

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Confessions are 1/2 hour before all Masses.
Please see Mass Schedule on next page.

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. Jimmy nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Contact the office before the desired date.

The Commemoration of All Saints and All Souls

November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints, not a holy day of obligation this year, it is a celebration of all those who enjoy the gift of eternal life in the presence of God, the completion of the pilgrimage of faith. These holy women and men from every age pray for us, and inspire us to follow in the footsteps of Christ to know the same joy that is theirs without end.

All Souls, November 2, falls on Sunday this year and it is a fitting opportunity to remember all those who have died. Some of the most important questions in life are: "Will I grow in holiness, go to heaven, and see Jesus face to face?" "Will I be at the everlasting family reunion in heaven?" The Church teaches clearly that there are three possible ends for every soul: hell, purgatory, and heaven.

St. Augustine once wrote, 'God who created you without you, will not save you without you.' In other words, salvation is a gift, but it requires our cooperation. Pope St. John Paul II said: **"In a word, we can say that the cultural change which we are calling for demands from everyone the courage to adopt a new lifestyle, consisting in making practical choices - at the personal and social level."**

There is both a quantity and quality of fruit that God expects us to produce in our earthly life (Lk 13:6-9), our fruit of personal holiness and 'good works' (Rev 14:13). God is much more than 'the Man upstairs.' He is our Savior, Friend and also our Judge, Who "will test the quality of each one's" good works and holiness (1 Cor 3:13). Some of the dead who die in the Lord will not have lived a life as fruitful as God expected. God in His mercy will still grant them eternal life. Thus, these deceased folks 'will suffer loss,' yet "will be saved, but only as one fleeing through fire" (1 Cor 3:15).

Jesus has gone to "prepare a place" for us (Jn 14:2). If we have died in Christ, but aren't yet prepared for His place, then Jesus has to finish the job before He can take us into the heavenly feast. The Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has taught that these promises and other truths indicate the existence of a 'place' of purification (Mal 3:2-3) we call it **purgatory**. In purgatory, the souls of those who have not prepared themselves sufficiently in their time on earth are purified for the awesome privilege of seeing God face to face. Since they are fellow members of the body of Christ (Lk 20:38), we need them, and they need us (1 Cor 12:21). Let us help them with our prayers.

We will remember our deceased, from the past year, the weekend of November 1-2, next Saturday and Sunday. Their names are listed inside of the bulletin.

Fr. Jimmy

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10/25		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Judy Theisen c, Bob Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Russ & Gina Boeckermann, Sacristan: Joyce Koopmeiners
Sunday 10/26		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jon Leither, Renee Scholz c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

There will be a Vigil Mass on Oct. 31st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward's for All Saints Day. If you are able to serve at this Mass, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

Weekday Masses

Monday, 10/27			<u>Adoration</u> <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)		<u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm
Tuesday, 10/28	<i>Sts. Simon & Jude Apostles</i>		<u>First Fridays:</u> St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Roman & Aurelia Sundermann ~ Jane Keppers		
Wednesday, 10/29		<u>Pray for us:</u> Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Ken Welle & Jan Kilian	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Audrey Pflueger ~Darrell & Susan Geise		
Thursday, 10/30			
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Margaret Carlson		
Friday, 10/31	<i>All Saints Vigil Mass-7:00 p.m.</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Living & deceased members of the St. Edward Rosary Society		
7:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Raymond Kurowski		

St. Francis Saturday Night Mass will change from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 15th. We will have a Deer Hunter's Mass will be on November. 8th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis.

All Saints/All Souls-The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Saturday 11/1		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Edmund & Delores Roerick and Rosie Bauer ~ Roerick Family	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Allen & Janelle Roerick, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
Sunday 11/2		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Karla Schneider c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Lucille Gordon ~Beth Lange	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Lether c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
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7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203 or confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Confirmation (Holdingford)

Wed., Oct. 29th, 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Oct. 29th, 7-8:00 p.m. 7-10 gr. at St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be at the St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in Upsala. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Box of Joy

For children who wish for just one gift! Once again, we will be participating in the Box of Joy program, a Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. This is a great opportunity for students, parishioners and families to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries. Boxes are located in the entryway of each parish. The Knights of Columbus will be covering the shipping fee of the boxes!!! Drop off information is included in each box. The final drop off date is Wednesday, October 29th. Please contact Tamara Lange at (320) 250-4688.



Public Square Rosary Crusade 2025

Thank you to all who came to pray the Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary for America on October 11th at St. Mary's Church, Upsala.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 10/19/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,130 Loose: \$22, **Total: \$1,152**

St. Francis: Adult: \$230, Loose: \$139, Votive: \$126, World Mission: \$50, Catholic Charities: \$125, Funeral: \$20, Utilities: \$50, **Total: \$740**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,810, Loose: \$112, World Mission: \$20, **Total: \$1,942.75**



Turkey Bingo

Bingo at St. Mary's, Upsala on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m.! 20 games for \$10, Black Out \$1/card. A meal will be served.

Pot of Gold Raffle

All Saints Pot of Gold Annual Raffle will be held on November 2nd at All Saints-St. Mary's. Call Rosie Fedor (320) 492-6418 for tickets (\$100) and for information about this celebration!



Marriage Encounter

Nov. 22nd-23rd St. Mary's Catholic Church and school, Alexandria, MN. Contact: Miki Schultz (507) 227-8229. To learn more visit: wwme.org

Next weekend Masses will be dedicated to all our Faithful Departed this year. Please keep them and their families in prayer.

St. Francis' News

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Kaden Jon Bauer
son of Jonathan & Sara
October 26, 2025 (SF)

Church Lock-up

St. Francis Church will start locking up at 6:00 p.m. on Nov. 3rd. It will go back to 8:00 p.m. in the spring.

Cemetery Clean-up

All flowers need to be removed from the cemetery by Nov. 12th. Any flowers left on the cemetery after then will be removed and discarded. Just the flowers need to be removed. Other decoration can remain in the cemetery.

Congratulations



Tyler & Lucia Zehrer
Married October 25, 2025
St Edward, Elmdale

St. Edward's News

Thank you

The family of Ray Kurowski would like to thank all who helped at Ray's funeral: the mass servers, the gift bearers, the lector, the lunch servers, the choir members and Father Jimmy and Father David Maciej for mass. Thank you so much to all.

News and Events



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

Meeting: Nov. 4th at St. Edward's at 7:00 p.m. Please note the time change.

Parish Mission with Cross Rock ACC in Royaltown

Join in on Oct. 26-29th at 6:30 p.m. to listen to speaker, Dcn. Ralph Poyo at Holy Trinity Church (216 2nd St.) who will speak about God's Saving Plan, Spiritual Warfare, the Holy Spirit and Discipleship. Adoration & Confessions begin at 5:30pm on M-T-W. Refreshments to follow talks at 8:30pm.



Peaceful, Prayerful Vigil at Planned Parenthood:

Sept 24th-Nov. 2nd Pray with us in front of Planned Parenthood for an end to abortion. We need volunteers to sign up for a one

hour time slot from 7:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Email Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net to learn more visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.



All mothers grieving the loss of an unborn child due to stillbirth or miscarriage are invited to attend our Known By God unborn child loss retreat. Participants will receive large group talks on prayer and grief, small group sharing time, lunch, personal prayer time, shared resources, and more.

Our presenter is Bernadette Gockowski, mother of five children on earth and three in heaven. She began the Known By God retreat in 2019 in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis to bring mothers grieving the loss of an unborn baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. Prior to staying at home with her children, Bernadette worked as a youth minister for six years and has a Master's degree in religious education from the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Date: November 15, 2025 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$35.00 **Location:** Christ Church Newman Center, 396 1st Ave S, St. Cloud
Registration Deadline: Please register online by November 1st. To register visit: stdio.org/known-by-God.

Help the Souls in Purgatory!

To gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory, the following conditions must be met: Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin; receive the sacrament of confession; receive the Holy Eucharist and recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

If some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.

It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.

One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence. ~catholicculture.org



November 1, 2024–October 31,

St. Edward, Elmdale

Margaret Rose Carlson ~October, 31,2024

LaVerne Monica Lang ~April 4, 2025

Steven Thomas Michels ~July 7,2025

Kathryn Hennek ~ August 13, 2025

Raymond Kurowski~ October 7, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

Daniel Hubert Lange ~February 6, 2025

Bernadette Frances Voss ~April 1, 2025

Joan Marie Geraðs ~July 31, 2025

Frank F. Geraðs ~August 4, 2025

Eileen Ann Stiller ~August 7, 2025

Eugene Richard Lashinski ~October 11, 2025

St. Mary, Upsala

Rose Mary Binek ~ November 15, 2024