



The Catholic Churches

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023

“And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.”
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Monday 11/6	
No Mass	
Tuesday 11/7	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary * Anointing of the Sick	† For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council
Wednesday 11/8	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis * Anointing of the Sick	† For Florence & David Voss & deceased family members ~Craig & Rosanne Voss
Thursday 11/9	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis * Anointing of the Sick Noon-9:00 p.m. St. Mary	Special Intentions Adoration
Friday 11/10	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intentions ~G & MJ Boeckermann
Weekend Masses	
Thirty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday 11/11	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Communion Service Edmund & Delores Roerick ~Roerick Family
Sunday 11/12	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Healing & Strength for Julie Jensen For the People (Mass of Remembrance)

Please note: Our Mass of Remembrance will be on Nov. 12th at St. Mary’s at 10:00 a.m. and Nov. 18th at St. Francis at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Faith Formation

Nov. 8th
K-6 : Class– 6:30-7:30 p.m. I Believe (The Creed)
2nd grade: Lesson 6

Youth

Youth Director

We have a job opening for a Youth Director. Please fill out an application on the website, call the Parish Office or let Fr. Jimmy know.

Over 80 Blessings for November



Leonard Koroll (SE) 11/2
Patricia Eggert (SM) 11/12
Walter Beneke (SM) 11/29
Devota Nilson (SM) 11/30
Jeanette Maciej (SE) 11/30



Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Nov. 18th Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays at All Saints-St. Mary’s Church basement, Holdingford. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Marissa 630-2433 or Katie 423-2203 for more information.

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Secretary: Jessie Johnson
 Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Please update the office if your phone or address changes.
RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
 Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
 Sunday: St. Mary: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
 St. Mary: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
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
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K-6: Reba Leither
 (701) 426-1607 leitherreba@gmail.com
7-11: Randi Klasen
 (320) 493-5624 randiklasen@gmail.com

Three Saints News

St. Edward’s Fire Fund

Visit our website to see fire photos of the church and for the link to donate. Or, if you would like, you can send a check to the Parish Office for “The St. Edward’s Fire Fund.” Thank you!

Raffle tickets for \$100 each are now available in the Parish Office. For those that are selling tickets: Please bring any sold tickets and payment to the Office or to Ted Lewandowski (293-1508) to be deposited in the bank. Please keep any unsold tickets that you think you can sell otherwise turn them in so they can be sold.

Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Join us on Dec. 1st from 4-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s, Upsala. Free will offering. We will have a Silent Auction and announce the winners of the St. Edward Fire Fund Raffle.

Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Supper: Please check review our newsletter for more information pertaining to the Spaghetti Supper.

Mass for the deceased Knights: Nov. 7th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s with a meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Turkey Bingo

Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, with the Bingo, brought bars and all who came to play!

Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Jim Negen, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson & Helen Heisick

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

November Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

Saturday, November 4th – 8:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners

Alice Westrich (C) Judy Theisen (C)

Lector: Jane Keppers

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Joe & Barb Fuchs

Mass time will change to 4:00 p.m. on November 11th

All the flowers on the cemetery need to be removed by Sunday, Nov. 12th. Any flowers left on the cemetery after the 12th will be removed and discarded.

Fall Festival

The 2023 Fall Festival report is available on the table in the entryway of church. Watch the bulletin for an important 2024 Fall Festival Meeting in November or December.

St. Francis Men's Society We will be serving donuts, coffee and milk after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on November 18th. Stop down and visit or grab a donut to go.

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

Sunday, November 5th 8:00 a.m. (at St. Mary's)

EM of HC: Joan Theisen

Julie Wensmann (C) Jim Wensmann (C)

Lector: Jerry Theisen

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, November 5th– 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Renee Scholz

Dave Scholz (C) Cindy Koehn (C)

Lector: Mary Hollenkamp

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Mary Frie

Greeters: Shawn & Amanda Lampert

Gift Bearers: Jamie & Jenny Leners

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Nov. 11th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after. Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for information.

September ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Edward: \$610

St. Francis: \$405

St. Mary: \$490

Sign up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on the website, visiting the office or contact the Parish Office to have one mailed or emailed to you. Thank you!

WEEKEND COLLECTION October 29th 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$455, Loose: \$20, Fire Fund: \$2005, World Mission: \$20, All Saints: \$15, Catholic Charities: \$17 **Total: \$2,532**

St. Francis: Adult: \$450, Loose: \$204, Votive: \$105.04, World Mission: \$50, Catholic Charities: \$42

Total: \$851.04

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,100, Loose: \$137.32, Votive: \$38, Catholic Charities: \$167 **Total: \$2,442.32**

Turkey Bingo: \$2,332 (before expenses)

Don't Miss this Event: Fatima! Nov. 16th

Learn about Fatima from Barb Ernster, National Coordinator and Communications Director for the World Apostolate of Fatima. Join us at 6:30 p.m. beginning with the Rosary at All Saints-St. Hedwig's Church, Holdingford. All are welcome to attend.

Box of Joy

Join us in our 6th annual Box of Joy Christmas gift ministry. You have a chance to share the joy of Christmas and the love of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world. Boxes of Joy are delivered to children in Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada and Honduras. If you don't have time to fill a box, feel free to purchase some school supplies, hair accessories, small toys, candy (no chocolates), tooth brushes and paste, soap, bandages, apparel, etc. and drop them off any time during office hours at St. Mary's Church or Lange's in Upsala. All gifts need to fit in a 9 x 12 inch box. The Knights of Columbus will pay for the \$9 shipping fee of each box! The BOJ drop off center will be open at St. Mary's November 8th from 5:00-8:00 pm, and November 11th and 12th from 8:00-12:00 pm. There is an opportunity for Confirmation students to acquire volunteer hours at the drop of center.

FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Word of Life Church 3328 1st Ave. West, Upsala.

Thursday, November 23rd serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings will be served. Meal "To Go" also available. Email: wordoflife@sytekcom.com to order meals or if you can help serve.

Notes from Fr. Jimmy

Praying for our Deceased!

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. 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).

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?" "How do I become holy and go to heaven with all the holy ones?"

The Church teaches that we become holy by living the Beatitudes. This comes as quite a shock because it is humanly impossible to live the Beatitudes. However, the Holy Spirit will show us how to do the impossible. The Holy Spirit has taught us through Pope St. John Paul II that to live the Beatitudes we must make a sincere reappraisal of our lifestyle with a view to living more austere and in solidarity with the poor of the world. Pope St. John Paul II taught: **"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' (Rv 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 man'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). Take sometimes during these days to remember and pray for your loved ones by visiting the Cemetery. Let us help them with our prayers. **Fr. Jimmy**