

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

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Confessions are 1/2 hour before all Masses.
Please see Mass Schedule on next page.

PRAYER LINES

SM- Karen Liebsch 573-4127
Kathy Koehn 573-2363
SF-Judy Theisen 573-2933
Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
SE-Sally Schleper 573-2127

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 Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

celebrated annually on Nov. 21st, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the

Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanks-giving for the God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord. The celebration of the Feast is first documented in the 11th century within the Byzantine Catholic Church. It was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, then removed from the calendar by Pope Pius V in the mid 16th century. Pope Sixtus V later reestablished the feast in 1585, and it is still celebrated today, commemorating the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/feast-of-the-presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-60>

Prayer:

*Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary,
you were conceived without sin
and remained sinless throughout your life.
With the perfection of every virtue and grace,
you loved and served God even as a young child.
Please pray for me,
as I help to inspire young people in the ways of
holiness, that I will never shy away from pointing
them to you as a model and mediator of God's grace.
Most Holy Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for me.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/november-21-presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-memorial/>

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11/15		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Deceased friends & relatives of the Hartung & Boeckermann Families	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Bob & Judy Theisen, Sacristan: Kathy Thell
Sunday 11/16		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Jerry Theisen c, Derek Biniek c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Barkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Nick Stodolka	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz, Volunteer c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday, 11/17	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>		Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)		
Tuesday, 11/18	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i>	Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Robert Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Ken Welle, & Jan Kilian	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Elmer Sadlowski		
Wednesday, 11/19			
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Connie, Ethel & Jeff Middendorg		
Thursday, 11/20			
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Doreen Neuman		
Friday, 11/21	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Rollie Gilk		

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. Jer 29:11

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 11/22		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Chris & Abby Fuchs, Sacristan: Sylvester Tschida
Sunday 11/23		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Richard O'Hotto	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jerry Theisen c, Joan Theisen c, Lector: Tracy Hartung, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Diane & Dennis Trettel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Rose Mary Binek	EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Lisa Zabinski c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
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7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203 or confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Confirmation (Holdingford)

Wed., Nov 19th, 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Nov. 19th, 7:00 p.m. 7-10th gr. St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be at the St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in Upsala. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.



St. Mary's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up in our gathering space until Sunday, December 7th. Once again we are working with the Morrison County Human Services Department to provide gifts to children within the Foster Care Program. Please take a Star or Ornament from the tree and purchase a gift for a child. Everyone is welcome to participate. Thank you! Happy Holidays!!!

Youth Notes

Plan Ahead: Steubenville Youth Conference – July of 2026. Registration forms coming soon...limited spots available! Grades 8-12.

Give to the Youth:

Looking for a ping pong table for the youth. If you have one you don't want anymore, please call or text 320-229-2898!

Call for Student Artists

The Art of Conversation Gallery's December show will be an all student exhibit. Public, private and homeschooled students are invited to submit artwork in any medium around any theme! Email Submission to Steve@upsalacav.org or text to: (218) 428-8010 by Wednesday November. 26th.



Upcoming Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass:

Nov. 27th: 8:00 a.m. SE

Immaculate Conception:

Dec. 8th: 6:00 p.m. Rosary & Chaplet-6:30 p.m. Mass-SM

Christmas Vigil & Day:

Dec. 24th: 4:30 p.m. SE

Dec. 25th: 8:00 a.m. SF & 10:00 a.m. SM

New Year's/Solemnity of Mary:

Dec. 31st: 4:00 p.m. SF

Jan. 1st: 8:00 a.m. SE 10:00 a.m. SM

St. Edward's News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Richard O'Hotto (St. Edward)

Passed to Eternal Life:

November 12, 2025

Funeral: November 15, 2025 (SM)



ALL 8-12th Graders Welcome
Bring a friend!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:00-6:30pm

St. Mary's Church, Upsala



- Pizza & Pop!
- Group Games!
- Faith Message!
- Prayer!

Scan
to follow on
Instagram



For more information talk to: Sam Laliberte, Carson Primus, Anne Ripplinger, Olivia Klasen, Jimmy Jensen, Noah Boeckermann, or Jim Scholz

WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/9/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$895 Loose: \$59.25, All Saints: \$50,
Total: \$1,004.25

St. Francis: Adult: \$345, Loose: \$398, Votive: \$127.85,
Total: \$870.85

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,228, Loose: \$259, Fall Collection:
\$2190, **Total: \$3,677**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Fall Collection so far. As of today the total is \$2,700.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Reflection

As we celebrate the liturgical memorial of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, we especially honor the fact that, regardless of the lack of certainty of the historical details, the Blessed Virgin Mary lived a life of profound prayer and contemplation from her earliest years and continued to do so throughout her life. She always has been, and continues to be, the Immaculate One, the sinless Spouse of the Holy Spirit, the first contemplative, and one who dedicated her whole life to the service of the will of God. Even if the account of her presentation and childhood service in the Temple is not accurately represented in these early sources, the spiritual reality of her total dedication to the will of God throughout her life is an indisputable dogma of our faith.

As we ponder the early life and dedication of the Blessed Virgin Mary to God's will today, reflect upon the fact that every child is capable of a profound faith and commitment to God's will. For those who are entrusted with the guardianship and raising of children, allow your prayerful reflection on the holy life of Blessed Mary as a child to inspire you to help all young people imitate her profound faith and holiness.

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/november-21-presentation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-memorial/>

FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us at Word of Life Church (3328 1st Ave. W., Upsala) for Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings! Serving on November 27th at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Give Thanks to all He provides!



Upsala American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring **Wreaths Across America** in local cemeteries, and we need help in getting wreaths for all the area veteran's graves. Please help Upsala American Legion Auxiliary Unit 350 honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath for \$17 to be placed on a veteran's grave on Dec. 13th, in St. Mary's, St. Edwards, and St. Francis of Assisi cemeteries. Grave specific requests can be made. To sponsor a wreath, scan the QR code or visit:

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MN0085P.

If you prefer to sponsor wreaths by cash or check, please call Kristi at (612) 202-5974. Orders must be received by Wreaths Across America no later than Nov. 28th. All are invited to help place wreaths or attend the ceremony on December 13th at the Upsala Area Veterans Memorial, at 10 am.

THE WOMEN OF MAGNIFY INVITE YOU TO

A Women's Advent Evening of Reflection

Join us for an evening of prayer, praise and reflection with National Catholic Speaker, Kristin Molitor.

December, 12 2025

6:30-8:30 pm

Light Refreshments to follow

Located at a unique venue-

*The Gathering Barn of Avon
35204 Co Rd 155
Avon, MN 56310*



Contact Leah Brix for more information:
leahbrixauthor@gmail.com



The women of Magnify warmly invite all women to a special Advent event at The Gathering Barn of Avon. Experience a powerful evening of reflection led by National Catholic Speaker, Kristin Molitor. Enter into Praise and Worship with Abby Thomas, whose music beautifully draws hearts to prayer, and share in fellowship with Catholic women from across the area as we await the joy of Christmas. **Magnify is an Apostolate of the Harvest of Hope Communities of Albany, Avon, St. Martin, and St. Anthony. It is a platform to create meaningful connections with Catholic women in our area.*

