

News and Events



Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753

Meeting
December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in Elmdale (note time change)

Mass for the Knights of Columbus

Deceased members
Mass has been changed from Nov. 21, 2024 to Jan. 9, 2025



FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner

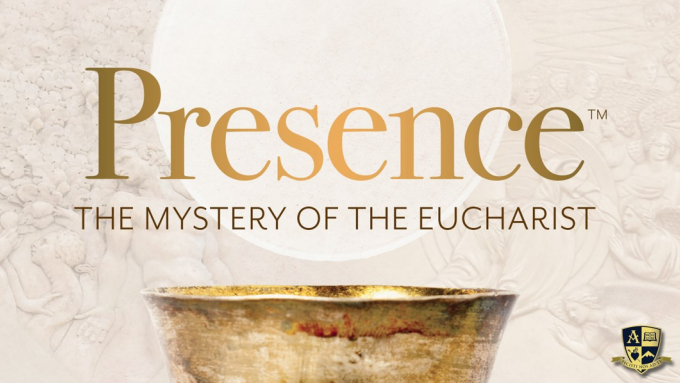
Word of Life Church, Upsala
Thursday, November 28th, 2024
Serving from 11:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m.

Come join us for Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings and for some great fellowship. Meals “to go” available.

Anyone available to help serve at this meal can contact: (612) 760-1880
wordoflife@sytekcom.com

Art of Conversation Gallery


The current show ‘Quilts and Tributes to Our Veterans’ will conclude on Sunday, December 1st at 2:00 p.m. We will receive submissions for the December Show ‘Christmas Light’ at the same time at the gallery. If you have art to submit email: steve@upsalacov.org or text (218) 428-8010 with the title, medium, size, your name and phone number. The new show will open on Friday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m.



Presence
THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Book Club: Nov. 28th

Men and women from our area are invited to a group discussion. We will meet in the basement of All Saints-St. Mary’s, Holdingford on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10 -11:00 a.m. Please call or text Susan Heroux at (320) 224 -6052 if you are interested or for questions.



GUIDING STAR
CYCLE SHOW

Guiding Star

Today it is more important than ever for young girls to have high self-esteem regarding the changes in their bodies. Research shows it is better to prepare girls for these changes before the onset of puberty not just when they are in the middle of it. Participation in the Guiding Star Cycle Show Workshop helps girls value and respect their bodies in healthy ways as they move into their teenage years.

Registration is now open for the Workshop on March 1st. Created for girls 9-12 years old. Cost \$50, Place: St. Mary’s, Upsala, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There is a Parent Presentation the night before, Feb. 28th at St. Mary’s 7-8:30 p.m.

To learn more and register visit:
GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show.


Contact: Roseanne Throener (320) 360-2196

Walk With One

Are you hoping to bring a family member back to church on Christmas? Start praying for them during Advent. St. John Paul II reminds us to pray for Mary’s intercession.

Mary Most Holy

Above all, let us listen to Mary Most Holy, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a mystery of light. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know the transforming power present in the Eucharist. In her we see the world renewed in love. ~Pope Saint John Paul II



CONSUMED
DEUTERONOMY 4:24
consumed
“For the LORD your God is a consuming fire.”

Interested in Going to Steubenville?

Open to youth grades 8-12 Date: July 25th-27th in St. Paul. Please come to a meeting on December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary’s in Holdingford. Contact: Shelley Vouk (320) 248-2860 or Katelyn Urbanski (320) 423-2203 for more information.

WATCH THIS SERIES ON FORMED

Get Ready for Jesus this Christmas


Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

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

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.


RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Edward: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30 am - 7:45 am
St. Mary: 9:30 am - 9:45 am

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

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.



Walk With One

Is there someone you want to bring closer to Jesus this Advent Season?

We are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one.

There is someone in your life *right now* whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying “yes” to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the *Walk With One* initiative. This is your opportunity to be God’s instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love.

Evangelization, or “bringing the Good News,” typically happens in one-on-one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event. As Pope Francis has noted, “Anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 120).

You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here’s a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a “heart-to-heart” approach: 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her. ~National Eucharistic Revival/Walk with One

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
Saturday 11/23		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Don Maciej ~ Jeanette Maciej	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Volunteer, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
Sunday 11/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Voss	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Bob Theisen c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lec- tor: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Isidore & Beverly Schmitz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Dave Scholz, Renee Scholz c , volunteer c Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Pat- rick & Lisa Zabinski, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts:

Weekday Masses		
Monday 11/25		
6:30 p.m.		Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday 11/26		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Arnold Molus ~Carol Molus	
Wednesday 11/27		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dorothy Thell	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary (Thanksgiving Food Blessing)	† Evelyn Locnikar	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Mike Klasen c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
Thursday 11/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward (Thanksgiving Food Blessing)	Special Intentions ~Jim & Mary Koczur	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Volunteer c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Brent Pro- kott & Andrew Prokott, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Jim & Dorene Czeck
Friday 11/29		
No Mass		

First Sunday of Advent		
Saturday 11/30		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jim Bartkowicz c, Jerry Theisen c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Volunteers Gifts: Chuck & Sheila Biniek
Sunday 12/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dennis Beuning	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Owen & Lily Fuchs, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Daniel Gerads	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Volunteer c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Darren & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th for Thanksgiving. Blessings to you!

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607

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

confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

November 27th

Grades 7-10: Thanksgiving Break

Grades K-6: Home Lesson, 2nd Grade: Lesson 11

Confirmation: Thanksgiving Break

Children's Liturgy

We are having Children’s Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s. Contact Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com if interested in joining in. All children welcome.

The “Thanks” Giving Tree

Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as ourselves. What better way to do this than to share your generosity with local children in need!

Once again, we have the “Thanks” Giving Tree in the gathering space! The Social Justice committee is working with the Morri-
son County Human Services Dept. to provide gifts for children. There is a great need for educational books and toys/tools for infants, toddlers and elementary school age children. The “Thanks” Giving Tree will be displayed in the church through December 6th. Help make Christmas Day a happy time for these children. Please see the sign-up book and follow the instructions given. Over the past years your help and generosity has been deeply appreciated by many. We should all take time to reflect on our blessing and reach out to help the less fortunate.

Why are you pro-life?

The Morrison County MCCL Chapter invites teens to write a short essay about their pro-life convictions. The essay must answer this question: "Why are you pro-life?" The Essay Contest is offered to students in grades 7-12. Essays must be 300-500 words and are due by December 16, 2024. Winning essays will be presented at the annual Pro-Life Banquet at the Falls Ballroom on Sunday, January 26, 2025. For more information contact Lau-
reen Witt at 320-632-3995.

Handbook For Catholics by Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

In the entry of our churches you will find this book from Loyola Press for you to take home. From common Catholic prayers to Catholic Doctrine, the Liturgical Year Calendar to the Order of the Mass, this easy-to-read, easy to use book will help Catholics grow in their knowledge and love of the faith.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/10/2024

St. Edward: Adult: \$1035, Loose: \$119, Christmas Flowers:

\$50, Fire Fund: \$125 **Total: \$1,329**

St. Francis: Adult: \$540, Loose: \$150, Votive: \$93.21, **Total: \$802.21**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,104, Loose: \$384.75, **Total: \$1,488.75**

Upcoming Masses

Advent Reconciliation Service

2-5:00 p.m. December 8th at St. Mary’s, Upsala

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 9th at St. Mary’s

This Mass is for all our parishes

Christmas Vigil

4:00 p.m. (Singing begins)

4:30 p.m., Tues., Dec. 24th at St. Edward’s

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Wed., Dec. 25th at St. Francis

10:00 a.m. Wed., Dec. 25th St. Mary’s

New Year’s/The Solemnity of Mary Vigil

4:00 p.m. Tues., Dec. 31st at St. Edward’s

New Year’s/The Solemnity of Mary

8:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 1st at St. Francis

10:00 a.m., Wed., Jan, 1st at St. Mary’s

Adoration



Second Tuesdays:

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Thursdays:

St. Mary’s 12 noon - 9:00 p.m.

[No Adoration on Nov. 28th](#)

First Fridays

St. Edward’s 12 noon -9:00 p.m.

Pray for us: Jim Negen, Roger Thell, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Jim Koczur, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Kevin Lampert Rosemary Pundsack, & Pat Harren

FREE! 4 used Christmas Trees available:

3 Scottsdale Pine - 7 1/2 ft. tall &

1 Scotch Pine -7 ft. tall. Call the Parish Office or (320) 249-9162

St. Edward’s News

Thank you

to the choir, Mass servers, Luncheon volunteers, Knights of Columbus, Bowlus Legion and fellow veterans, Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Gregory and all who helped in any way. It was greatly appreciated.

~Stanley Czech Family