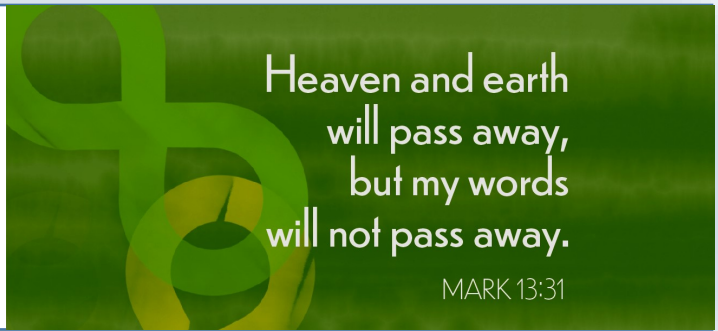


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The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

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Three Saints News

The “Thanks” Giving Tree

Please pray about choosing a leaf to give a child a gift from the Giving Tree (in the entry of St. Mary’s). We are asking that you return your **unwrapped gift by Sunday Dec. 5th**.

Boxes of Joy are also available in the church entry (instructions are inside the box). **They can be dropped off on Sunday, Nov. 14th from 10am-2pm.** Thank you for sharing the Joy!

Humble Request for Prayers and Encouragement reaching out across MILES for Millie Spring

Millie is the granddaughter of Fred & Rita Herbes, daughter of Matt & Julie (Herbes) Spring & little sister to Lucy (9), Sadie (7), and Willa (4). As you may have heard, Millie at 16 months old in September was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma (a form of brain cancer). She is undergoing treatment and a stem cell transplant is in her near future. Please join us in sending a “Rainbow” of encouragement in prayers and support to the Spring family. Rainbow colored envelopes/cards are available in the back of each of our churches. More information can be found at the caring bridge website for Millie Spring. A humble thank you from friends and family.

Deer Hunter’s Mass at All Saints-St Mary’s

This Sunday evening (Nov 14), come to Holdingford at 8pm as Fr Gregory will have Mass. Last Sunday evening, we had about 50 people at 8pm Mass in Upsala

Remember in prayer those in need of the Lord’s healing and strength:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Brenda Wuebkers, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Ramona Heurung, Arnold Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Frank Gerads, Lorene Koopmeiners, Linus & Marjorie Lehner, Marlene Vornbrock, Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul), Bruce Wolters (rehab), Millie Spring (cancer, 18 mos. old granddaughter of Fred and Rita Herbes, SF, Rita in Texas to help), Rudi Cazeau (terminal cancer, brother-in-law of Fr. David), Judy Gerads (cancer, SF), Bobby Pierskalla (St. Wendel)

family of +Anna Schulte (SM), family of +Irene Harren (Sacred Heart), family of +Marie Nelson (St. Stephen), family of +Amby Herdering (St. Rose), family of +Jim Krych (All Saints-St. Hedwig’s), family of +Bev Johnson (Gethsemane)

WEEKEND COLLECTION November 7, 2021

St. Edward: Adult: \$770, Loose: \$150, Votive: \$80.50
All Saints: \$230, Fall Collection: \$200 Thanksgiving: \$25
Total: **\$1,455.50**

St. Francis: Adult: \$675, Loose: \$405, Votive: \$151.20
Religious Ed: \$20, All Saints: \$25 Total: **\$1,276.20**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,790, Loose \$84, Deer Hunters’ Mass \$32, Thanksgiving \$50 All Saints \$75, Fall Collection: \$200, Total: **\$3,231.25**

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 11/16</u>	<i>Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin</i>
6pm St. Mary 8pm AS-SM	+Marcia Osberg ACC Meeting, Holdingford
<u>Wednesday 11/17</u>	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>
8am St. Francis	+Lenny & Nancy Holmer ~ Joyce Koopmeiners
<u>Thursday 11/18</u>	<i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne</i>
8am St. Edward	+George & Rose Opatz ~Carol Molus
<u>Friday 11/19</u>	
7:30am St. Mary	+James Scepaniak
<u>Weekend Masses</u>	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
<u>Saturday 11/22</u>	
4pm St. Francis	+Edmund & Delores Roerick ~Carol Dobmeier
<u>Sunday 11/21</u>	
8am St. Edward 10am St. Mary	+Don Maciej +Elaine & Mark Schumer ~Rob Schumer

Faith Formation

Grades K-6 Parents

As they focus this week on Heaven, Hell and Purgatory, let us be praying for them that God would help enlighten their faith. No doubt this lesson is something not often spoken about. Thanks so much parents for helping teach the teach to your children.

Grades 7-10 Class: Nov 17

No doubt in our classes, discussion will continue about the “Social Media” with the negative and positive impacts upon us. Remember that we will have no class the following week (Nov 24) due to Thanksgiving.

Confirmation Class: Nov 21

Class will meet from 7-8:30pm in St Mary’s. Remember to bring a parent or your sponsor to this class. Homework is memorizing the Apostles Creed. Thanks so much to Chantelle Frie who works so hard as their teacher.

Youth News

NCYC Trip to Indianapolis: Nov 17-21

Come and see our youth off as they will depart **Wednesday morning** from St Mary’s in Upsala at 4am Trobec’s Bus Company; 4:15am depart from Albany; 5am depart from Sauk Rapids; Arrive at Hilton Garden Inn in Indianapolis at 8:45pm. **Thursday:** 11:15am depart for downtown Indianapolis and have lunch on their own; 1:45pm walk to Convention Center until 10:30pm: Mass, Eucharistic Procession and guest speakers. **Friday:** 7:30am depart for Lucas Oil Stadium; the day includes: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, small group sessions and Eucharistic Adoration with guest speakers until 10pm. **Saturday:** Mass, Archbishop Garcia-Siller, chapel open, Sacrament of Reconciliation and closing Mass with Archbishop Thompson at 8pm, 10:30pm buses leave from Convention Center for home. Will travel through the night as young people sleep on bus. Sunday: arrive around 12 noon back to St Mary’s in Upsala.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS**Sun., Nov. 21 -8:00am****EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck **Lector:** Shari Biniek**Ushers:** Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel**Greeters:** Jim & Julie Wensmann**Server:** Isaac Harren**Gift Bearers:** Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz****Volunteers needed for the 9am Mass Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25th.****ST FRANCIS' NEWS****Sat., Nov. 20 -8:00pm****EM of HC:** Rebecca Schmidt**Lector:** Clara Pflueger**Ushers:** Mark Moorman & Sylvester Tschida**Server:** Carter Roerick**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Jeanette Gerads**Chalice Used at Mass**

Please note that the chalice which has been used for our Masses has engraved at the base of the chalice: "Donated by the St Francis Sewing Circle". This group originally started out with about 44 members before the church was moved to Upsala. At that time, many members joined St Mary's in Upsala. Some of their current members are Judy Gerads, Joyce Koopmeiners, Evelyn Lochnikar, Juanita Roerick and Kathy Thell. Thanks St Francis Sewing Circle for all you do for Jesus!

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sun., Nov. 21 -10:00am****EM of HC:** LeAnn Beneke **Lector:** Kim Koehn**Ushers:** Tom & Jan Kilian**Greeters:** Mitchell & Brooke Kingston**Server:** Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger**Gift Bearers:** Duane & Rosie Harren**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann**Welcome Evelyn Mary Lange**

Blessings to her parents Mitch and Brooke. Congrats to her big brother Liam Robert (godparents Kyle Lange & Beth Klaphake). Evelyn's godparents (Laura Lange & Chris Klaphake) like all godparents play an essential role. Within the ritual of baptism, they are asked: "Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty?" Families are given the option to have celebrate this sacrament during Mass or at another time. Fr David thinks it is a powerful reminder for everyone to witness the beauty of this sacrament at Mass.

Welcome New Parishioner

Derek Solarz, the son of David recently joined our faith community. Please extend a gracious welcome the next time you see him. What might be some ways in which our communities can be more welcoming while inviting people to join our parish?

Three Saints News continued**Make God's Love Visible**

Amid the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, their donors, advocates and volunteers have shown faith in their efforts to help Catholic Charities provide essential services to individuals and families in need across Central Minnesota. Their ability to help our neighbors this year depends on your support, and 100% of all donations support Catholic Charities programs. Envelopes are in the entrance of our churches or you were to receive one in the mail.

ACC Meeting: Nov 16 at 8 pm in All Saints-St Mary's

This meeting will conclude finalizing and approving the final draft of by-laws and constitution. These will then be sent to the Diocese for approval. We will be needing two members from each parish to serve on this committee. Will you be open to this ministry? All six parishes will each have two members representing them. Come early at 7pm as the Knights of Columbus has a Mass for vocations.

Three Saints News continued**Fr John Odero's Package**

Thanks so much for all your cards as we had about twenty items mailed this past week. Cost for postage was nearly \$40. This will be taken out of the Sacristan's account as they are overpaid already! No doubt Fr John will greatly appreciate hearing from you with the recent passing of his mother Mary Saalome who was 98 yrs. old. Did you know that he will be celebrating his 40th anniversary to the priesthood in 2023?

Hail Damage

Churches of St Francis and St Edward's did not sustain any hail damage. Praise the LORD! However, St Mary's was seemingly not as fortunate. There is an ongoing discussion as to if Catholic Mutual believes there is any hail damage.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

6 pm St. Mary, Wednesday, Nov. 24 Vigil

9 am St. Edward, Thursday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day

Funeral Dinner Discussion: Nov. 17

All three parishes are invited to join us at 1 pm at St. Mary's as we discuss, in light of the Covid cases, how best to serve funeral dinners. Everyone welcome.

St. Mary's Turkey Bingo

Thank you to all who volunteered and supported our Bingo. It was such a blessing to gather together again. Our net proceeds were \$1,185.00, up from \$125 in 2019! Congratulations to all the winners.

Area Church Events**Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Nov 25**

The Word of Life Free Lutheran Church will be hosting this meal serving from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please help get the word to anyone who may need a place to go for Thanksgiving.

Turkey Bingo this weekend!

Benefit for Melissa Scepurak on Sunday November 14th at St. Stanislaus in Bowlus. Starts at 1:30 pm

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar

St. Mary's in Little Falls will have their bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 20th from 8am -6:30pm and Sunday, Nov. 21st from 9am-noon. Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Crafts and Raffle Drawing at noon on Sunday.

Notes from Fr David

This weekend we are reminded that one day Jesus will return in glory as the world comes to an earth-shattering conclusion. As frightening as the warnings are in our readings, they are accompanied by assurances that God remains with us. Always. Indeed, soon we will be reminded that Emmanuel means "God is with us." Jesus – Emmanuel – will return in glory at the end of time. Let us pray in thanksgiving this weekend for God's abiding presence with us here on earth.

I am so grateful that Word of Life Free Lutheran Church in Upsala is hosting Thanksgiving Day Meal on November 25 serving 11:30am-1:30pm. This meal for anyone. This is especially targeted for those who may not have a place to go. Too oftentimes there are people in our neighborhood or area who may feel isolated or forgotten. You know the people much better than I. Would you be so kind as to either let them know of this meal or let me know as I can invite them. This is a beautiful time to come together in which faith denomination, social status, economical challenges, family struggles, etc. should not be a barrier. I am looking forward to joining Word of Life for this day. They have enough volunteers.

As you notice, there are two Thanksgiving Day Masses scheduled. Should we have scheduled one for each parish? Oftentimes, there is not much rhyme or reason when we schedule times and places for the Masses. Note that since St Francis did not have a Thanksgiving Mass, they will have an additional Christmas Mass. Did you know that Christmas falls on a Saturday this year? Advent is only two weeks away. Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. It was historically known as "little Lent," because, like Lent, it is a time of repentance, with prayer, fasting, and Confession. Many graces are available during this holy time of the year.