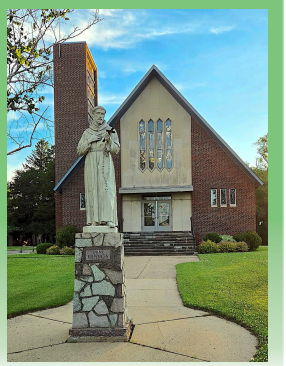
# Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis: Mary & the Saints ACC





Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi




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Bookkeeper: Randi Klasen
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**Reconciliation:** Confessions are 1/2 before all Masses. See Mass Schedule.

**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

**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.



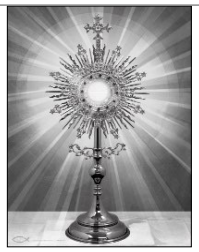

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast was celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last two days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.

During November, as in all of Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy signifies and expresses the regenerated life from the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is to be spent on the model of Christ's Life and under the direction of His Spirit. As we come to the end of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world's. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. "This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord's coming in glory." The Liturgy and Time, A.G. Mortimort/ catholicculture.org

## Ministry Schedule

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| Saturday 11/7 | | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 p.m.<br>St. Edward: Deer Hunter's Mass | † Richard O'Hotto | **EM of HC**: Jackie Oldakowski, Jerry Theisen c, Joan Theisen c, **Lector**: Jeff Czech, **Servers**: Jasmyn Oldakowski, **Ushers**: Gerard Oldakowski Jr. & Greg Larson, **Greeters**: Raymond Kokott, **Gift Bearers**: Jim & Julie Wensmann |
| Sunday 11/8 | | |
| 8:00 a.m.<br>St. Francis | For the People | **EM of HC**: Rosanne Voss, Alice Westrich c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, **Lector**: Mary Jane Boeckermann, **Servers**: Evan Welle, **Ushers**: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, **Gift Bearers**: Brian & Jessica Donabauer, **Sacristan**: Joyce Koopmeiners |
| 10:00 a.m.<br>St. Mary | † Marcellu Arceneau<br>~Pat & Lisa Zabinski | **EM of HC**: Lisa Zabinski, Chantelle Frie c, Cindy Koehn c, **Lector**: Mary Hollenkamp, **Servers**: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, **Ushers**: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, **Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson, **Gift Bearers**: Jamie & Jenny Leners, **Bank Deposit**: Nathan Ripplinger |

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| Monday, 11/9 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| 6:30 p.m. St. Mary | Rosary & Chaplet (No Mass) |
| Tuesday, 11/10 | *St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church* |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary | † Melvin Gerads |
| Wednesday, 11/11 | *St. Martin of Tours, Bishop* |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis | Living and deceased members of the Hartung & Boeckermann families |
| Thursday, 11/12 | *St. Josaphat, Bishop* |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | † Bob, Phyllis, Jeanette & Elaine Yasgar<br>~ Joyce Holtz |
| Friday, 11/13 | *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin* |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | For the family of Greg & † Renee Wensmann |



**Adoration**
2nd Tuesdays:
St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm
First Fridays;
St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm

**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, Leonard & Eileen Koroll, Linda Strom, Andy Langner, Christine Wuebkers, Alvina Bucheit & Marlene Carlson

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| Saturday 11/14 | | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 p.m.<br>St. Edward Deer Hunter's Mass | † Dennis Biniek | **EM of HC**: Derek Biniek, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensmann c, **Lector**: Shari Biniek, **Servers**: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, **Ushers**: Mike Urbanski & NIck Schleper, **Gift Bearers**: Scott & Jen Wensmann |
| Sunday 11/15 | | |
| 8:00 a.m.<br>St. Francis | For the People | **EM of HC**: Janelle Roerick, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, **Lector**: Jane Keppers, **Servers**: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, **Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, **Gift Bearers**: Allen & Renee Douvier, **Sacristan**: Bob Theisen |
| 10:00 a.m.<br>St. Mary | † Melvin Pundsack | **EM of HC**: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Mike Klasen c, **Lector**: Kim Koehn, **Servers**: Lilli Leither, **Ushers**: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, **Greeters**: Randy & Jane Tretter, **Gift Bearers**: Mikel & Julie Nelson, **Bank Deposit**: Mike Klasen |

**Mass of Unity** Next weekend, November 14th and 15th, Bishop Neary has asked all Catholics across the Diocese of St. Cloud to join in prayer during a special Mass of Unity. As we continue the journey of All Things New, we pray for healing, reconciliation and unity within our parishes, our diocese and a world deeply in need of Christ's peace.

**Upcoming Mass Schedule**

**Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, November 25th at 6 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala.
Thursday, November 26th at 8 a.m. St. Edward, Elmdale

**Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 7th at 7 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi
Tuesday, December 8th at 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

**Confession**

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

**Religious Education**

**K-6**: Beth Lange- bethlange83@gmail.com (320) 630-8390
**7-10**: Randi Klasen randiklasen@gmail.com (320) 493-5624
**Confirmation**: Bob Vouk 249-3398, Jenny Revermann 249-9938
Katie Urbanski: confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

**Upcoming Class: Wednesday, November 11th**

7:00 p.m. 7-10 gr Class-St. Mary's, Upsala
6:15 pm Confirmation-All Saints-St. Mary's

**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.

**Steubenville Youth Conference**

July 23-25, 2027 St. Paul. – Come encounter Jesus with 2000 other teens! For more information or to register, text Jim @ 320-229-2898. Open to current 8-12th graders. Registration deadline is **Nov. 17!**

**Youth Group**

Sunday, November 22, 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!

**WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/1/2026**

**St. Edward:** Adults: $1,055, Loose: $211, Votive: $55, Fire Fund: $10, All Saints: $125, Cemetery Fund: $200 **Total: $1,636**
**St. Francis**: Adult: $447, Loose: $327, All Saints: $70, Maintenance: $50, **Total: $894**
**St. Mary:** Adults: $1,913, Loose: $436.75, All Saints:: $235 **Total: $2,583.75**

**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. Our giving tree will be up from Nov. 8th -Dec. 6th.

**Cemetery Plot Update**

The cost of a plot in the cemeteries of St. Edward, St. Francis and St. Mary is $100 for a parishioner and $1,500 for a non-parishioner. This is a change for St. Mary's Cemetery.

## St. Francis' News

**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 Sunday,s 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.

**Church locking**

Starting on November 15th the church will be closing at 6:00 p.m. and will go back to 8:00 p.m. in the spring.

**Cemetery Flowers**

All flowers need to be removed from the cemetery by November 12th Any flowers left on November 13th will be removed and discarded. All other decoration can stay on the cemetery, just the flowers need to be removed.

**Lawn Equipment for Sale**

We have a JD445 zero turn lawnmower with a 54" deck and a JD445 lawn tractor with a 54" deck, bagger, grass cart, detacher, 42" snowblower and cab. If anyone is interested in either machine, turn a sealed bid into the office by Nov. 18th. In the envelope include the bid amount, your name and phone number. The minimum bid for the zero turn is $500 and for the tractor and all the equipment is $1,200. If you want to view either piece of equipment, call Bob 573-2933 to set up a time. All bids will be opened on November. 19th and the highest bidder will be notified.

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

**Save the date:**

**Next Meetings**: Nov. 10th and 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




Veterans Day is a federal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars and held annually on Nov. 11th. Veterans Day 2026 occurs on Wednesday, November 11th.

The holiday dates to November 1918 during World War I. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of that year, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany. Commemorated the following year as Armistice Day in many countries, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938.

In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. https://www.history.com/articles/history-of-veterans-day

**BOX OF JOY - For children who wish for just one gift!**

The Box of Joy program is a Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Get your family involved in this experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poor in developing countries. Boxes are located in the entryway of each parish. Detailed drop off information is included in each box, but the final drop off date is November 9th. If you have any questions, contact Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688.

**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**

Everyone is welcome to join us on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. We will meet through the Consecration Mass on December 8th, at 6 p.m. -The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Please Help Upsala American Legion Auxiliary Unit 350 remember and honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath or several wreaths for $17 each today to be placed on a veteran's grave on National Wreath Across America Day, December 19, 2026 at St. Mary's, St. Edwards and St. Francis Church Cemeteries or another Upsala area cemetery. Grave specific requests can be made.

To sponsor a wreath, or many wreaths, scan the QR code or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MN0085P

If you prefer to sponsor wreaths by cash or check, please call Kristi at 612-202-5974.

**Orders must be received by Wreaths Across America no later than 12/01/2026.**

All are invited to help place wreaths or attend the ceremony on December 19, 2026 at the Upsala Area Veterans Memorial, at 10:00am.

**November 9th is the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.**

This church was the first one built after Constantine ceased the persecution of Christians in 313. For years, the Laterani family held the land where the church now stands, which gives the basilica its name. The basilica was dedicated in 324 and that is where popes lived and presided until the 1300s. Four ecumenical councils of the magnitude of Vatican II were held there. https://faith.nd.edu/saint/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-in-rome/

