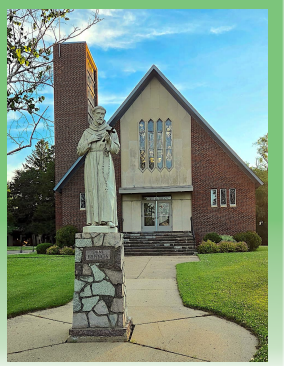
Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis: Mary & the Saints ACC





Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2 before all Masses. See Mass Schedule.

Prayer Lines:
SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127
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SF: Judy Theisen 573-2933
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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.

Mass of Unity

Bishop Neary has asked all Catholics across the Diocese of Saint Cloud to join in prayer during a special Mass of Unity this Weekend. 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.

When St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked, "What is the Church?", she did not speak of buildings but off people. In her words, "But who is the Church? You and I …The Church are those who follow Jesus…

You and I are the Church. And we are never more united than when we gather around the Lord's table to celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and the summit of our lives as Catholics. When we hear the word of God and receive the body and blood of Christ, we experience our oneness and our unity as brothers and sisters in the Lord. We begin to perceive Christ in one another…

We must awaken to the fact that the person sitting next to us in the pew, whether we know then or not, is Christ himself. And if you see any new face in your parish church, I invite you to go up and welcome that person as you would Christ himself. Fro Christ himself said, "I was a stranger and your welcomed me." In the Rule of St. Benedict, it is written that "all guests are to be received as Christ himself."

Excerpts from Bishop Patrick Neary's Homily for the Diocesan Mass for Unity

Prayer for Unity

Before Jesus was arrested He prayed for His followers:

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

So that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one,

I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to a perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Jn 17:21-23

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 11/14		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 p.m. 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. 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. 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

Monday, 11/16	*St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet (No Mass)
Tuesday, 11/17	*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Lorraine Frie
Wednesday, 11/18	*Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Pau. Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dan Lange
Thursday, 11/19	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Bob, Phyllis, Jeanette & Elaine Yasgar ~Joyce Holtz
Friday, 11/20	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Melvin Hartung



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, & Marlene Carlson

Saturday11/21		Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Diane Magdziarz ~The Retka Family	**EM of HC**: Jim Bartkowicz, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, **Lector**: Jerry Theisen, **Servers**: Jasmyn Oldakowski, **Ushers**: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, **Gift Bearers**: Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 11/22		
8:00 a.m. St.Francis	For the People	**EM of HC**: Joyce Koopmeiners, Bob Theisen c, Judy Theisen c, **Lector**: Jim Scholz, **Servers**: Evan Welle, **Ushers**, Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, **Gift Bearers**: Jake & Judy Gerads, **Sacristan**: Judy Theisen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Connie Harren	**EM of HC**: Mike Klasen, Cindy Koehn c, Lisa Zabinski c, **Lector**: Chantelle Frie, **Servers**: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, **Ushers**: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, **Greeters**: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, **Gift Bearers**: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, **Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 23rd and Friday November 27th
No Mass on Friday, November 27th

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 18th

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 11/8/2026

St. Edward: Adults: $1,365, Loose: $486, Votive: $20, Fire Fund: $100, All Souls: $20, Fall Fund: $2,015 **Total: $4,006**
St. Francis: Adult: $485, Loose: $157, Votive: $162.85, **Total: $804.85**
St. Mary: Adults: $900, Loose: $330, Fall Collection:: $2,320, **Total: $3,550**

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. The Social Justice Committee is working with the Morrison County Human Services Dept. to provide gifts for children. There is a great need for educational books and toys for infants, toddlers, elementary and high school age children. You'll notice Our "Thanks" Giving Tree in the entry of St. Mary's from Nov. 8th until Dec. 6th. Help make Christmas Day a happy time for these children. Please see the sign-up book and follow the instructions given. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated by many year after year. Thank you!

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 Sundays 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.

Beginning November 30th, remaining cookbooks will be sold for $15 to non-parishioners on the Wait List. Those on the list will receive a call and you'll be able to pick up and pay at the Parish Office.

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: 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.

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Thanksgiving Day

Word of Life Church (3328 1st Ave. W., Upsala) will be serving turkey, ham and all the trimmings on Thursday, November 26th from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Please join us for food and fellowship. Take out available.

Would you be available to volunteer to help in the kitchen, serving or with clean-up? Call Rachel at (612) 760-1880 or email: rachiejtup@msn.com. Pie donations would also be greatly appreciated!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development This weekend, November 14th & 15th is our yearly collection for Human Development. This campaign helps fund affordable housing in the most impoverished areas with 25% staying local to help our neighbors. Along with housing, training for more carpenters, electricians and plumbers helps create jobs and independence.To learn more about how the CCHD advances the Church's moral and social teaching by empowering communities at: www.usccb.org/cchd.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. Jn 15:4



Remember and Honor Local Heroes!

Upsala American Legion Auxiliary would like to honor our veterans for National Wreath Across America Day on December 19th. Sponsor a wreath for $17 to be placed on a veteran's grave at St. Mary's, St. Edwards and St. Francis Church Cemeteries or another Upsala area cemetery. Grave specific requests can be made.

Visit: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MN0085P or call Kristi 612-202-5974. Orders are due by Dec. 1st.

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

Join the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls for Taizé Prayer

on Tuesday, November 24, 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space on the campus of the Franciscan Sisters. Enter at the Main Entrance, Door F. All are welcome!

Online Contributions for October

St. Edward: $200
St. Francis: $405
St. Mary: $1,075

Sign-up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on our website or by contacting the Parish Office to have a form mailed/emailed to you.