



# The Catholic Churches

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

# Happy Thanksgiving

May God bless you

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023

## Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

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*Please update the office if your phone or address changes.*  
**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday: St. Francis: 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
 Sunday: St. Mary: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.  
 St. Mary: 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
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<u>Monday 11/20</u>	
No Mass	
<u>Tuesday 11/21</u>	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Burggraaf Family
<u>Wednesday 11/22</u>	Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Irene Lashinski ~ St. Francis Christian Mothers
<u>Thursday 11/23</u>	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr, Saint Columban, Abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pr. Priest and Martyr, Thanksgiving Day
8:00 a.m. St. Mary Thanksgiving Mass	† Lennie & Nancy Holmer ~Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners
<u>Friday 11/24</u>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Melvin Pundsack
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
<u>Saturday 11/25</u>	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Communion Service Wilfred Boeckermann
<u>Sunday 11/26</u>	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Don Maciej For the People

### Three Saints News

The Parish Office will be closed on Nov. 22nd through Nov. 24th.  
*Thanksgiving Blessings!*

Please note for Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 23rd :  
Mass is at St. Mary's at 8:00 a.m.  
No Thursday Adoration.

### ACC Meeting

The next ACC meeting will be on November 21st at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford. Mass at 7:00 p.m. **Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.** Join us on Dec. 1st from 4-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. Free Will offering is for the St. Edward's Fire Fund. We will have a Silent Auction and the winners of the St. Edward Fire Fund Raffle will be announced.

### St. Edward's Fire Fund

Visit our website to see fire photos of the church and for the link to donate. Or, if you would like, you can send a check to the Parish Office for "The St. Edward's Fire Fund."  
**Raffle tickets** Please bring any tickets and payment to the Office or to Ted Lewandowski (293-1508) by Nov. 20th.

### Knights of Columbus

Please review the newsletter recently sent for more information pertaining to the Spaghetti Supper.

### Thank you

to all who participated in the Box of Joy Christmas Ministry. We collected 76 boxes! Many children's lives will be blessed through your compassion and generosity.

**Pray for us:** Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Jim Negen, Marlene, Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson & Helen Heisick & Geraldine George

### ACC Advent Penance Service

December 10th from 2-5pm at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford. 4-5 priests will be available. Everyone welcome!



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

**Arnold Czech**

Passed to Eternal Life: November 12, 2023  
Funeral: November 18, 2023 at St. Mary's



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

**Dennis Biniek (SE)**

Passed to Eternal Life: November 14, 2023  
Funeral: November 20, 2023 at St. Mary's  
Visitation: Nov. 19th 4-7:00 p.m. and 1 hour before funeral.

### Faith Formation

Nov. 22th

K-6 : Home Lesson: The Spiritual Works of Mercy

2nd grade: Lesson 8

7-10 & Confirmation: No Class

**Advent Preparation** The diocese has a free download for a 4 week prayer guide and Journal to help you with your Advent journey this year. file:///C:/Users/Saint%20Marys%20Church/Desktop/2023-Eucharistic-Revival-Advent-prayer-journal-small-web.pdf. Grow in your faith and journey together!

## **ST FRANCIS' NEWS**

**November Ushers:** Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

**Saturday, November 25th – 4:00 p.m.**

**EM of HC:** Brittany Harren

Janelle Roerick (C) Joyce Koopmeiners (C)

**Lector:** Mary Jane Boeckermann

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Jake & Judy Gerads

**St. Francis Men's Society** We will be serving donuts, coffee and milk after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on November 18th. Stop down and visit or grab a donut to go.

**St. Francis Bazaar Meeting: Dec. 7th**

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. to discuss new options for our Church Bazaar.

**Baby Shower for Jesus**

Proceeds will go to ELEVATE (Pregnancy & Family Resource Center.) Current needs are: baby hygiene kits, clothes 18 months and up, socks neutral colors, diapers sizes 3 thru 6, white onesies, car seat covers, bath towels and gift cards to Walmart and Target. All are welcome to donate wish list items at St. Francis Parish in the Bassinet. A Blessed Thank You in advance from St. Francis Christian Women.

## **ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**

**Sunday, November 26th 8:00 a.m.** (at St. Mary's)

**EM of HC:** Julie Wensmann

Volunteers needed for the cup

**Lector:** Jeff Czech

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck

**Greeters:** Raymond Kokett

**Gift Bearers:** Pat & Kris Blonigen

## **ST MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday, November 26th– 10:00 a.m.**

**EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn

Jan Kilian (C) LeAnn Beneke (C)

**Lector:** Mary Frie

**Servers:** Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

**Ushers:** Tom Kilian

**Greeters:** Mikel & Julie Nelson

**Gift Bearers:** Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie

**Bank Deposit:** Judy Michels

### **"The "Thanks" Giving Tree**

Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as ourself. What better way to do this, than to share your generosity with local children in need! You may have notice a new tree in the St. Mary's gathering space! This is our "Thanks" Giving Tree. The committee is working with the Morrison County Social Services Dept. to gather and donate hats and mittens for children of pre-school through elementary school age. There is also a great need for educational toys/tools for infants, toddlers and pre-school children who are going into the Foster Care System in Morrison County. In the Sign-up book you will find a list of gift suggestions. The "Thanks" Giving Tree will be up from November 12th through December 10th. Please see the sign-up book and follow 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 blessings and reach out to help the less fortunate. Thank you!

### **WEEKEND COLLECTION November 12th 2023**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$955, Loose: \$124, Catholic Charities: \$10 **Total: \$1,089**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$660, Loose: \$57 **Total: \$717**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,478, Loose: \$338.89, Votive: \$114, Funeral: \$80 **Total: \$2,256.41**

## **Area Church Events**

### **Upsala Senior Care Christmas**

Area Churches are giving gifts to the residents of Upsala Senior living. We have four people to provide gifts for. Items on the wish list are: Resident # 12: Picture frames 5x7 & 4x6 and towels, Resident #14: Dust Buster & Vikings decorations. Resident #15: blow dryer & chocolate truffles. Resident #16: hard candy for candy dish & a women's XL sparkly sweatshirt. Items should be labeled and gift wrapped. Items can be used and like new. (This does not apply to clothing) Please deliver to Upsala Senior Living by December 15th. Call Amanda McGovern, Senior Living Activities Director (320) 573-4600.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

St. Mary's Church, Little Falls

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Turkey soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, sloppy joes, pie, and sweet rolls will be served.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd. 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Full breakfast with homemade rolls will be served.

Christmas Raffle drawing at noon.

Come enjoy the Bake Sale, Cake Walk, Game of Chance, Photo Booth and trinkets & treasures.

### **FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Word of Life Church 3328 1st Ave. West, Upsala.

Thursday, November 23rd serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings will be served. Meal "To Go" also available. Email: wordoflife@sytekcom.com to order meals.

If you can help with pies or serving:

Please contact Rachel at (612) 760-1880

### **Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance**

Anyone is invited to attend this Mass for those grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide on Sunday, November

### **Thanksgiving**

*7 ways to say 'thanks' to God*

**Go to Mass.** The word 'eucharist' is from the Greek word for 'thanksgiving.' The Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God.

**Do what Jesus told us to do.** He said "love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34) What better way to show gratitude for the gift of faith than to live the faith? Love as Jesus loved-do corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

**Don't put a gift from God in your sock drawer.** Maybe you have the ability to teach or bake or you are a mechanic, great listener or motivator. Use what God gives you! Pay attention to the talents God has given you, develop them, and use them to help others.

**Say "thank you" to others-and mean it.** In describing the Last Judgment, Jesus said, "what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me" (Mt 25:45). So part of what you can easily do for others is to thank them.

**Write it down.** Keep a daily journal of events and things you are grateful for. Jotting down a few things at the end of every day can be a prayer of thanksgiving. Why? Because you know the source of all goodness, blessings, grace and love.

**Take Care of yourself.** Not taking your health for granted is a key way of thanking God for the priceless gift that is good health. Taking care of yourself also means going to confession. Sometimes that's simple; sometimes that's so very, very difficult. Turning to God in that way is a form of self-care that can be easily overlooked but it's one that has, well, eternal consequences. What a great way to thank God for your immortal soul.

**Avoid ingratitude.** Try to be thankful and not fall into the habit of feeling like "I deserve this." Thank God that God doesn't give us what we deserve! ~excerpts from thecentralminnesotacatholic/Bill Dodds/OSV news.