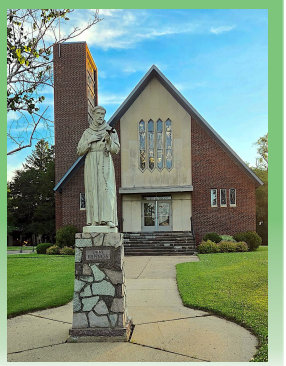
Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis: Mary & the Saints ACC





Saint Edward
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Saint Francis of Assisi



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Sick & Homebound Ministry: Contact the Parish Office if you need Holy Communion or Anointing for you or a loved one.

Marriage: Couples need to begin preparations with our pastor nine months in advance.

Baptism & Marriage: Contact the office before setting a date.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Until His second coming and as we come to the end of this liturgical year, today's solemnity invites us to reexamine ourselves and to personally ask if I have lived according to the purpose for which God created me. He created me out of love to partake of His Blessed Trinitarian life, that I might know, love, and serve Him in this world and be happy with Him forever in the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Collect for Mass today prays "Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant we pray, that the whole of creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise." We are invited to seek Him more in this coming new year, that as we await His coming with the season of Advent, we make renewed efforts to continue to configure ourselves to Him, in whom we find ourselves, in whom we find the meaning of our lives, in whom we are reconciled to the Father, through whom we are set free from slavery to sin and death, and in whom our image is restored before the Father.

His coming is for the purpose of "revers[ing] what Adam did by reshaping our image in the likeness of his own," for "the image Adam bequeathed to the human family was damaged and disfigured by sin." Jesus Christ, consubstantial with the Father, through whom all things were made, bears the image of restoration, and the reign of His kingdom is a reign of restoration, a reign of holiness and peace. We invite Him today to come and reign in our hearts, to make His kingdom present in our lives just as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We ask Him to bring us into His kingdom where forever we will be restored into His own perfect Image. And so, we pray, Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine. Jesus, King of the Universe, reign as King in my heart forever! Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe/ Sunday Reflection-Saint John's Seminary/sjs.edu/Rev. Stanislaus Achu

Ministry Schedule

Saturday11/21		**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Diane Magdziarz ~The Retka Family	**EM of HC**: Jim Bartkowicz, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, **Lector**: Jerry Theisen, **Servers**: Jasmyn Oldakowski, **Ushers**: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, **Gift Bearers**: Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 11/22		
8:00 a.m. St.Francis	For the People	**EM of HC**: Joyce Koopmeiners, Bob Theisen c, Judy Theisen c, **Lector**: Jim Scholz, **Servers**: Evan Welle, **Ushers**, Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, **Gift Bearers**: Jake & Judy Gerads, **Sacristan**: Judy Theisen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Connie Harren	**EM of HC**: Mike Klasen, Cindy Koehn c, Lisa Zabinski c, **Lector**: Chantelle Frie, **Servers**: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, **Ushers**: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, **Greeters**: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, **Gift Bearers**: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, **Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann

Monday, 11/23	*St. Clement 1, Pope & Martyr*
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet (No Mass)
Tuesday, 11/24	*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions*
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the Greg & † Renee Wensmann Family
Wednesday, 11/25	*St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Kleve ~SF Men's Society

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. Ez 34:11-12

Wed. 11/25		**Thanksgiving**
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	**EM of HC**: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Mike Klasen c, **Lector**: Kim Koehn, **Servers**: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, **Ushers**: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, **Greeters**:Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, **Gift Bearers:** Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, **Bank Deposit**: Mike Klasen
Thur. 11/26		
8:00 a.m. St.Edward	† George Brezinka	**EM of HC**: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Julie Wensmann c, **Lector**: Jeff Czech, **Servers**: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, **Ushers**:Volunteers, **Gift Bearers**: Pat & Kris Blonigen

Friday, 11/27	**No Mass**

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 23rd and Friday November

Saturday11/28		**First Sunday of Advent**
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Betty Brezinka	**EM of HC**: Derek Biniek, Karla Schneider c, Jerry Theisen c, **Lector**: Tracey Hartung, **Servers**: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, **Ushers**: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, **Gift Bearers**: Jim & Lora Bartkowicz
Sunday 11/29		
8:00 a.m. St.Francis	For the People	**EM of HC**: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, **Lector**: Barb Moorman, **Servers**: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, **Ushers**, Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, **Gift Bearers**: Sheldon & Karla Tschida, **Sacristan**: Sylvester Tschida
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Jack & Lue Zabinski ~Pat & Lisa Zabinski	**EM of HC**: LeAnn Benek, Chantelle Frie c, Jon Leither c, **Lector**: Leonice Prokott, **Servers**: Lilli Leither, **Ushers**: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, **Greeters**: Jerome & Theresa Ludwig, **Gift Bearers**: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, **Bank Deposit:** Judy Michels

Religious Education

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Confirmation: Bob Vouk 249-3398, Jenny Revermann 249-9938

Katie Urbanski: confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Class: Wednesday, November 25th

No Class-Happy Thanksgiving

Children's Liturgy

Each week, during the 10:00 am Mass at St. Mary's, children are invited back during the Liturgy of the Word to enjoy a child-friendly message related to the Mass readings. No need to sign up, all children are welcome! Recommended for preschool and elementary aged children.

Youth Group This Sunday, November 22, join us at 5:00-6:30pm at St. Mary's. Theme is "Jesus, King of Kings" Games, Faith Talk & Challenge, Teen Message, Small Groups, Food, & Prayer. All 8-12th graders encouraged and welcome to come…bring your friends!

The "Thanks" Giving Tree

Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as ourselves-what a better way to do this than share your generosity with local children in need. The Social Justice Committee is working with the Morrison County Human Services Dept. to provide gifts for children. There is a great need for educational books and toys for infants, toddlers, elementary and high school age children. You'll notice Our "Thanks" Giving Tree in the entry of St. Mary's from Nov. 8th until Dec. 6th. Help make Christmas Day a happy time for these children. Please see the sign-up book and follow the instructions given. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated by many year after year. Thank you!

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on November 21, recalls the tradition that Mary's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne, presented her to God in the Temple at Jerusalem as a young child…It reminds us that Mary was set apart for her unique role in salvation history: to be the Mother of God. Her "yes" to God began long before the Annunciation, as she was formed in purity, prayer, and trust in Him. https://catholicexchange.com/saint-of-the-day/the-presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-2/

Pray for us: Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Kevin Lampert, Pat Harren, Geraldine George, William Hill, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Ken Welle, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Eleanor Tschida, Eileen Koroll, Linda Strom, Andy Langner, Christine Wuebkers, & Marlene Carlson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Vincent Martin Braun
son of Mathias& Marie
November 22, 2026
St. Mary's Church

St. Francis' News

The St. Francis Men's Society will have a meeting on Thursday, December 3rd at 8:00 p.m. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. to put the bags together for St. Nick for the weekend. If you are interested in joining the Men's Society come to fill the bags and stay for the meeting. Dues are only $2 per year.

St. Francis Commemorative Cookbook!

A limited number of "Golden Jubilee" cookbooks, first printed in the 1960's by the St. Francis Sewing Circle, have been reprinted and a commemorative cookbook will be gifted to each parishioner.On Sundays though November 29th, cookbooks will be handed out after Mass to all St. Francis of Assisi parishioners only. A Wait List for all non-parishioners will be available to add names and telephone numbers. Beginning November 30th, remaining cookbooks will be sold for $15 to non-parishioners on the Wait List. Those on the list will receive a call and you'll be able to pick up and pay at the Parish Office.

St. Francis Group 2027 Chairs/Co-chairs

Group 1: Sandy Boeckermann/Lisa Dobmeier
Group 2: Jeanette Gerads/Melissa Tschida
Group 3: Tammy Lehner/Julie Roerick
Group 4: Colleen Harren/Brittany Harren

Las year 2026 charts & co-chairs please return books. New chairs please pick up book & envelope once books returned. Chair Group 3& Co-chair Group 2 books are updated and in back of church. All are labeled. Group 3 is up for next church function.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/15/2026

St. Edward: Adults: $1,024 Loose: $206, Christmas Flowers: $50, Thanksgiving: $5, Fall Fund: $1,450, **Total: $2,735**

St. Francis: Adult: $530, Loose: $318, **Total: $848**

St. Mary: Adults: $2,746, Loose: $278, Fall Collection:: $3,495 **Total: $6,519**

Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory the Great Council
Grand Knight: Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753

Save the date:

Next Meetings: Dec. 1st at St. Edward's, Elmdale at 7:30pm

St. Cloud VA Escorts :
6 to 8 Knights needed on Nov. 29th

Knights Mass of Remembrance Dec. 2nd, 8 a.m. at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus

Family Christmas Potluck
Dec. 6th following the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Upsala.

Natural Family Planning The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up! **Alexandria** on Monday, Dec. 21st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751. **Little Falls** on Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660. **Sauk Centre** Dec. 17th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751. **St. Cloud** Thursday, Dec. 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at omf@gw.stcdio.org or (320) 258-7609.

The New 2027 Calendars are in!
A big THANK YOU to Freeport State Bank for supplying the calendars again this year. You will find them available in the back of all three churches. This is a Catholic calendar with feast days listed. Please take one for your family!

The Lord is my Shepherd

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 7th: 7 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi
Tuesday, December 8th: 6 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala
7 p.m. St. Edward, Elmdale

ACC All Parish Confessions:
Sunday, December 13th, 2-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

Parish Confessions
Wednesday, December 2nd, 6 p.m., for Rel. Ed 3-6 gr-SM
Wednesday, December 9th, 6 p.m. for Rel. Ed. 7-10 gr.-SM
Wednesday, December 16th, 6 p.m. (if needed for Rel. Ed)-SM
Monday, December 14th: 6 p.m., St. Edward, Elmdale
Tuesday, December 15th: 6 p.m. , St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday, December 17th: 6 p.m., St. Mary, Upsala

Christmas

Vigil Eve
Thursday, December 24th: 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Upsala
6:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th: 8:00 a.m. at St. Edward, Elmdale

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -New Year's Day
Thursday, December 31st: 4:00 p.m. at St. Edward, Elmdale
Friday, January 1st: 8:00 a.m. at St. Francis, St. Francis
10:00 a.m. at St. Mary, Upsala

Men's Retreat: Saturday, December 12th
The Journey to Bethlehem Through the Eyes of Joseph. Join Fr. Derek Wiechmann as we reflect on Joseph's courage, sacrifice and unwavering trust in God. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 6:00 a.m. at Mary of the immaculate Conception, Rockville. Mass, light breakfast, retreat reflection to follow. Register tiny url.com/mensadventretreat26

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Thanksgiving Day
Word of Life Church (3328 1st Ave. W., Upsala) will be serving turkey, ham and all the trimmings on Thursday, November 26th from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Please join us for food and fellowship. Take out available.
Would you be available to volunteer to help in the kitchen, serving or with clean-up? Call Rachel at (612) 760-1880 or email: rachiejtup@msn.com. Pie donations would also be greatly appreciated!

Remember and Honor Local Heroes! Upsala American Legion Auxiliary would like to honor our veterans for National Wreath Across America Day on December 19th. Sponsor a wreath for $17 to be placed on a veteran's grave at St. Mary's, St. Edwards and St. Francis Church Cemeteries or another Upsala area cemetery. Grave specific requests can be made.Visit: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MN0085P or call Kristi612-202-5974. Orders are due by Dec. 1st. All are invited to help place wreaths or attend the ceremony on December 19 at the Upsala Area Veterans Memorial, at 10:00am.