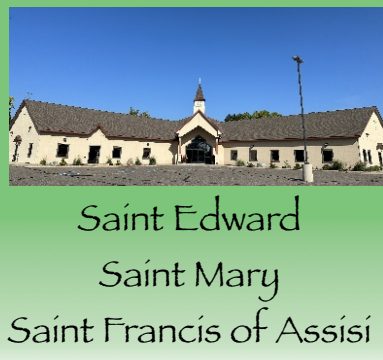


Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis: Mary & the Saints ACC



Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi

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Monday & Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Prayer Lines:

SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127

Kathy Koehn 573-2363

SE: Judy Theisen 573-2933

Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

SE: Sally Schleper 573-2127

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.



Turkey Bingo-St. Mary, Upsala
Sunday, October 25th

Come join us for a fun filled evening
starting at 4:00 p.m.

20 games for \$10. Black Out \$1/card
Lunch will be served!

What will you be for Halloween this year? How about a saint?

What IS Halloween?

*The word "Halloween" comes from All Hallows' Eve.

*All Hallows Eve is the vigil of All Saints Day—also known as All Hallows Day. The word "hallow" means "holy." (In the Our Father we pray "Hallowed be thy name.").

*All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and thus a major feast on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar.

*All Saints Day honors not only the saints in heaven whom we know by name, But also any saints in heaven whose names are unknown.

Why is Halloween on October 31st?

Pope Gregory III (731-741) transferred the Feast of All Saints from its former day of May 13th to November 1st to coincide with the foundation of a new chapel in St. Peter's Basilica which he dedicated to all the saints in heaven.

Halloween is on October 31st because All Saints Day is November 1st. All Souls Day is on November 2nd. These three days take together are the "Days of the Dead," a triduum of feasts also call Allhallowtide, Hallowtide, or Hallows (Hallow meaning saint or holy and mas meaning Mass)

Halloween is, therefore, the first day of Allhallowtide, the time of year when the living (the Church Militant) honor all the dead in Christ: the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant) as well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (the Church Suffering). It is a beautiful celebration of the Communion of Saints!

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/blogs/magazine/a-catholics-guide-to-halloween>.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 10/24		Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jerry Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Jasmyn Oldakowski, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Gift Bearers: Brian & Tracey Hartung
Sunday 10/25		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Herbert, Florence & Marvin Lange	EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Bob & Gail Wuebkers, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† William Pohlmann ~ Patrick & Lisa Zabinski	EM of HC: Jon Leither, Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gift Bearers: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Monday, 10/26	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet (No Mass)
Tuesday, 10/27	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Paul Ambe ~Marilyn Ampe
Wednesday, 10/28	<i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Don Stiller ~ SF Men's Society
Thursday, 10/29	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† John Peter Zenz ~ Jerry & Joan Theisen
Friday, 10/30	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	For Christians who are being persecuted in Nigeria and other countries.



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, Alvina Bucheit & Marlene Carlson

Saturday 10/31		All Saints Day-Mass of Remembrance
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Julie Scegura	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Dan & Barb George
Sunday 11/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Mary Jane Boeckermann, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emily, Carter & Braden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gift Bearers: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Lisa Zabinski, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gift Bearers: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Ushers: We are recording the October Weekend Mass Counts for the Diocese. Please record the number of parishioners attending on the Mass Count sheet and return to the Parish Office when completed.

Please Note: Deer Hunter's Masses will be on Saturday, Nov. 7th & 14th at St. Edward's. The Mass time will change from 4 pm to 8 pm those days.

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, October 21st

7:00 p.m. 7-10th grade class

Confirmation will be at a funeral home in Holdingford

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. Children may also participate in planned games, crafts, or activities related to the week's message. No need to sign up, all children are welcome! Recommended for preschool and elementary aged children.

Healing the Whole Person Retreat



DEC. 4-6, 2026 ALEXANDRIA, MN
The Three Day Journey to
Wholeness

Join us on this journey to wholeness as we enter into the heart, face the pains and wounds within, and allow Christ's divine love to bring the healing we ardently desire

What to expect?

- Video presentations from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT of the JP II Healing Center
- Reflection and Small Group Discussion
- Prayer: Mass, Adoration, Confession led by Father Dan Ruprecht
- Communal Meals and Fellowship
- To experience Jesus in His mission of spiritual, emotional, and physical healing!



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Please note: This is a licensed video series used with the permission of the JP II Healing Center. This is not a JP II Healing Center event

Questions reach out to Cassie at 320-460-5325

WEEKEND COLLECTION 10/18/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$1,435, Loose: \$138, Catholic Charities: \$5,
Total: \$1,5178

St. Francis: Adult: \$685, Loose: \$244, Catholic Charities: \$50,
Mission: \$50, **Total: \$1,029**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,901, Loose: \$449.30, **Total: \$2,350.30**

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.

Starting on Sunday, October 25th, and continuing through Sunday, 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.

Church locking

Starting on November 15th the church will be closing at 6:00 p.m. and will go back to 8:00 p.m. in the spring.

Cemetery Flowers

All flowers need to be removed from the cemetery by November 12th Any flowers left on November 13th will be removed and discarded. All other decoration can stay on the cemetery, just the flowers need to be removed.

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.

Choir

No practice on Thursday, November 5th.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Loretta Lucille Beseman
Daughter of Caden & Isabel
October 25, 2026
St. Mary's Church



Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight: Jeff Czech

Save the date:

Next Meetings: Nov. 10th and Dec.
1st at St. Edward's. Elmdale at 7:30pm

National Vocation Awareness Week

Nov. 1-7 Please join us in celebrating this week honoring and promoting vocation to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Renew your prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations.

Pray for Vocations

Loving God, bless your Church with an abundance of holy priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to marriage, and those you have chosen to live as singles, a special grace that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love you more dearly, and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Do you have young men in your parish grades 8-12 who have potential for a priestly calling? Fr. Doug would love to hear from you! Please contact Julie in the Vocations Office at julie.jacobs@gw.stcdio.org if you have any questions.

Rosary Walk for Life

Meet in front of & inside All Saints-St. Mary's Church in Holdingford on October 27th from 4-5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Masses

Mass of Remembrance

Weekend of Oct. 31st/Nov.1st

Deer Hunter's Mass:

Nov. 7th & 14th St. Edward's at 8 p.m.

Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 25th at 6 p.m.

St. Mary, Upsala.

Thursday, November 26th at 8 a.m. St. Edward, Elmdale

BOX OF JOY - For children who wish for just one gift!

The Box of Joy program is a Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Get your family involved in this experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poor in developing countries. Boxes are located in the entryway of each parish. Detailed drop off information is included in each box, but the final drop off date is November 9th. If you have any questions, contact Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688.

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Everyone is welcome to join us on this journey which will begin on Monday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. We will meet together on Mondays until the Consecration Mass on December 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)

We will be holding our annual Fall Tour on October 27th at the Great River Regional Library (108 NE 3rd Street, Little Falls) at 7:00 p.m. this is a Pro-Life meeting to educate citizens on current trends, legislation and elections. Everyone is welcome.



Elevate's Evening for Life On October 29th at the Best Western Kelly Inn, Elevate will celebrate their 55th Anniversary! Please scan code or visit

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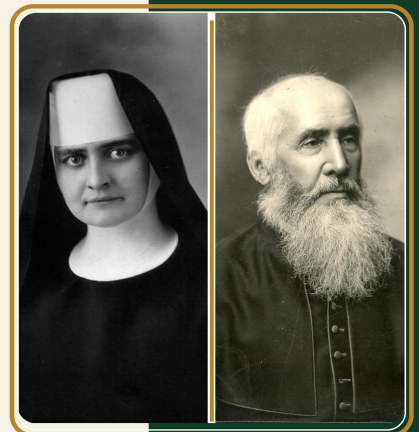
An Invitation to Hear the Stories of
Two Extraordinary Lives

SISTER
ANELLA ZERVAS

&
MONSIGNOR
JOSEPH BUH

WHEN
ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

WHERE
HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud MN 56301
Light Refreshments to Follow



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Sponsored by Communion and Liberation St. Cloud
An afternoon of story, faith, and fellowship