



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward Elmdale St. Francis of Assisi St. Francis St. Mary Upsala



"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." Is 2:1-5

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

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

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
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ADORATION

St. Edward's –monthly, the 1st Friday of the Month, 12 - 9 pm
St. Francis– monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7am-7 pm
St. Mary– Weekly, every Thursday 12-9 pm

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.

Three Saints News



Over 80 Blessings for December

Geraldine George (SE) 12/6
Denis Carlson (SE) 12/6
Arnold Molus (SE) 12/16
Wilfred Vos (SM) 12/31



Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass Times:

Dec. 7 St. Mary 6:45 pm
Dec. 8 St. Edward 8 am
St. Mary 12 noon
St. Francis 8 pm

ACC Penance Service: Dec. 11

2-5pm St. Mary, Upsala
5 priests available

The Christmas/Solemnity: Dec. 24/25, Dec.31 & Jan. 1

Mass times will be the same as our regular weekend Mass times: Saturday: St. Edward 4 pm,
Sunday: St. Francis 8 am & St. Mary 10 am.

ACC Meeting: Nov. 29

The members of the ACC will meet at 7 pm at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford.

Knights of Columbus: Dec. 6

Our next council meeting will be at St. Edward's, Elmdale at 7:30 pm (note the time change)

Celebration in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Dec. 10

7:00 p.m. Live Music, 8:00 p.m. Salsa Dancing/ tacos and more!
Share in a Candlelight Vigil with Outdoor Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Spanish Mass! Festivities are at All Saints-St. Hedwig's, Holdingford. For more information contact Rachele at 320-200-8331. Sponsored by the Frassati Outdoor Club and Knights of Columbus #16455.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold & Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Bruce Wolters, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek (SE), Linda Mader (SF), Marlene Vornbrock (SM), Roger Thell (SF), Alan Schumer (SM), Jim Negen (SF), Joe Primus (SM)

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 11/29		
6 pm St. Mary	†	Deceased relatives of the Koehn Family
Wednesday 11/30		
Saint Andrew, Apostle		
8 am St. Francis	†	Jerome Gerads
Thursday 12/1		
8 am St. Edward	†	Donald Maciej * Anointing of the Sick
Friday 12/2		
7:30 am St. Mary	†	Edna Boeckermann * Anointing of the Sick
Weekend Masses		Second Sunday of Advent
Saturday 12/3		
10 am Senior Living		For the Residents
4 pm St. Edward	†	Ken Heisick
Sunday 12/4		
8 am St. Francis	†	Leo & Mary Ann Fuchs ~Dan & Rita Lange
10 am St. Mary		For the People

Faith Formation Nov. 27– Dec. 3

Family Formation

Home Lesson: John the Baptist AND Advent Activities. Learn about how John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ and share the good news! Parents choose on Advent activity that you and your family can do to prepare the way for our Lord Jesus!

2nd Grade: Lesson 9

Grades 7-Adult: Nov. 30th Class 7– 8:30 pm

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: Nov. 27

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30– 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We will meet every other Sunday. Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

Youth Ministry Position

Please see our webpage for more information. With no inquiries, any suggestions as to what to do?

ADVENT

Making Advent Great for Kids

Dr. Tim Gray & Paul McCusker

FORMED NOW

Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. Here are some ways you can make Advent great for your kids. Visit our website to sign-up for FORMED.

Area Church Events

St. Benedict Nun's Gift Shop: Dec 2/3

Whitby Gift Shop at St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph hosts its annual Christmas sale from 12 to 8 p.m. during the St. Joseph WinterWalk. Joanna Padden and harpists will play music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Coffee and goodies will be served. Also open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Pancake Sausage & Egg Breakfast/Bargain Bin Sale: Dec 4

We will be serving from 8 am - noon. Adults: \$8, Children 6-10 years: \$4, and 5 years and under FREE. Little Falls Senior Center 510 NE. 7th Street, Little Falls, MN

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, December 3 - 4pm

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Adeline Molus

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Ralph & Sally Schleper

Volunteer Church Cleaning

From now until the end of December, Linda Langner is unable to clean the church due to her rehab from surgery. Please do what you can to help keep God's House in order.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

December Ushers:

Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners

Sunday, December 4 -- 8 am

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Fred & Rita Herbes

St. Francis Men's Society/CUF

meeting Wednesday, November 30 at 8 pm in the church basement. Help will be needed prior to the meeting to put together treat bags for St. Nick to be handed out at masses the weekend of December 3 and 4."

Veterans Day Thank you

A big thank you to the American Legion for putting the flags on the cemetery on Veterans Day.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, December 4 -- 10 am

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Emily Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger Family

Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

St. Andrew Christmas Novena: Nov. 30– Dec. 24

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin, in a stable, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayer and grant my desires. (Mention your intentions here).

Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.

Advent Wreath

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. Individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. ~<https://www.mercyhome.org/>

First Week of Advent: HOPE

WEEKEND COLLECTION November 20, 2022

St. Edward: Adult: \$505, Loose: \$111, Thanksgiving: \$5

Total: \$621

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,295, Loose: \$115, Thanksgiving: \$440

Total: \$1,850

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,632, Loose: \$120, Thanksgiving: \$5,
Communion Wine: \$100 **Total: \$1,857**

Three Saints News continued



Bishop's Annual Appeal Nov 27

Bishop's Annual Appeal: In this first week of Advent, please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Engaged Couples Retreat: Dec. 3

This event will be held at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. See our website for more details: <https://stcdio.org/engaged-couple-marriage-preparation/> or call (320) 252-4721 with questions.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Dec 10/11

Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Please give generously. You will find an envelope in your December Contribution packet or contribute to the collection basket with an indication for the donation to go to the Religious Retirement Fund.

The First Week of Advent: Be Strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!

~Psalm 27:14 Each of the candles of the Advent wreath represent a virtue, and an aspect of our preparation for Christ: hope, peace, joy and love. We begin Advent, as we light the first candle of the holy season, by asking the Lord to enflame us with hope. The hope of Advent is not hope that Jesus will come back into the world at Christmas. Jesus did come into the world, two thousand years ago: God-made-man, Word-made-flesh, in Bethlehem. This is a historical fact. Hope is rooted in history, but hope is also about our present and our future.

Notes from Father David

Already we are bombarded with urgent reminders to get ready for Christmas. But we gather in God's House to begin a different kind of preparation. Over the next four weeks (and it's a full four weeks this Advent), we will recall how Jesus comes to us. He has come as an infant lying in a manger. One day He will come like a thief in the night, as our judge at the end of time. But this weekend and every day He comes to us as Emmanuel, "God with us." Amid all the Christmas planning and holiday shopping, let us welcome God's most wonderful gift into our world, our homes, and our hearts.

What is the Holy Spirit placing upon your heart regarding a possible Parish Life Committee for each of our parishes? The numbers of members will be flexible. Some may have 4-5 members or another church may have 6-8 members. Initially we will not be having any term limits. We would need a Chair. This person would update me/the Pastor before and after any meeting. I/the Pastor need not be present at these gatherings. It will be flexible as how often to meet. Perhaps quarterly at first as each committee can determine what will work best for them. No doubt the Holy Spirit will place ideas or suggestions on your hearts as to how we might strengthen our parish. I pray that this will develop into you taking a more active involvement in our parish. I hope that this is bringing about discussion amongst one another such as if God is calling you and/or others to step forward in this ministry. If you are interested in learning more about this and/or even help create a Parish Life Committee in your parish, please contact me.

I am requesting your prayers and guidance. The Holy Spirit placed on my heart the possibility of a Stair Lift in the entrance of St Edward's. This would provide a simple and safe way to go up and down our stairs. My Mom was wanting to come to the 4pm Mass last weekend, but was unable due to the stairs. No doubt there are others who would likely want to join us for Mass but physically cannot do those steps. Do you know of a company that does this and you recommend? Joe Spaniol, the Finance Officer at the diocese gives his support. I googled and found Lifeway Mobility of St Cloud. First we will get some estimates.