



The Catholic Churches

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 26, 2023

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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.

PRAYER LINES

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Three Saints News

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."

Knights of Columbus

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

St. Nick

After Masses on the Weekend of Dec. 2nd & 3rd, we will
have a visit from St. Nick.

Spirit of Gratitude

"It is the spirit of gratitude
which draws upon us the overflow of God's grace, ...
for no sooner have we thanked Him for one blessing than He
hastens to send us ten additional favors in return.
Then, when we show our gratitude for these new gifts,
He multiplies His benedictions to such a degree that there
seems to be a constant stream of divine grace ever coming our
way." ~St. Therese

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



Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.
As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among his scattered
sheep, so will I tend my sheep (Ez 34:11-12)

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

<u>Monday 11/27</u>	
No Mass	
<u>Tuesday 11/28</u>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	Healing & Strength for Julie Jensen
<u>Wednesday 11/29</u>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Marcellus & Frances Theisen ~Bob & Judy Theisen
<u>Thursday 11/30</u>	Saint Andrew, Apostle
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Luke Jacobs ~Bob & Lone
<u>Friday 12/1</u>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the
Weekend Masses	First Sunday in Advent
<u>Saturday 12/2</u>	
10:00 a.m. Senior Living 4:00 p.m. St. Francis	Mass: For the Residents For the People
<u>Sunday 12/3</u>	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary 10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Bill Pohlman ~Kari & Ervin Hartung † Matthew Whetzel ~Dennis & Carol Langner



ACC Advent Penance Service

December 10th from 2-5pm at All Saints-St. Mary's,
Holdingford. 4-5 priests will be available. Everyone is
encouraged to attend.

Faith Formation

Nov. 29th
K-6 : Home Lesson: Advent Activities
2nd grade: Lesson 9
7-10 & Confirmation: Class 7-8:30 p.m.

Youth

Youth Director

We have a job opening for a Youth Director. Please fill
out an application on the website, call the Parish Office
or let Fr. Jimmy know.

NCYC Please keep all our students in your prayers who
have returned from NCYC. May they, after experiencing
the true presence of Jesus, feel 'Fully Alive'.

Over 80 Blessings for December



Denis Carlson (SE) 12/6
Geraldine George (SE) 12/6
Arnold Molus (SE) 12/16
Wilfred Vos (SM) 12/31



Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Dec. 9th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions,
and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are
looking to socialize with other single adults. We
meet at 7:00pm on the second Saturday of each
month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in
Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel @
320-290-2877 for more information.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS

November Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida

Saturday, December 2nd – 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Bob Theisen

Alice Westrich (C) Judy Theisen(C)

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Tom & Jeanette Gerads

St. Francis Men's Society

On Nov. 28th we will be filling the St. Nick bags at 7:30 p.m. with our meeting to start at 8:00 p.m.

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, December 3rd 8:00 a.m. (at St. Mary's)

EM of HC: Joan Theisen

Julie Wensmann (C) Jerry Theisen (C)

Lector: Tracey Hartung

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Kris & Carrie Wensmann

ST MARY'S NEWS

Sunday, December 3rd – 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Jan Kilian

Cindy Koehn (C) LeAnn Beneke (C)

Lector: Tom Kilian

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Shawn & Amanda Lampert

Gift Bearers: Tom & Theresa Lange

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

"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 and instructions. The "Thanks" Giving Tree will be up from November 12th through December 10th. Over the past years your help and generosity has been deeply appreciated by many. Thank you!

WEEKEND COLLECTION November 19th 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$740, Loose: \$95, Thanksgiving: \$15,
St. Edward Fire Fund: \$125 **Total: \$975**

St. Francis: Adult: \$365, Loose: \$171.56, Votive: \$131.35,
Thanksgiving: \$45 **Total: \$712.91**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,361, Loose: \$250.13, Funeral Fund:
\$30, Thanksgiving: \$100 **Total: \$2,741.13**

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. 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.

Prayer for Peace

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. R/. Amen.

May abundant grace and the abiding peace of God be with you all. R/. And with your spirit.

Dear friends, we gather this day to bring our fears and concerns before God. In this time of strife, in this time when terror grips the hearts of many, we take the time to ask the God of peace to bring peace to this earth. As we listen to the living word of God, let us pray that peace will begin right here, in our hearts, within this holy place, and that the power of our prayer will help peace spread throughout the world. Amen. ~Pastoral Patterns

The Solemnity of "Christ the King" November 26

With the Feast of Christ the King, we end the liturgical season and begin a new year with the Advent next weekend. This feast day was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI who was concerned about the state of the world in the post-World War I period, a war in which over 9 million soldiers were killed and over 21 million wounded. People seemed to be lost about what had happened and the tension and distress those were in development. In the early 20s Mussolini marched on Rome and formed a Fascist government. Stalin ruled as the Soviet Dictator. We begin to hear of Adolf Hitler. There was fear, a lack of hope, and feelings of helplessness. So the Feast of Christ the King was established as a reminder to all about who is ultimately and eternally in charge.

This fest is very powerful and relevant these days. Jesus represents a kingship that turns our worldly idea of leadership upside down. His kingship is **nonviolent**; it is **Just** and **Peaceful**. His authority is based on the rule of **truth, love** and **mercy**. And his kingdom is present until the end of time. It is present now, even in the current midst of chaos and fear happening in the world around us. Let us not focus on the chaos and terror tactics that are trying to separate us from the love of God, but to God and His Kingdom. Jesus will lead us to the everlasting kingdom of life.

Thank you Lord for you are always in control. We trust your eternal nature to be revealed in the body of the sick, to bring peace and healing. Help us in this times to rely only on your power, Amen.

Fr. Jimmy