

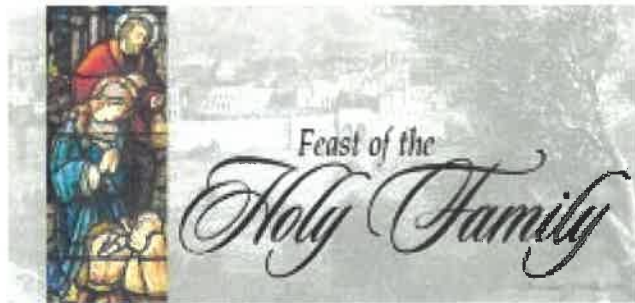
The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis

St. Mary
Upsala



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 27, 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

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

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Don Maciej, Margaret Carlson, Rodney Bartkovicz, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kya Bartkovicz, family of †Ty Poppenhagen



WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

St. Mary: Adult \$1,665.00; Loose \$165.00; Votive \$15.00; Christmas \$150.00 - \$1,995.00

St. Edward: Adult \$1,474.00; Loose \$68.00; Votive \$43.25; Christmas \$250.00; Immaculate Conception \$10.00; Flowers \$90.00; Solemnity of Mary \$25.00; Fall Collection \$75.00 – \$2,035.25

St. Francis: Adult \$751.00; Loose \$194.00; Thanksgiving \$25.00; Solemnity of Mary \$5.00; Priest's Retirement \$50.00; Fall Collection \$250.00; Christmas \$380.00; Flowers \$10.00 - \$1,665.00

Mass Schedule Dec. 28, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021

Monday:	12/28	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tuesday:	12/29	<i>St. Thomas Becket</i> St. Mary 6:00pm † Deceased Family Members of Charlie Boeckermann
Wednesday:	12/30	St. Francis 8:00am † Audrey Pflueger - Lorene Koopmeiners
Thursday:	12/31	<i>Eve of Solemnity of Mary</i> St. Mary 4:00pm People of the Parishes <i>Immaculate Conception, St. Anna</i> 6:00pm <i>All Saints (St. Mary), Holdingford</i> 11:30pm
Friday:	1/1	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i> St. Edward 8:00am †† Max & Irene Molus <i>St. Columbkille, St. Wendel</i> 9:00am St. Francis 10:00am † Josie Roering
Saturday:	1/2	<i>St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i> St. Mary 4:00pm †† Denis & Irene Notch - Jim & Mary Koczur
Sunday:	1/3	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> St. Edward 8:00am † Rita Fasen - Joan Berg St. Francis 10:00am People of the Parishes

2020 Contributions

All 2020 Contributions have to be in by Dec. 31, 2020. If a check comes in mid-January and the check is dated 2020, it will be counted as a 2021 contribution in the church's books.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (1/6)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (1/8)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2nd Tues. (1/12)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

January 1, 2021 – Holy Day of Obligation



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

THREE SAINTS NEWS

Home Visits

Please contact Fr David if there are neighbors or people who you know would like to receive Jesus in the sacraments. He would love nothing more than stop out for a visit if they are comfortable during these pandemic times. Please reach out to our elders with phone calls and greetings cards.

Monthly Missal

Please remember to get your copy as we have only 15 copies for January in the entrances of all our Churches. Fr Virgil Helmin (retired priest) in his parishes often did this, thus providing some adult education. No greater prayer than deepening our love for scripture.

Struggle with Pornography?

“Parents, I know you know how vulnerable your sons are to this terrible evil. Those cell phones can be terrible vehicles to allow the devil and his demons to come into their lives. It will be most difficult to have the truth surface as you know The Shame can speak so loudly. Please let me know if you have any ideas. Know that I am available individually or my hope is that one day we can have a support group gathering in the name of Jesus.” Fr David

Finance Committee Members Needed

What is God asking of you? Thanks to Tracey Hartung from St Edward’s and JoAnne Prom St Mary’s for giving of their gifts the past few years. This is a three-year term with this ministry. We meet quarterly. There are three members along with the two Trustees. For more information, please contact Tracey or JoAnne or current members: Theresa Larson, Cindy Koehn or Mikel Nelson. Please be open like Mother Mary in responding to God’s will for you, your family and your parish.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

Thurs., Dec. 31 – 4pm – Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

EM of HC: Jan Kilian Lector: Leonice Prokott

Greeter: Laura Ripplinger

Ushers: Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

Sat., Jan. 2 – 4pm – Epiphany of the Lord

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn Lector: Tom Kilian

Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

The Children’s Teams of Morrison County

“St Mary’s Social Justice Group – Thank you so much for your generous donation to our children in need this year! You have made Christmas special for so many this year, which has been especially difficult for so many families this year. What a blessing you are! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.”

ST. EDWARD’S NEWS

Fri., Jan. 1 – 8am – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeter: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Sun., Jan. 3 – 8am – Epiphany of the Lord

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann Lector: Shari Biniek

Greeter: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

Online Giving

St. Edward has a new trial link for online giving on the website. You can give once, or set up recurring donations. You can donate with a credit card or with your checking account. Right now, ‘tiles’ are set up for Weekly donations, Christmas, and Cemetery Maintenance, if there is enough interest, more ‘tiles’ can be set up for other things such as Easter, flowers, etc. Check it out at 238catholic.org

Cemetery Improvements

Thanks for your gifts to the Cemetery Maintenance. It is more than amazing how you are coming forth with donations! As you know, I was the priest at St Stanislaus in Sobieski from 1999 to 2004. They did some great work on their cemetery. Check it out sometime. When I drive by, it makes me want to get buried there!

ST. FRANCIS’ NEWS

Fri., Jan. 1 – 10am – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida

Lector: Holly Keppers Greeter: Bob Theisen

Sun., Jan. 3 – 10am – Epiphany of the Lord

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Clara Pflueger Greeter: Rosanne Voss

NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We continue to celebrate this festive season of Christmas by honoring the Holy Family. Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, each trusted in the Lord when they accepted the unique start to their family. Though their family faced dangers from the start, they remained united in love, which St Paul calls the bond of perfection. May our families share these bonds of love, enabling us to face the hardships and sorrows of life. Remember that January 1st marks the great Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a holy day of obligation, so I pray that if you are able, you will join us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your kindness, love and generosity this Christmas Season with your many gifts and prayers which you have showered upon me. Your cards, notes, letters and gifts have been so loving, yet let me assure you that it is your prayers that are most highly valued and needed. We as Christians have a lot to be thankful for at Christmas. Maybe that’s why Thanksgiving comes before Christmas each year. It’s always a good time to honor our Savior, especially on His birthday. The only wish and prayer I have is that we continue to rejoice and celebrate the birth and sacrifice of our Sweet Jesus until next Christmas.

You have been amazing in how you came forth to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The previous week when confession was available from 7 to 9pm, I was busy until 8:30pm! So just think of the number of souls which were cleansed. No doubt Fr Theis strongly encouraged regular reception of this sacrament as you have been faithfully coming to Jesus since I first arrived in your parishes. The more you come to Jesus in this sacrament, the more you will deepen your prayer life.

Bishop Kettler’s recent letter to the priests dated December 18: “We will continue the suspension of the in-person gatherings and social activities, which I previously outlined, until at least February 1st. I will continue to monitor the virus situation as we enter the new year. This will ensure any decision about whether or not to allow in-person gatherings after February 1st is made with the most current and accurate information available, I give you as much lead time as possible regarding any protocol changes so you and your staff have time to communicate and implement them. The frustrations and challenges of this pandemic have contributed to some division in our parishes and schools that you (priests) can help to heal by your words and example.”

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK
December 27, 2020

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?
As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



LISTEN



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN
The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.



LEARN

www.238catholic.formed.org (Google Chrome)

St. Mary – January 2021

Sat., Jan. 2 – 4pm – Epiphany of the Lord

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Lector: Tom Kilian

Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter

Ushers: Tom & Jan Kilian

Sat., Jan. 9 – 4pm – Baptism of the Lord

EM of HC: Chantelle Frie

Lector: Brian Lange

Greeter: Elmer Frie

Ushers: Duane & Rosie Harren

Sat. Jan. 16 – 4pm – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Joe Schumer

Lector: Kim Koehn

Greeter: Jan Kilian

Ushers: Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

Sat., Jan. 23 – 4pm – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Renee Scholz

Lector: Jan Kilian

Greeter: Rosemary Mehr

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Sat., Jan. 30 – 4pm – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Dave Scholz

Lector: Michelle Fleischhacker

Greeter: Rosie Harren

Ushers: Robert Maciej & Bob Blonigen

St. Edwards – January 2021

Fri., Jan. 1 – 8am – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeter: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Sun., Jan. 3 – 8am – Epiphany of the Lord

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Shari Biniek

Greeter: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

Sun., Jan. 10 – 8am – Baptism of the Lord

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lector: Tracey Hartung

Greeter: Sally Schleper

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

Sun., Jan. 17 – 8am – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Jeff Czech

Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann

Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

Sun., Jan. 24 – 8am – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Jim Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Greeter: Megan Wensmann

Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

Sun., Jan. 31 – 8am – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Dorene Czeck

Lector: Dennis Biniek

Greeter: Raymond Kokett

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

St Francis of Assisi – January 2021

January Ushers: Mark Moorman & Sylvester Tschida

Fri., Jan. 1 – 10am – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

EM of HC: Sylvester Tschida

Lector: Holly Keppers

Greeter: Bob Theisen

Sun., Jan. 3 – 10am – Epiphany of the Lord

EM of HC: Judy Theisen

Lector: Clara Pflueger

Greeter: Rosanne Voss

Sun., Jan. 10 – 10am – Baptism of the Lord

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Greeter: Dan Lange

Sun., Jan. 17 – 10am – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Chad Koopmeiners

Lector: Chad Koopmeiners

Greeter: Rita Lange

Sun., Jan. 24 – 10am – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Lector: Barb Moorman

Greeter: Gerry Boeckermann

Sun., Jan. 31 – 10am – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Greeters: Mary Jane Boeckermann



The letters IHS are an abbreviation (of Jesus, the Greek name for Jesus.)

Most Holy Name of Jesus

Glorious name, gracious name, name of love and of power! Through You sins are forgiven, through You enemies are vanquished, through You the sick are freed from their illness, through You those suffering in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those who believe, You teach those who preach, You give strength to the toiler, You sustain the weary.





-St. Bernardine of Siena

Jesus! our only hope be Thou, As Thou our prize shalt be; In Thee be all our glory now, And through eternity. Amen.

**Feast Day
January 3**

****If you cannot come at your scheduled time, PLEASE find someone trained to take your place.****

January 2021

		Confessions: SE, SF, & SM – before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC – by appointment					
		AS – All Saints, Holdingford IC – Immaculate Conception SC – St. Columbkille		SE – St. Edward, Elmdale SF – St. Francis, St. Francis SM – St. Mary, Upsala			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p></p> <p>3 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>4 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm (Praise & Worship 7 – 8pm) Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm</p>	<p>5 6pm Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i></p>	<p>6 8am Mass – SF <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Upsala 12noon - 4pm</p>	<p>7 8am Mass – SE <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i></p>	<p>8 7:30am Mass – SM <i>(Anointing of the Sick)</i> Adoration Elmdale 12noon - 4pm</p>	<p>9 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass – SC 8pm - Rural Catholic Singles Group</p>	
<p>10 <i>of the Epiphany</i> 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>11 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm</p>	<p>12 6pm Mass – SM Adoration St. Francis 7am - 8pm</p>	<p>13 8am Mass – SF</p>	<p>14 8am Mass – SE</p>	<p>15 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>16 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC</p>	
<p>17 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>18 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm M L King Day</p>	<p>19 6pm Mass – SM</p>	<p>20 8am Mass – SF</p>	<p>21 8am Mass – SE</p>	<p>22 7:30am Mass – SM </p>	<p>23 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC</p>	
<p>24 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p>25 Adoration All Saints 12noon - 8pm Women's Group – AS 10:30am & 7pm</p>	<p>26 6pm Mass – SM 3:30pm – Well-Read Mom's – AS</p>	<p>27 8am Mass – SF</p>	<p>28 8am Mass – SE </p>	<p>29 7:30am Mass – SM</p>	<p>30 8am Men's Group 4pm Mass – SM 5pm Mass - SC</p>	
<p>31 8am Mass – SE 8am Mass – AS (SM) 10am Mass – SF 10am Mass - IC</p>	<p></p>	<p>Upsala Office Manager Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri. 8am – 3:30pm</p>	<p>Holdingford Office Hours Mon – Wed. 10am – 3pm Thurs. 1 – 5pm</p>	<p>Group Contact Info: Women's Group – Kristin Molitor – evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com Well-Read Mom's – Susan Heroux – (320)224-6052 Youth Praise & Worship – Shelley Vouk – (320)248-2860 Rural Catholic Singles Group – Janel Heinen – (320)290-2877</p>			