

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holdingford Office Hours Mon-Wed: 10am-2pm Upsala Office Hours Mon-Wed-Fri: 8am-4pm Tues & Thurs: 8am-noon	SE—St. Edward, Elmdale SF—St. Francis, St. Francis SM—St. Mary, Upsala AS—All Saints, Holdingford IC—Immaculate Conception SC—St. Columbkille	SE—St. Edward, Elmdale SF—St. Francis, St. Francis SM—St. Mary, Upsala AS—All Saints, Holdingford IC—Immaculate Conception SC—St. Columbkille	Confessions: SE, SF, & SM— before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC—before Masses	Confessions: SE, SF, & SM— before weekend Masses; AS, IC & SC—before Masses	1 7:30am Mass-SM 4pm Spaghetti Supper & Raffle SM 5pm Youth Pizza making ASSH	2 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 9am Youth Pizza making ASSH 10am Mass-Upsala Senior Living 5pm Mass-SC 4pm Mass-SF
3 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSH 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC 8pm Youth Meeting ASSM	4 Adoration-ASSH 9am-8pm 7pm Youth Praise & Worship ASSM 10:30am Women's Group-ASSM	5 6pm Mass-SM *Anointing of the sick	6 8am Mass-SF *Anointing of the sick 6:30pm RE Class (AS, IC, SC) 7:45pm EPIC-ASSH 6:30-7:30 Class gr. K-6 SM	7 8am Mass-SF *Anointing of the sick Adoration-SM noon-9pm 6:30pm Finance mtg-ASSM 7:30pm K of C mtg-ASSM	8 Immaculate Conception 7am Mass-ASSM 7:30am Mass-SM 5pm Mass-SC 7pm Mass-IC 7pm Mass-SF	9 8am 1st Reconciliation Retreat-IC 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 10am Service-Upsala Senior Living 5pm Mass-SC 4pm Mass-SF 7pm Rural Catholic Singles-ASSM
10 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC 2-5pm Penance Service ASSM	11 Adoration-ASSH 9am-8pm 7pm Christian Mothers-IC	12 Adoration-SF 7am-7pm 6pm Mass-SM	13 8am Mass-SF 6:30pm RE Class (AS, IC, SC) 7:45 pm EPIC-ASSH 7-8:30 pm Class gr. 7-10 & Confirmation-SM	14 8am Mass-SF Adoration-SM Noon-9pm	15 7:30am Mass-SM	16 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 10am Service-Upsala Senior Living 5pm Mass-SC 4pm Mass-SF 7pm Young Adult Group-ASSM
17 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC 3pm Architect Meeting ASSM	18 8am Mass-ASSM Adoration-ASSM 9am-8pm 10:30am Women's Group-ASSM	19 6pm Mass-SM 6pm Holdingford Legion Raymond Bloch- Eagle Scout Pinning 7pm K of C Mass for Vocations -ASSM	20 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-ASSM & Adoration 6:30pm SC Christmas Pageant-No RE (AS, SC, IC) 6:30pm Penance Service-SM	21 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-ASSM & Adoration Adoration-SM Noon-9pm	22 7:30am Mass-SM	23 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 10am Service-Upsala Senior Living 7pm Mass-IC 4pm Mass-SF
24 8am Mass-SM 9am Mass-ASSH 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-ASSH 4pm Mass-SF 4pm Mass-SF 12am Midnight Mass-ASSM	25 Christmas 8am Mass-SM 9am Mass-IC 10am Mass-SM	26 6pm Mass-SM	27 8am Mass-SF 12 Noon Mass-ASSM & Adoration	28 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-ASSM & Adoration Adoration-SM Noon-9pm	29 7:30am Mass-SM	30 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 10am Service-Upsala Senior Living 5pm Mass-SC 4pm Mass-SF
31 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC 4pm Mass-SF 11:30pm Mass-IC	Jan 1 Mary Mother of God 8am Mass-SM 9am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM	3 6:30pm Christmas Pageant ASSH	As he is can, Fr. Gregory will add daily Masses at ASSM for December	Group Contact Info: Well-Read Moms: Susan Heroux 320-224-6052 Rural Catholic Singles Group (RCSG): Janel Heinen 320-290-2877 Young Adults Group: Katie 320-423-2203 or Marissa 320-630-2433	Pastors: Fr. Jimmy Joseph Office: 573-2132 Fr. Gregory Mastey Office: 228-0105 Rectory: 746-2231	

Merry Christmas!

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

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Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am.- 4pm

Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday: St. Mary: 7:30 am - 7:45 am

St. Mary: 9:30 am - 9:45 am

### PRAYER LINES

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

Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728(SF)

Sally Schleper 573-2127 (SE)

### 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 Second Week of Advent

Preparation: we hear that word quiet often during this season. We need to prepare to celebrate Christmas, the first coming of Christ at the Incarnation over 2,000 years ago. In that, we focus on the great and profound mystery of our faith that God became man. We also prepare to meet the Lord in our personal life. We are reminded during this season that Christ is present, always.

So during these days we reflect on what we can do to grow in "holiness and devotion," and what we can do to help others to grow in "holiness and devotion." Let us take the opportunity this Advent to heed the call of repentance by receiving the Grace at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is waiting there to offer us His forgiveness. Let's use this blessed time, going to Confession to be ready to meet the Lord.

We are still in the beginning of the Advent; society calls us to embrace the Christmas event "right now," and skip the Advent opportunities of deepening our faith, but let us not forget the truth that without the Advent there is no Christmas.

Our ACC Penance service is scheduled for this Sunday (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) from 2pm-5pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Holdingford. I will be hearing Confessions at our churches before every Mass (Weekdays and Weekends). As we prepare for God's Incarnation on Christmas, let's receive God's grace through the Sacrament of Confession. As Pope Francis said, "Let us not waste our time to know how much God loves us."

Our Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows.

**Dec. 24, Sunday: 4pm at St. Francis**  
**Dec. 25, Monday: 8am & 10am at St. Mary's**

Wish you all a Blessed Advent!  
 Fr. Jimmy

Mass Schedule	
Monday 12/11	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>
No Mass	
	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Marietta Mueller
Wednesday 12/13	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m (SF)	† Jim Sundermann ~Jane Keppers Adoration
Thursday 12/14	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Noon-9:00 St. Mary	† Fr. Raymond Donnay Adoration
Friday 12/15	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intentions ~Dave & Renee Scholz
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>
Saturday 12/16	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Communion Service For the People
Sunday 12/17	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Norbert & Hellen Dehn ~Jim & Julie Wensmann † Sunny & Betty Zwilling ~Kari & Ervin Hartung

**WEEKEND COLLECTION December 3, 2023**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,950 Loose: \$224, Flowers: \$145

Immaculate Conception: \$15 **Total: \$2,354**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,080, Loose: \$49, Votive: \$92.91, Thanksgiving: \$100, Christmas: \$100, Flowers: \$20 **Total: \$1,441.91**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,027, Loose: \$210.29, Flowers: \$135, Christmas: \$50 **Total: \$2,422.29**

**Pray for us:**

Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Binek, Jim Negen, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick & Geraldine George

**ST FRANCIS' Ministers**

**December Ushers:**

Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

**Saturday, December 16th – 4:00 p.m.**

**EM of HC:** Judy Theisen

Bob Theisen (C) Alice Westrich (C)

**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Barry & Colleen Harren

**ST. EDWARD'S Minsters** (at St. Mary's)

**Sunday, December 17th 8:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann

Joan Theisen (C) Julie Wensmann (C)

**Lector:** Adeline Molus

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Mike Urbanski

**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann

**Gift Bearers:** Doug and Jackie Wolbeck

**ST MARY'S Ministers**

**Sunday, December 17th– 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn

Jan Kilian (C) Christine Weber (C)

**Lector:** Kim Koehn

**Servers:** Alayna & Lauryn Weber

**Ushers:** Tom Kilian

**Greeters:** Michell & Brooke Kingston

**Gift Bearers:** Randy & Donna Roske

**Bank Deposit:** Judy Michels



**ACC Advent Penance**

**Service: Dec. 10th**

**2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford.**

**4-5 priests available.**

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..."* - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives.

Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

**All Cluster News**

**ACC Members**

SE: Greg Larson, Leonice Urbanski

SF: Matt Herzog, Syl Tschida

SM: DJ Prom and Renee Scholz

**Faith Formation: Dec. 13th**

K-6: Home Lesson

2nd grade: Lesson 11

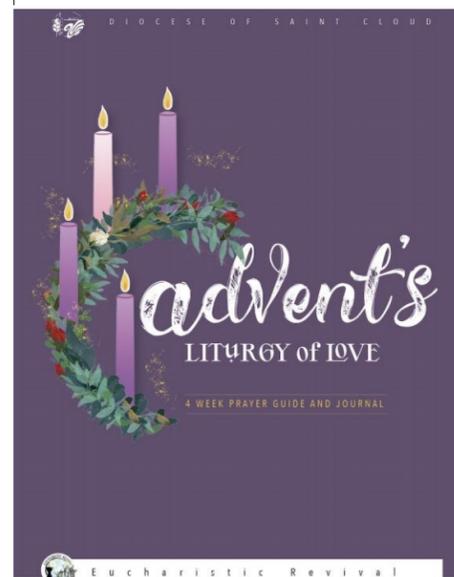
7-10 & Confirmation:

Class 7-8:30 p.m.

**Youth**

**Job Opening**

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.



Part of the goal of the Eucharistic Revival is to rekindle a living relationship with the Lord, specifically, calling people into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In light of that, the local Revival team designed an Advent prayer journal for 2023. For a free download visit: <https://stdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>. On this website you will find news, resources, events and happenings, adoration times and locations and information about the people involved in this initiative.

**Rural Catholic Young Adult**

**Group: Dec. 16th**

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. Contact: Marissa 630-2433 or Katie 423-2203

**"A voice is calling."**

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office: Fr. Doug Liebsch, Julie Jacobs [jacobs@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jacobs@gw.stcdio.org) 251-5001.

**Today's Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

Your donation provides essential care, medicine and essentials for 25,000 senior sister, brothers and priests who have served for decades. Let's show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much. You will find an envelope in your packet or you can put a donation in an envelope marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" in the collection basket.

**St. Mary's News**

**Christmas Decorating**

We will be decorating St. Mary's Church on Sat. Dec. 16th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. If you can't make that time but still want to help put up a tree contact Marlene Lange 630-1309. St. Edward parishioners are welcome to join in!

**St. Edward's News**

**Raffle Winners**

**Grand Prize: \$10,000:**

**Daryll Welinski**

**Second Prize: \$5,000:**

**Steve & Bonita Scholz**

3rd Prize \$3,000: Rose Albrecht

4th Prize \$2,000: Sally Schleper

5th Prize \$1,000: Donald Yurczyk

6th Prize \$1000: Joe & Andrea Larson

7th Prize \$1000: David J. Czech

8th Prize \$500: Robert Lorenz

9th Prize \$500: LeRoy & Irene Schmitz

10th Prize \$500: Peggy Hartung

11th Prize \$500: Becky Janshen, Joan Czech, Shawn Czech

12th Prize \$500: Gerald Hartung

13th Prize \$500: Gerard Oldakowski

14th Prize \$500: Dave Waldoch

15th Prize \$500: Roxie Bieniek

16th Prize \$250: Ellen Masog

17th Prize \$250: Ken Welle

18th Prize \$250: Phil Rudolph

19th Prize \$250: Janice Paggen

20th Prize \$250: Julie Wensmann

21st Prize \$250: Greg Knopik

22nd Prize \$250: Stanley Czech

23rd Prize \$250: Tim Maciej

24th Prize \$250: Steve & Melissa Balling

25th Prize \$200: Charles Blonigen

26th Prize \$200: Russ Klaphake

27th Prize \$200: Mike Soenneker

28th Prize \$200: Jerry Theisen

We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket in support of the St. Edward Fire Fund. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this event such a success.

Special thanks to Fr. Jimmy, Ted Lewandoski, Jeff Czeck and the Knights of Columbus, Joy Koroll, Kathy Blonigen, Ione Bresinka, Adeline Molus, Carol Molus, all those who sold tickets, provided baskets for the Silent Auction, helped with set-up, clean-up & decorations. Thank you all helping with the on-going renovations!