

# The Catholic Churches

of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
Upsala



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

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### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday St. Mary 3:15 – 3:45pm

Sunday St. Edward 7:15 – 7:45am

St. Francis 9:15 – 9:45am

Tuesday St. Mary 5 – 5:45pm

Also by appointment

### PRAYER LINE

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

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

Sally Schleper (SE): 573-2127

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK & THOSE WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home, please contact the Central Office, 573-2132

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples need to begin preparations with the priest nine months in advance and must call the Pastor before setting a date.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the office before desired baptism date.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please stop in or call the Office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Thursday Announcements submitted after deadline may not get into the upcoming bulletin.

If there is a Funeral and a Daily Mass at the same parish, the Daily Mass is canceled with the exception of Tues. evening.

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

Darwin Binek, Rose Binek, Jordan Bowen, Kristi Brezinka, Bernetta Czech, Aubriella Eggert, Melvin Hartung, Kathy Hennek, Ramona Heurung, Kieran Kloss, Marjorie Lehner, David Loehlin, Kim (Kulla) Nelson, Roger Thell, Ken Welle, Ron Carlson, David Heim, Bernadine Bartkowicz, Irene Stern, Lorraine Frie, Donna Scholz, Cindy Fleischhacker, Carol Langner, Ralph Schleper, Mike Carlson, Delores Eiynek, Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg

\*\*The above prayer list will be refreshed the start of the new Liturgical Year, which is Nov. 29. All names will be cleared out. If you wish to remain on the list, call the office.\*\*

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

**St. Mary:** Adult \$1,075.00; Loose \$128.10; Votive \$28.50; Thanksgiving Tree \$50.00; Online Giving \$250.00 - **\$1,531.60**

**St. Edward:** Adult \$841.00; Loose \$28.00; Votive \$22.00; All Saints \$30.00; Sex Abuse Settlement \$200.00; Catholic Charities \$20.00 - **\$1,141.00**

**St. Francis:** Adult \$416.00; Loose \$39.00; Sex Abuse Settlement \$750.00; Fall Collection \$5,120.00; All Saints \$75.00; Thanksgiving \$100.00; Online Giving \$355.00 - **\$6,855.00**

### Mass Schedule

Nov. 16 - 22, 2020

Monday: 11/16 *St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude*  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday: 11/17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
St. Mary 6:00pm †† Lennie & Nancy Holmer  
- Joyce Koopmeiners

Wednesday: 11/18 *Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul*  
St. Francis 8:00am †† Herman & Veronica Notch  
- Don & Eileen Stiller

Thursday: 11/19  
St. Edward 8:00am †† Paul & Martha Czeck  
- Dorene Czeck

Friday: 11/20  
St. Mary 7:30am † Mary Ziegler  
- Karen Becker

Saturday: 11/21 *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
St. Mary 4:00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday: 11/22 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
St. Edward 8:00am †† George & Rose Opatz  
- Family

St. Francis 10:00am Special Intentions of Dan & Rita Lange



### Religious Education

Nov. 18:

Grades 1 – 6: Class 6:30 – 7:30pm

Grades 7 - 10: Class 7:30 – 9pm



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary 12 – 4pm First Wed. (12/2)

St. Edward 12 – 4pm First Fri. (12/4)

St. Francis 7am - 8pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. (12/8)

Benediction follows Adoration in all parishes

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PICK OF THE WEEK  
November 15, 2020



### MARY OF NAZARETH

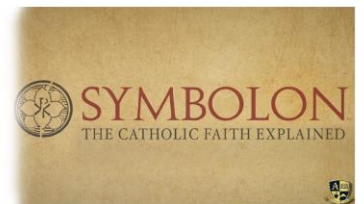
This film vividly captures Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassion and concern for others and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another.

WATCH

### LEARN

#### SYMBOLON: KNOWING THE FAITH, SESSION 5: PETER AND THE KEYS

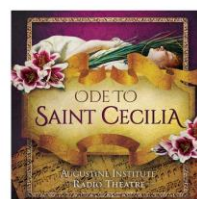
This week is the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul. Learn more about Peter's role in the Church and the imagery behind Jesus' famous words to Peter.



### ODE TO SAINT CECILIA

In this Augustine Institute audio drama, *Ode to Saint Cecilia* tells the dramatic story of a modest young woman from Rome whose life transcends time to influence poets, composers, sculptors, and painters.

LISTEN



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## THREE SAINTS NEWS

### **Thanksgiving Tree**

The Social Justice Committee will be collecting donations for this year's Thanksgiving Tree during the month of November. Because of the uncertain times we are currently facing, monetary donations can be brought to the Central Office, or dropped in the weekly collection. Please place your donation in a separate envelope labeled, "Thanksgiving Tree". Your gift will help children and families in the Morrison County Social Services Foster Care Program. Thanksgiving Tree donations will be collected until November 29th. Contact LeAnn Beneke or Kim Koehn with any questions.

### **Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross will be at St Marys Catholic Church in Upsala on November 23, 2020 from 1pm to 7pm. The Red Cross faces a severe blood shortage of blood due to cancellations of blood drives during the coronavirus outbreak. During this time there is no walk-in policy – but will take you when we have openings. Temperatures will be taken and mask required. Fill out PASS form from Red Cross on computer is appreciated. Need a few volunteers – if you can help call Rosie @573-2552. Appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org – code Upsala

### **"Paying for the sins of others"**

"Thanks once again for your great generosity as this past week you gave \$950 which brings the total which our three parishes have given to \$11,425! That is truly amazing grace even during these ever-challenging times, you are stepping forth to help Jesus pay for the sins of others. Someone from one of our parishes had a sizeable amount to donate. They said that I should give it to whichever parish needs it the most! How beautiful knowing that we see our three parishes not simply my parish but rather our three parishes. November 20 is the deadline in which we will mail in our \$15,500 from each of our parishes. Thank you for helping to do your part. Just know that your kindness is greatly appreciated." Fr David

### **Vocation Team**

Bishop Kettler strongly encourages all parishes to have people who would encourage the idea of having more religious brothers and sisters along with priests from our families and parishes. There are infinite number of possibilities as to what this might look like in our parishes. Anything is better than nothing. Outside of praying, we have no formal emphasis on this very, very important part of our Catholic faith. Call our office or Fr David.

### **Brothers Support**

"In one of my recent homilies, I spoke of the atrocities of pornography and how only 7% of our parishes have anything available to those struggling with this sin. Pornography involves exploiting the human body and viewing the body as an object. Of course, we know that the Catholic Church teaches that the human body should be respected, because of the dignity that Christ bestows on every person. We must understand the terrible reality of pornography in our culture today, so we can offer help to those who are suffering with this affliction. Please give me a call if you are interested in brainstorming as to what this ministry could look like. Perhaps monthly gatherings for us to pray and find resources. Accountability is huge." Fr David

### **Book of Remembrance**

During this month of Poor Souls, please remember to write names of your loved ones in our books. More graces than you will ever realize goes to those souls in Purgatory or in Heaven.

### **Mass for Deceased Clergy**

Come and join priests and deacons from the diocese at the Cathedral of St Mary in St Cloud on November 23rd at 12:05pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and support your priests.

## YOUTH NEWS

### **Youth Gathering**

Youth in grades 7-12, come and meet your new youth leaders: Nov 21 at 2pm at St Mary's. This will be a "Meet and Greet" as we start our Youth Group once again. We will have Mass at 4pm for those able to stay. Fr David is inviting you and all our youth leaders amidst your busy schedule to Cynthia's for dinner afterwards as he will be treating!

### **Mass Server Training**

Anyone in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older who are interested in serving Mass, please call Fr David or the parish office. Know that you will be expected to wear a face covering. Thanks to Isaac Harren son of Mike and Shelly from St Francis who has started serving recently. You are doing an awesome job! Are there others willing to help us have at least one server at each of our weekend Masses?

## ST. MARY'S NEWS

### **Saturday, Nov. 21 – 4pm**

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn Lector: Leonice Prokott  
Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian  
Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

## ST. EDWARD'S NEWS

### **Sunday, Nov. 22 – 8am**

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann Lector: Shari Biniek  
Greeters: Jim & Julie Wensmann  
Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Shawn Urbanski

### **Cemetery Facelift**

"In the bulletin last week, I spoke of the need for our parish to make some significant improvements as the diocese is asking this of us. What is the Holy Spirit placing on your hearts? From the few parishioners whom I spoke with it seems like this is long overdue. Some ideas that surfaced include: computerizing our cemetery records, place ribboning/cement slabs for new plots, build a road be it class five gravel or asphalt, straighten the headstones which are tipping and refurbish our shrine. Do we need a bigger wish list? Pray that our parish and its leaders would be ever supportive for this ever-important need." Fr David

There is a "Cemeteries Test Page" link on the website – home page, all the way at the bottom of the page, that is utilizing a trial version of a new cemetery program. Please check it out and provide feedback. Note: There is not a lot of info entered yet as it is a work in progress.

## ST. FRANCIS' NEWS

### **Sunday, Nov. 22 – 10am**

EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann  
Greeters: Dan & Rita Lange

## NOTES FROM FR. DAVID

How are we using what has been entrusted to us? This weekend, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. Two of the servants use them to make more; the third buries his in the ground. Are we using our talents as well as we could? As we celebrated the Eucharist this weekend, let us consider how we use our God-given talents and how we could use them more beneficially.

With the pandemic still holding its grip on the world, it was announced that there will not be the usual Christmas and New Year liturgies at St Peter's in Rome. They will still celebrate them like they did this past Easter with Pope Francis, however very few people will be in attendance. What will it be like for our country, our diocese and our local churches? No doubt there will be more coming developments.

I have been talking about implementing a new curriculum (family based) for our religious education program grades 1-6. Family Formation was developed by the Catholic Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake, Minnesota as a fresh approach to the difficulties they experienced with traditional religious education programs that only provided a role for parish volunteers in a child's catechesis. As a church, they recognized their ineffectiveness in teaching and forming children if their parents were not involved in the process.

As a result, they developed Family Formation with an adult formation component that teaches and trains parents in the Truths of the Faith, so that they can teach their children. This model provides parents with the tools they need to share the Good News and the beauty of the Catholic Faith with their children and to form them into true disciples of Jesus Christ. Through engaging, down-to-earth, easy to understand lessons and activities, Family Formation brings parishes and families together to learn their Faith in joy and with excitement.

This shared learning experience develops traditions and spills over into families' everyday lives—incorporating the Catholic Faith becomes a way of life! Many parishes in our diocese have adopted this new curriculum and they are loving it. Freeport, New Munich and St Rosa parishes have been doing this a number of years as I have been in discussion with their pastor Fr Dan Walz. Remember to check out the five-minute video on our website: What is Family Formation?

Lastly, thank you for granting some "social distance" on my weekly day off. Some priests take Fridays off, however myself like the greater majority of priests take Monday off. Thank you for not texting, calling, emailing, etc. unless it is an emergency. I know that having this "day off" is a great luxury that many of you are unable to have for yourself. To clarify this, Sunday to Monday please contact me when there is an emergency. My cell phone is listed and that is the best way to get a hold of me. During the work week, my cell remains the best way to talk to me or text.