life Free Lutheran Church who will be hosting a free dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30am-1:30pm. They are in need of volunteers to make pies, roast a turkey (already purchased but would need to be picked up), or help that day in the kitchen. If you or your family are feeling called to help, please contact Dave Johnson: davejo@upstel.net.

#### Votive Candles on Altar

Thanks for all the prayers during the month of November for our parishioners who went Home to Jesus this past year. Family of loved ones, please take home your candles. The First Sunday of Advent (Nov 27/28), they will be in the entrance of our churches

#### Book of Remembrance

Please take a few moments and write names of your deceased loved ones. The more names we enter in this year, the more graces for them. After or before church is a great time.

### **ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sun., Nov. 28 -8:00am First Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Tracey Hartung

**Ushers:** Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Sheila Biniek

**\*\*Volunteers needed for the 9am Mass Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25th.**

### **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sat., Nov. 27 -8:00pm**

**EM of HC:** Rosanne Voss

**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt

**Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Sylvester Tschida

**Server:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Kurt & Jackie Goebel

#### **“Across MILES for Millie Spring”**

Grandma Rita: “Millie finishes a week of chemo treatment which ends Nov 24. I am home with the other three kids while Julie and Millie have been away. They hope to be back home by Thanksgiving. Millie is still very active.

Plans are for stem cell transplant as she is too young/tiny for radiation. We hope that she gains 1 lb. every week.

Thanks so much for all the prayers.”

### **ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sun., Nov. 24 –6:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil**

**EM of HC:** Chantelle Frie **Lector:** Jan Kilian

**Ushers:** Duane & Rosie Harren

**Greeters:** Walt & LeAnn Beneke

**Server:** Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Theresa Lange

**Bank Deposit:** Mikel Nelson

**Sun., Nov. 28 -10:00am**

**EM of HC:** Joe Schumer **Lector:** Larry Sass

**Ushers:** Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

**Greeters:** Bernie Waldorf

**Server:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Linda Langner

**Bank Deposit:** Cindy Koehn

### **THREE SAINTS NEWS continued**

#### **Advent Booklets Available**

“The Word Among Us” has been given to us as we have a limited number of copies for each church. They have some great articles on Advent along with great reflections for each day of Advent. With Advent beginning next weekend, these next four weeks are to help us prepare the way of the Lord.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

During Advent, Fr David will be do his best to be more available in the confessional. Please note, December 12<sup>th</sup>: 2-5pm at St Mary's, we will have five priests. For our children and young people, December 15<sup>th</sup>: 6-9pm with four priests. For 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents, you will receive Jesus from 6-7pm.

#### **‘THANKS’ GIVING TREE 2021**

The holiday season is fast approaching. Let us reflect on the fact that there are many people who are in need of our help. We invite you to take a leaf (or leaves) from the tree located in the entry at St. Mary's and follow the instructions in the signup book. Gifts must be returned to the Office by **Dec. 5th**. Thank you for your generosity!

### **THREE SAINTS NEWS continued**

#### **Box of Joy**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Box of Joy Christmas gift ministry! Our parishes collected 77 boxes this year! These gifts will bring smiles to many children who are experiencing chronic poverty or natural disasters. St. Mary's is also an official Drop Off Center (DOC) for the Box of Joy through Cross Catholic Outreach. Our DOC collected a total of 162 Boxes of Joy! The boxes are off to the screening center in Florida for final review and then they will be sent overseas. Blessings to all who gave! Tamara Lange

#### **Lector Workbooks Available**

In each of our sacristies, there will be a new workbook as Advent begins a new church year.

#### **Pro Life**

Join us for peaceful, prayerful activism to end legalized abortion on November 30 & December 1 from 7am-7pm at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain Street, St. Cloud). For more information contact Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net (320) 453-7592

#### **Notes from Fr. David**

This weekend we recognize Jesus' role as the Lord of all, the ruler over all humanity, the King of the eternal heavenly kingdom. To His followers, Jesus referred to this kingdom as the kingdom of God or His Father's kingdom, but through His ultimate act of self-sacrifice He became the firstborn of this kingdom, ready to show us the way. Let us pray that when our day comes, we will be found worthy and ready for the kingdom.

We are a thankful people because we are a eucharistic people: the Greek word *eukharistia*, after all, means “thanksgiving.” As Catholics, when we gather to celebrate the Mass, we are naturally predisposed to give thanks. We give thanks to the Father, who created humankind in the likeness of God. We give thanks to the Son, who redeemed us from our sin through His great act of self-sacrifice. We give thanks to the Holy Spirit, who inspires and animates our lives. We give thanks for all we have been given in this world – our families, friends and neighbors; all that is inside of us; all that is part of our world outside – as we look forward to the fulfillment of the promise of eternal life with the Lord. A number of our loved ones have gone Home to Jesus, let's remember to keep their families in our prayers as there are many broken hearts during the holiday season. I pray that you and all your loved will have a most “Blessed Thanksgiving.”

Did you know that there is only one approved apparition site of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the United States? It is only six hours away and located near Green Bay, Wisconsin. I had planned to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City around the first of December. However, due to the pandemic and its effects, I instead will be going to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in WI: Dec 2-7. There have been countless physical miracles as well as the spiritual, emotional, mental, and relational healings that occur. I will make available an opportunity for you to place any prayer petitions before Our Lady at the Shrine. There will be boxes in our churches in which you can leave any note/petition. Our communities have been hit hard with illness and death, so this is an opportunity for you to place your needs before our Blessed Mother.