

# The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward  
Elmdale

St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Francis

St. Mary  
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## First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

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### RECONCILIATION Schedule

Saturday: St. Francis -3:15-3:45 pm,  
Sunday: St. Edward-7:15-7:45 am, & St. Mary - 9:15-9:45 am  
Tuesday: St. Mary -5- 5:30 pm

**Bulletin deadline for this week is Monday, November 29.**

### Thank you

for such a warm  
welcome from all  
of the parishes as  
we learn how to  
serve you!  
~ Randi Klasen &  
Jessie Johnson

### Upcoming Masses

#### Christmas Vigil

Dec. 24 at 4:00 pm SF & 5:00 pm SM

#### The Nativity of the Lord

Dec. 25 at 8:00 am SE & 10:00 am SM

#### Solemnity of Mary -Vigil

Dec. 31 at 4:00 pm SM

#### The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Jan. 1 at 9:00 am SE

## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Tuesday 11/30</u>	<i>Saint Andrew, Apostle-Feast</i>
6 pm St. Mary	+Edward Jendro
<u>Wednesday 12/1</u>	
8 am St. Francis	+Dennis Koroll ~ Fred & Rita Herbes *Anointing of the Sick * Adoration & Benediction SM noon-4pm
<u>Thursday 12/2</u>	
8 am St. Edward	+Heather Hennek
<u>Friday 11/3</u>	<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest-Memorial</i>
7:30 am St. Mary	+Phyllis Vornbrock Adoration SE noon-4pm /No Benediction
<u>Weekend Masses</u>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
<u>Saturday 12/4</u>	
4 pm St. Francis	Healing and Strength for Brayden Harren
<u>Sunday 12/5</u>	
8 am St. Edward	+Jerry & Rita Fasen ~Joan Berg
10 am St. Mary	For the People

### Faith Formation News continued

#### First Reconciliation Retreat: Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 9 am-10:30 am

We hope all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and parents will be able to join us. This will be a special time for you and your parents.

#### Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 6-7 pm

Parents we hope that you will be joining us. Nothing speaks louder to our children than when their parents go to confession as well. Fr David will be hearing the confessions of the children while Fr David Maciej (retired priest from Little Falls) will be available for the parents.

#### Grades 7-10 Class: Dec 1

Class as usual. Plan to come the following week as we will have Mass at 7pm celebrating the Immaculate Conception. Also, remember to start preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Dec 15 at 7 pm. We will have four priests hearing confessions.

#### Confirmation Class: Dec 1

Class as usual. Remember next week (Dec 8) we have Mass at 7 pm and following Mass, we will have class until 9 pm. Please make time in your busy schedules to receive Jesus in confession Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth News

#### Youth Return Home from Indianapolis

"Thank you NCYC participant's parents for entrusting your children to us! What an amazing experience to see/feel the energy and excitement the NCYC students have for the Lord! The spirit is Ablaze in them!" Chaperones: Michael Klasen, Jonathan Leiter, Alice Westrich and Lisa Zabinski



### Faith Formation News

#### Grades K-6 Parents

Home lesson focusing on Advent activities. Remember that Dec 8, we will have "Classroom Lesson" from 6-7pm. Our Mass will be at 7pm as we hope that you and your family will be join us. Thanks to the youth choir members as you sounded great at the rehearsal last Sunday! We will have the older youth involved with other ministries.

### 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, 1 1/2 year old granddaughter of Fred and Rita Herbes, SF, Rita is in Texas to help), Rudi Cazeau (terminal cancer, brother-in-law of Fr. David), Judy Gerads (cancer, SF), Bobby Pierskalla (St. Wendel), Joe Schumer (SM, hospitalized with cancer), Joe Korman (SE, hospitalized), Geri Klimek (Covid, hospitalized)

family of +Amby Herdering (St. Rose), family of +Jim Krych (All Saints-St. Hedwig's), family of +Bev Johnson (Gethsemane)

### WEEKEND COLLECTION November 21, 2021

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$615, Loose: \$105, Thanksgiving \$50, Fall Collection \$75 Total: **\$845**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$722, Loose: \$83, Thanksgiving: \$680 Total: **\$1,485**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,149, Loose \$162, Fall Collection: \$1000, Youth: \$200 Total: **\$3,511**

### **ST EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sun., Dec. 5, -8:00 am Second Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Jim Wensmann **Lector:** Jeff Czech

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott

**Greeters:** Sally Schleper

**Gift Bearers:** Pat & Kris Blonigen

### **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**Sat., Dec. 4, -4:00 pm Second Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Syl Tschida

**Lector:** Barb Moorman

**Server:** Carter Roerich

**Ushers:** Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

**Gift Bearers:** Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann

#### **“Across MILES for Millie Spring”**

Entry Nov 19 from her CaringBridge site: “Thankfully Millie had a better night last night than the previous one. She was asleep by 7:30 pm and only woke up a few times while getting her vital signs checked. She got her Etoposide from 11pm to 1am. During that they have to check her blood pressure every 15 minutes. Then she gets the Cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan) from 1- 3 am. She will get a repeat of those two chemos tonight at the same times as last night.”

#### **Rainbow colored cards for Millie**

Please join us in sending a “Rainbow” of encouragement in prayers and support to the Spring family. Self-addressed cards and envelopes are in the entrances of our churches

### **ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sun., Dec. 5-10 am Second Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Rosie Harren **Lector:** Michelle Fleischhacker

**Server:** Christian Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger

**Ushers:** Dave Brezinka & Nathan Ripplinger

**Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Jan Kilian

**Bank Deposit:** Marvin Wensmann

### **Three Saints News**

#### **ACC Committee Members Needed**

We (Mary and the Saints which are our three churches and the three churches from the Holdingford area) are looking for new ACC committee members (two from each parish). This replaces the Parish Councils as our diocese/bishop is asking all parishes to make this change. These members will serve as an advisory group to Fr David and Fr Gregory. We will meet quarterly. It is a three-year term. Nominations will be next weekend (Dec 4/5). At the end of Masses, you will be asked to write down names of parishioners/yourself which will then be collected. Copy of bylaws and constitutions are in the entrance of our churches. Names will be drawn by lot and announced the weekend of Dec18/19.

#### **Penance Service: Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm @ St Mary's**

Come to Jesus as Fr Virgil Helmin, Fr Gregory Mastey, Fr Bob Harren, Fr Ed Schefers and Fr David will in the confessionals.

#### **Remembrance Candles**

The candles for your loved ones who passed this year are in the entrances of our churches ready for you to take home. Many blessings to you!

#### **St. Nick**

will be visiting all three Churches after Mass the weekend of Dec. 4 and 5. He will be waiting outside of Church, weather permitting. All Children are invited to stop and visit with St. Nick and receive a bag of treats. Keep an eye out for Rupert as he might be there too.

### **Three Saints News** Continued

#### **Baby Shower For Jesus**

Proceeds will go to ELEVATE (Pregnancy & Family Resource Center)

Current Needs: Clothing needs NB-9 months, Swaddlers, Sleep Sacks, Warm Fleece Sleepers/Pajamas, Muslin Swaddle Blankets, Car Seat Covers, Car Seat Hanging Toys, Target & Walmart Gift Cards, Baby Girl Long Sleeved Onesies, Baby Wipes, Boy & Girl Pants and Cash Donations. All are welcome to Donate Wishlist items at St. Francis Parish in the Bassinet. A Blessed Thank You in advance by the St Francis Christian Women. Questions? call Rosanne Voss 248-8910.

#### **Brayden Harren Benefit**

"Our family had a great time on October 31st at the Benefit for Brayden at St. Francis. We are so very thankful for our faith community and humbled by all the love, support and prayers we continue to receive as we go through this journey. We can not express our gratitude enough to those who organized the benefit, to those who volunteered throughout the day to help it run smoothly and to those who came out to eat and show your support. You all made our little boy feel very special! With Love, Andy, Brittany, Emmalyn, Carter and Brayden Harren"

#### **Holy Day Mass times for December 8**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec. 7: 6 pm SM ~Vigil,

Dec. 8: 8 am SF, 12 noon SE, and 7 pm SM

### **Notes from Fr. David**

Once again, we begin the season of Advent as this is a time of preparation for Christ's coming into the world on Christmas morning. But this is not the only arrival of Christ for which we can prepare. He comes into our hearts at any time in any way. He comes to us in the Eucharist. We hope to be welcomed into His arms when we leave this world. Finally, He will come again at the end of time. As we gather in His name this weekend, let us contemplate how we can prepare to receive Christ even when we least expect Him.

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us.

Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do. For those of us who are Catholics, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a most natural way to celebrate God's reconciliation. We used to think of this sacrament as only about "confession" - that it was like a dumping ground for my sins, where I got forgiven, and I had to "pay a toll." One of the great recoveries in our Christian history is to re-discover the meaning of this sacrament. My prayer is that each and everyone of you will come to Jesus in this sacrament. There are so many graces available. No matter how long you have been away, Jesus so wants you to come to Him.

National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help near Green Bay, WI is my destination Dec 2-7. I am really excited for this opportunity and so grateful that I am not flying to Mexico City as I planned. I will be helping out some at the shrine with daily Mass and confessions. I was there about ten years ago and I remember the many crutches, canes and other things that people left behind after they were healed. I hope that you will be able to leave a prayer petition in the boxes in the entrances of our churches. They will have a special place for all your petitions. You will be blessed to have Fr Virgil Helmin (retired priest covering during my absence, 320-293-6220). Please call the office or him in case of emergency.