



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward Elmdale St. Francis of Assisi St. Francis St. Mary Upsala



Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth. ~Zep 2:30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Sunday: St. Francis: 7:15 -7:45 a.m., St. Mary: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER LINES

(SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
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ADORATION

St. Edward's - monthly, the 1st Friday of the month, 12 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Francis - monthly, the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
St. Mary - weekly, every Thursday, 12 - 9:00 p.m.

Please update the office if your phone or address has changed.



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Linus Lehner

Passed to Eternal Life: January 13, 2023
Funeral was: January 20, 2023
St. Mary, Upsala

May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Arnold Scholz

Passed to Eternal Life: January 13, 2023
Funeral was: January 21, 2023
St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

Three Saints News

Baby Shower for Jesus

Anyone is welcome to drop off Wish List items to the Bassinet in the St. Francis Parish Basement. Proceeds will go to ELEVATE (Pregnancy & Family Resource Center) Current Needs: Car Seat Covers, Car Seat Hanging Toys, Teething toys and gels, Nail clippers, Toys, Diaper Bags, Safety plug-ins, Crib Sheets, 18-24 month girl clothes, Target & Walmart Gift Cards, Cash Donations. Thank You in advance by the St. Francis Christian Women. Please drop off items by January 31st.

Welcome Bishop Kettler ... Thank You!

Come to St Mary's in Upsala for a Mass February 4th at 11:30 a.m. to show your appreciation to Bishop Kettler. Let's give him a send-off from our three parishes that he'll never forget! He has been our bishop for almost ten years. He will be here for a meeting with his Diocesan Pastoral Council. Remember there is a Farewell Mass at St Mary's Cathedral: February 5th at 9:30 a.m. with reception following.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Ken Wielenberg, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingman, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek & Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Linda Mader, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus, the Family of +Arnold Scholz, & the Family of +Linus Lehner

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 1/31		Saint John Bosco, Priest
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Ramona Heurung
Wednesday 2/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Mary Geise ~Lorene Koopmeiners *Anointing of the Sick
Thursday 2/2		The Presentation of the Lord-Feast
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	George Casazza *Anointing of the Sick
Friday 2/3		Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Leona Burggraff - Borg *Anointing of the Sick
Weekend Masses		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 2/4		
10 a.m. Senior Living 4 p.m. St. Edward	†	Upsala Senior Living Residents Frank & Dorothy Hanfler ~Joyce Pietrowski
Sunday 2/5		
8 a.m. St. Francis		For the People
10 a.m. St. Mary	†	Claude Yurczyk

The Mass Intention this Sunday at St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. is for +Ty Poppenhagen. We apologize that it was left off last week's bulletin.

Faith Formation

February 1st
7-10 gr. & Confirmation: 7-8:30 p.m. Speaker from Elevate

Elevate Speaker: February 1st

7th-11th grade students as well as any interested adults can attend to learn more about the Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center at St. Mary's, Upsala from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mark your Calendars: March 1st

Speaker Jen Messing will be at St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.

Youth

Young Women's Night for 11th & 12th grade: February 5th

Fellowship & Bible Study from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. We meet every other Sunday. Contact Brooke (320) 630-3215 for more information.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: February 18th

New!

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 18-30 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays: Even months are at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street), and at St. Mary's Church in Upsala on odd months. The February 18th meeting at All Saints-St. Mary's will be an introduction evening and sharing of ideas, with socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

Free Throw Contest: January 29th-today!

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Free Throw Contest for kids ages 9 - 14 at the Upsala School Gym on Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Area Events

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: February 11th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The February 11th meeting topic is "Questions to Ask and Info to Know to Discern a Relationship." Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, February 4th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Lector: Jim Bartkowicz

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper

Greeters: Sally Schleper

Gift Bearers: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck

Spaghetti Supper Planning Meeting: February 4th

Annually this takes place the Friday after Easter which means April 14th from 5-7:30 p.m. We will not be having a raffle this year. Unfortunately, we have fewer and fewer people helping out. Do we want to have it this year? Please join us after Mass next weekend for a brief meeting as everyone is invited and especially non-parishioners willing to help out.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

February Ushers:

Bob Theisen & Dan Lange

Sunday, February 5th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Janelle Roerick

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteer

Gift Bearers: Syl & Ellie Tschida

Journey with Jesus to Calvary is moving forward for 2023

If you would like to be in the play, sing in the choir, help backstage or help in any way call Bob 573-2933 or talk to him at the February Rel. Ed class time. Performance dates are Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m., Friday March 31st at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, February 5th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Renee Scholz

Lector: Jan Kilian

Servers: Emily Ripplinger

Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke

Gift Bearers: Elmer, Mary and Lorraine Frie

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

New Baptized Child of God

Please welcome our new little sister, Emerson Rose Kingston, the daughter of Mitchell and Brooke. She is the granddaughter of Kevin and Carol of Lampert & David and JoAnn Kingston. Congrats to her godparents Jacob Kingston and Levi Lampert as they help Emerson in her faith journey. Congrats to her big sisters: Elliette and Skylar.

Thanks Nicole Frie for 14 years!

Nicole recently submitted her resignation: "I am thankful for this opportunity over the last 14 years, but I feel at this point I can no longer serve in this role. As my professional duties have changed over the past few years, I no longer have the time or availability to perform the church cleaning duties." Please remember to thank Nicole for her many services of dedication!

Weekly Cleaning Position at St Mary's

This is a part time position varying from 3-5 hours per week: vacuuming, mopping, sweeping, cleaning bathrooms, clean windows, restocking supplies along with disinfect and sanitize common areas and high-touch points. Work closely with Kevin Lampert (Building Maintenance Supervisor). Compensation to be determined. Please go to our website for complete job description and application form.

Totus Tuus 2023 Leaders

Are you a Young Adults interested in leading youth in a fun and faith filled program this summer? You can learn more on our website. To apply: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

WEEKEND COLLECTION January 22, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$930 Loose: \$89, Elevate: \$20 **Total: \$1,039**

St. Francis: Adult: \$455, Loose: \$115. Funeral Lunch: \$150

Total: \$720

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,715.25, Loose: \$174, Cemetery Cross:

\$125, Funeral Fund \$295 **Total: \$2,309.25**

Correction from last week: St. Mary's total was \$3,364

Three Saints News continued

Valentine's Mass and Meal: February 11th

St. Mary's will be hosting the 8th annual Valentine Mass and Meal on February 11th. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour from 6-7:00 p.m. and a candlelit dinner will follow. The main courses are Prime Rib or Roasted Chicken with garlic cream sauce. Cost per couple is \$60 and the reservation deadline is February 5th. Please purchase your tickets at the St. Mary's office or after Mass in the gathering space. All proceeds will support the NCCY students. Contact Tamara Lange at (320) 250- 4688 for more information.

Engaged Couples Retreat: February 11th

At Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Rockville. Visit the website at <https://stdcio.org/engaged-couple-marriage-preparation/> or call the Office of Marriage and Family (320) 258-7615.

Knights of Columbus Chili Cook-off: February 19th

Bring the best of your best Chili to Holy Cross, North Prairie for this year's cook-off that will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Top three chilies are picked and a small award given. Everyone is invited to join to taste and vote on their favorite chili -FREE WILL offering. Proceeds are given to Elevate.

Koinonia Retreat: March 3-5

Fr David spoke of the importance of our parishioners to attend a retreat. This would be a wonderful opportunity. Pamphlet (available in entrance of our churches) reads: "Anyone who is concerned about his or her relationship with God, would like to enhance their own spirituality." Fr Mitchell Bechtold will be the spiritual director. Fr. Maciej (320-232-0346) or frdma-maciej@gmail.com would love to answer any questions you may have about this retreat (he was our priest here this past summer). The next retreat scheduled is May 5-7 and Fr. Grundman is thinking about being the Spiritual Director.

Notes from Father David

We gather each weekend to give praise and thanks to God, to greet the Lord in each other, to hear the Lord through God's word, and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We humbly ask God for forgiveness and for the grace to forgive our neighbor and ourselves for the wrongs we do to each other, trusting the Lord looks with favor on the humble and merciful.

Thanks so much for your prayers and great support following last week's pro-life homily. I also greatly appreciate you taking home copies of the MN Bishops letter to legislators. There are more copies available in the entrances of our churches. Forgive me for not preaching about this a few weeks ago. As the MN Bishops stated, "We are disappointed to see the quick pace at which these destructive bills are moving, and we hope to give legislators pause. When contemplating policy on any issue, we must consider all those who will be affected. In this case, that includes the mother, father, and most especially, the unborn child whose life is being taken."

All are encouraged to attend the presentation next Wednesday, February 1st from 7-8:30pm at St Mary's. Come help us fill our church become more pro-life! Come learn more what Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center (formerly Birthline) provides such as a Christian nonprofit organization that empowers and equips those experiencing unintended or crisis pregnancies, as well as youth and families, by providing education, mentoring and support. Ann will be speaking about educating the youth and giving them the necessary tools to have a healthy relationship with themselves and others. Nicolette will be sharing her personal story which included an unhealthy/abusive relationship, addicted to drugs, and ended up getting pregnant at the age of 17. The Lord was working wonders in her heart, so much that she had a full conversion to the Catholic church. Trust me you will not want to miss this evening!

Here's what a few people said after the presentation: "You helped me realize my relationship was infatuation and I broke it off, thank you!" "This presentation had a really good impact on my life." "I've absolutely enjoyed bringing listening to them. My students have really enjoyed the real-life topics and decisions that every teenager will face at some point in their lifetime." No doubt we want all parents of 7-11 graders, but simply everyone as this can equip us how to better help our young people. They are in a battle for their lives and their souls are at stake. Please, please come help fill our Church!