

# The Catholic Churches of

St. Edward

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Mary

Elmdale

St. Francis

Upsala



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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 is on Wednesdays at noon**

### Upcoming Christmas Masses

Christmas Vigil Dec. 24 at 4 pm (Fr. Virgil) SF & 5 pm SM  
The Nativity of the Lord Dec. 25 at 8am SE & 10am SF  
Solemnity of Mary -Vigil Dec. 31 at 4pm SM  
The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Jan. 1 at 9am SE

### Communal Penance Services:

#### Mary and the Saints:

December 12 at 2-5:00 pm St. Mary's, Upsala at 2-5pm

#### One in Faith:

December 15 at 7pm Sacred Heart, Freeport

December 15 at 7pm St. Andrew, Greenwald

#### Haven of Mercy:

December 13 at 7pm Sacred Heart, Flensburg

December 14 at 6pm St. James, Randall

December 16 at 6:30pm St. Stanislaus Sobieski

#### Cross Rocks:

December 14 at 7pm Holy Trinity, Royalton

### Remember in prayer those in need of the

#### Lord's healing and strength:

Donna Scholz (SF), 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 (SM, Trach, 12/20  
Visit to Mayo), Brayden Harren, (SF, Chemo in St. Paul),  
Bruce Wolters (burn victim, at home, rehab), Millie Spring  
(chemo, 1 1/2 years old), Judy Gerads (SF, cancer),  
Bobby Pierskalla (St. Wendel), Joe Schumer (SM, cancer,  
moved to Riverside Assisted Living in Royalton, Joe Korman  
(SE, hospitalized), Geri Klimek (Covid, hospitalized), Brian  
Lange (SM, Covid, ICU).

Family of Rudy Cazeau (brother-in-law of Fr. David),

### WEEKEND COLLECTION December 5, 2021

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$890, Loose: \$88 Votive: \$14.75  
Immaculate Conception: \$5, Thanksgiving \$100, Retired  
Religious \$210, Christmas Flowers: \$90, Fall Collection:  
\$175 Total: **\$1,572.75**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$580, Loose: \$62, Christmas Flowers:  
\$10 Total: **\$652**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,247, Loose \$78, Christmas Flowers  
\$205, Retired Religious : \$275, Total: **\$2,805.0**

### Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Sunday 12/12	Third Sunday of Advent
2-5pm St. Mary	Communal Penance Service Many priests will be available
Tuesday 12/14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
6 pm St. Mary	+Deceased members of the Charles & Sandy Boeckermann family Adoration with Benediction SF 7am-8pm
Wednesday 12/15	
8 am St. Francis	Special Intentions ~Judy Gerads
Thursday 12/16	
8 am St. Edward	+Irene Harren ~Jim & Doreen Czeck
Friday 12/17	
7:30 am St. Mary	+Jim Krych
Weekend Masses	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday 12/18	
4 pm St. Francis	+Herbert, Florence & Marvin Lange Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass
Sunday 12/19	
8 am St. Edward 10 am St. Mary	For the People +Cindy Fleischhaker Sacrament of Reconciliation after Masses

### Faith Formation

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

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 3-6 Parents: Dec 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-7:30pm

Advent Penance Service for students and parents. This is a wonderful time to come to Jesus in this sacrament.

#### Grades 7-11 Penance Service: Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30-8:30pm

Classes will be brief as each grade will take turns coming to Jesus. The Confirmation students will come at 8:30pm.

#### Confirmation Class: Sun, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm

### Three Saints News

#### Religious Retirement Fund

Thanks for helping out the many retired religious brothers and sisters who count on this collection for their retirement. If you forgot your envelope, please leave it in a marked envelope next week.

#### Our Lady of Good Help Shrine

"People were amazed how many petitions I had for the prayer box! Much to my surprise I learned: 'These prayer petitions will be kept in the Altar of Good Help for one year'. Is that not amazing? Know that I included the list from the bulletin of those in need of prayers. Please take a prayer card from the Shrine in the entrances of our churches. There are also holy water bottles from the Shrine available." Fr David

#### Fr Jeremy Theis' b-day correction

His b-day is actually Nov 30<sup>th</sup> which is the Feast of St Andrew. Did you know that he and Devota Nilson from St Mary's have birthdays on the same day?

**ST EDWARD’S NEWS**

**Sun., Dec. 19, 8:00 am The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann **Lector:** Dennis Biniek

**Server:** Isaac Harren

**Ushers:** Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Barb George

**Holy Spirit Weekend: Dec 18/19**

Thanks to those who expressed a willingness to serve in this ACC ministry as two names will be drawn:

Lora Barkowicz, Kristi Blonigen, Jeff Czech, Jim Czeck, Tracey Hartung, Greg Larsen, Diana Trettel, Julie Wensman, Scott Wensman and Leonice Urbanski. These are three terms.

**Gary and Theresa Larsen’s Nephew Came Home!**

“Bruce Wolters (from Bowlus) was released from the Care Center and allowed to go home. He needs lots of assistance yet, but he can feed himself with a special utensil and they think that he will progress with therapy in Little Falls four days a week as well once a week trip to St Paul. He has a great attitude as he always says “only by the grace of God” (He was hospitalized for seven months due to severe burn injury).

**ST FRANCIS’ NEWS**

**Sat., Dec. 18, 4:00 pm The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Mary Jane Boeckermann

**Lector:** Rebecca Schmidt

**Server:** Carter Roerich

**Ushers:** Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Brittany Harren

**ACC Nominees Saying Yes**

Thanks to those are willing to serve in this ministry: Barry Harren, Matt Herzog, Sara Herzog, Janelle Roerick, Bob Theisen, Kathy Thell, Rosie Thell and Sylvester Tschida. Two names will be drawn next weekend at Mass. We will have twelve people on this committee.

**“Across MILES for Millie Spring”**

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> CaringBridge entry by Julie/Mom: “Millie got blood late last night and had a good night at the hospital. We were able to bring her home this morning. Millie has been acting more like herself today than she has been since cycle 3 started. It's been exactly three months since we found out about Millie's tumor. We only have a few more days until we start cycle 4 on Wednesday. Before we know it, we will be getting ready for Millie's stem cell transplant.”

**ST MARY’S NEWS**

**Sun., Dec. 19, 10 am The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**EM of HC:** Jan Kilian **Lector:** need a volunteer

**Server:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

**Ushers:** Brian Lange & Matt Ripplinger

**Greeters:** Randy & Jane Tretter

**Gift Bearers:** Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

**Bank Deposit:** Mikel Nelson

**ACC Candidates Willing to Serve**

Next weekend, the Holy Spirit will choose two people to serve: Bob Blonigen, Chantelle Frie, Nicole Frie, Tom Killian, Mike Klasen, Jonathan & Reba Leither, Jenny Leners, Julie Nelson, Leonice Prokott, DJ & JoAnne Prom, Rodney Roering and Larry Sass and Renee Scholz. Two names will be drawn at next weekend's Mass. Just like in the bible, we will draw names by lot. Would you be so kind as to pray by name each for our nominees from all of our churches? May God's will be done.

**ST MARY’S NEWS** continued

**Brian Lange Tested Positive with COVID in ICU**

From Dec 8<sup>th</sup> CaringBridge entry: “Throughout his 20+ years as a firefighter, first responder and 10+ years on city council, he has done so much for the community. I'm asking for the community to please pray for him to recover from this. We need him home. The first time since he was admitted, the creatinine level that had been trending upward, is finally starting to trend down! He's stable for the first time in days. Dr. Attarian told Jessi that for today...he is the healthiest of the ICU patients. His O2 level needed they the ventilator is coming down today too.”

**St Mary’s Church Decorating**

We will be decorating our church for Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 23rd at 2pm. Bring your Christmas Spirit and join in the fun!

**Three Saints News** continued

**Individual Confession Times**

St Francis: Dec 19: 7-9pm

St Edward: Dec 20: 7-9pm

St Mary: Dec 21: 7-9pm & Dec. 22: 3-5pm

**Getting to know your new secretary**

Thank you for your warm welcome to me as your new secretary. You may notice there is usually no car in the parking lot I'm working. I am here on Mon, Wed, and Fri. from 8am-4pm but my husband, Jeff, drops me off on his way to Central Lakes College in Brainerd where he teaches English. Please feel free to stop in anytime! I am a Register Nurse and always happy to talk or pray with you.  
~Jessie Johnson

**Notes from Fr David**

We rejoice as we begin the second half of this season preparation, for we realize that the Lord is already in our midst. While remembering our Lord's birth over two thousand years ago and looking forward to His coming again in glory at the end of time, we prepare our hearts for His presence here today, praying that every day we can express His good news in what we say and do. May our words actions witness to the world the true meaning of Christ's birth.

Thank you for your prayers as I could feel them during my time at Our Lady of Good Help Shrine located near Green Bay, WI. One word which best describes my time there: peace. In the crypt of the church there is a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Mother along with hundreds of candles burning. The crutches, cane and braces left behind spoke volumes of the miracles which have taken place. This is a place of prayer and devotion where people seek the Lord's help in their time of great need and suffering. It is most visible how one can see in all the pilgrims, the Lord's great compassion to reach out and touch people through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. May Advent be a time for each one of us deepen our love for Mother Mary. Would it not be wonderful if next summer we could take a chartered bus out there?

During my time there, I helped out with confession. It was so great to see people waiting in lines to receive Jesus in this sacrament. Two priests were busy throughout a given day. With our Penance Service this Sunday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> afternoon from 2-5pm at Mary's, we hope that you will be able to join us. Please note the additional times in which you can come to Jesus in this beautiful sacrament. Note that I will be in the confessional directly following all Masses next weekend. Please give me a call if you would like to schedule a 1:1 time that works better for you.