



The Catholic Churches

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

"The people who walked
in darkness have seen
a great light." Is 8:23 - 9:30

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

Pastor: Fr. David Grundman - (320) 309-4174
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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.

Ash Wednesday Masses: February 22nd

7:15 a.m. St. Mary

12:00 noon: St. Edward

6:00 p.m. St. Mary

8:00 p.m. St. Francis

Thank you

What a wonderful day for our mother to go home and be with Jesus on December 8th. We would like to thank Emblem Brenny for the wonderful service they provided us in our planning. Special Thank you to Fr. David Grundman, Deacon John Kroll, Mass servers, lectors, musicians, pall bearers, honorary pall bearers & Lunch Committee for the delicious lunch. Also, a special thank you to Royalton and Upsala Assisted Living for caring for our mother and moments Hospice for all the special care she received in her last days. Peace & Love be with you all, Family of Leona Burggraff-Borg



Our 1st Communicants received their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 14th. Thank you to Fr. David, teachers and parents who are helping our students prepare for First Communion.

**Keep our Students
in your Prayers!**

First Communion will be on April 30th.

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 +Ramona Heurung, the Family of +Arnold Scholz, & the Family of +Linus Lehner

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Tuesday 1/24		<i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†	Julie Scholz
Wednesday 1/25		The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†	Dorothy Gerads
Thursday 1/26		<i>Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†	Don Maciej
Friday 1/27		<i>Saint Angela Merici, Virgin</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†	Ed Harren
Weekend Masses		The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 1/28		
10 a.m. Senior Living 4 p.m. St. Edward		Communion Service For the People
Sunday 1/29		
8 a.m. St. Francis 10 a.m. St. Mary	†	Living and deceased members of the St. Francis Christian Mothers

Faith Formation (at St. Mary's unless indicated)

January 22nd-28th

Grades K-6: Home Lesson-Eastern Catholic Rites

2nd Grade: Lesson 2 in 1st Communion Book

January 25th

7-10+ Grade: Class 7-8:30 p.m.

Elevate Speaker: February 1st

We will have a unique opportunity for our 7th-11th grade students as well as any interested adults to learn more about the Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center and hear testimony from Nicolette who was encouraged to turn her life around with support from Elevate. Nicolette's story is a about her conversion from a life of hard realities to one filled with faith. Event is 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: January 22nd

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.

Area Events

Community Theater Production: January 20th-22nd

The Hollow, a murder mystery by Agatha Christi will be performed this weekend at the Upsala High School Auditorium. Friday & Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Some of the actors are our parishioners!

Annual Knights of Columbus Raffle: Jan. 28th

Join us at the Pierz Ballroom! Meal (\$7) served from 4:00 -8:00 p.m. Drawing held at 8:15 p.m. Raffle tickets \$10. Half of the proceeds goes to the American Cancer Society. The Waltzateer Band will provide music. Contact Allen Woitalla for a ticket. (320) 277-3860.

Valentine's Cookies

Support the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Buy a Valentine's Day Cookie for yourself or a loved one. \$5 per cookie. Stop by the Library during open hours or mail your order in by February 3rd. Check can be made to FUPL and mailed to P.O. Box 248, Upsala MN, 56384. Orders must be picked up on Monday, February 13th from 3 - 6:00 p.m. at the Upsala Community Center.

Little Falls Senior Center Breakfast and Bargain Bin Sale:

February 5th Pancake, Sausage and Egg Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Adults \$8, 6-10 years: \$4, 5 and under: FREE. (510 Northeast 7th Street, Little Falls, MN)

ST EDWARD'S NEWS

Saturday, January 28th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Volunteers

Lector: Tracey Hartung

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Ted Lewandowski & Jim Bartkovicz

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jackie Wolbeck

Spaghetti Supper Planning Meeting: February 4th

Come join anyone interested in helping determine if we have our supper this year! Who would be willing to help chair this gathering? We will meet following Saturday's Mass.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

January Ushers:

Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Sunday, January 29th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Carter Roerick

Gift Bearers: Allen & Janelle Roerick

Journey with Jesus to Calvary Meeting: January 22nd

We will have a short meeting today, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church basement. Anyone interested in helping in any way – stop down. If you had a main speaking part or want to be a part of this year's production but cannot make the meeting, call Bob at (320) 573-2933. We will start rehearsing with main actors on February 4th. All are welcome!

St. Francis Men's Society Meeting: January 25th

We will be meeting at 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, January 29th - 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Dave Scholz

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Morrison County Health & Human Services

"Thank you, St Mary's & the Social Justice Group for your generous donation of Christmas gifts to our children in need! We appreciate your generosity and that you remember us each year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas."

Three Saints News

Free Throw Contest: January 29th

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.

Bishop Kettler Meeting at St Mary's: February 4th

Are you willing to help host Bishop and the St Cloud Diocesan Pastoral Council? This group of about twelve members will be coming to Upsala February 4th from 9am-12:30 pm. We need to provide simple morning refreshments and a noon lunch for them. Bishop Kettler meets quarterly with this council to discuss various issues. Please contact Fr David ASAP if you are willing to help serve.

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 NCYC students. Contact Tamara Lange at (320) 250- 4688 for more information.

WEEKEND COLLECTION January 15, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$823 Loose: \$77.10, Fall Collection: \$200

Total: \$1,100.10

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,350, Loose: \$241.71 **Total: \$1,591.71**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,869, Loose: \$147, Votive: \$83, Funeral Fund \$40, Solemnity of Mary: \$225 **Total: \$1,360**

Three Saints News continued

Totus Tuus 2023 Leaders Needed

Leaders will be coming to our parishes in July. Young adults might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to consider being on this team? This is a summer experience which will be second to none. You do get paid, but more it is intended to be a missionary experience growing in your faith and sharing it with children and youth: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>. Application is due on March 15th. You can apply at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

The Catholic United Financial Match Grant Breakfast

will be on February 26th at St. Francis of Assisi serving 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

End of Life Presentation

Greg Gall from Catholic United Financial will be presenting a workshop for our parishes and anyone who'd like to learn more about end of life, medication, healthcare, health directives and cremation: February 28th at 7:00 p.m. in St Mary's of Upsala.

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Retreat:

Dana Webskowski, will be the featured speaker at our Lenten Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 18th. "Be Still and Know that I am God" is the theme of the day and Dana will guide the attendees to do just that during her morning presentation and again, through musical adoration following lunch. Dana contemplated leaving the church but is now in love with God, the Catholic faith and the Eucharist. Her mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Contact: Pat Kasella, (320) 584-5120

Notes from Father David

The beginning of our Lord's public ministry, after His Baptism in the River Jordan, is still on our minds. Just two weeks ago we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. We hear today about the early stages of the Lord's ministry, when He was gradually being recognized as a Rabbi, a Teacher of the people, with a very clear message: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." And where exactly is the Kingdom or Reign of God? Within us and among us! Christ is in our midst, as the Light of the Nations and the Glory of God's people, the Church. Jesus has come to establish the new Israel, God's people, who need to be ready and willing to take up the Gospel.

Have you heard about the extreme abortion bill? Abortion advocates have won a narrow majority in the Minnesota legislature. Now some state lawmakers want to pass bills that would: create a new law (or constitutional amendment) allowing the abortion of any unborn baby, for any reason and done any time until birth; establish that Minnesota law gives parents no right at all to know if their minor daughter is undergoing an abortion, even though parental consent is required for all other medical procedures; establish in law a requirement that even those with deeply held pro-life convictions must pay for the killing of the unborn with their tax dollars.

To think that only seven countries in the world have an abortion law so extreme, among them China and North Korea! Reach out to your legislators before the end of January 2023. You can find your representatives and their contact info at this link: <https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/legdir> Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act [H.F. 1] passes Minnesota House Committee. According to MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. "This bill means a 'right' to abort any baby for any reason at any time until birth. Women and children deserve so much better."

Lastly, couples are strongly encouraged to join us for our Valentine Mass & Meal on February 11! Enjoy first class dining at St Mary's in Upsala. If you cannot make the 5pm Mass, come for the social hour at 6pm or come just for the meal at 7pm. Would it not be great if we could have more couples than ever this year? If you know of any couple even from outside our parishes or couples not Catholic, please extend to them this invitation. The cost is \$60 per couple, yet we have scholarships available! We'd love nothing more than to give out 10-20 scholarships! Simply contact me as I make the necessary arrangements as this will remain confidential.