

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30 am - 7:45 am

St. Mary: 9:30 am - 9:45 am

PRAYER LINES

Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363 (SM)
Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728(SF)
Sally Schleper 573-2127 (SE)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.

The power of Forgiveness:

Lent is a time of self-purification. Late is better than never. Our distractions tell us who we are and where we are. The Bible offers three spiritual tools for our purification: prayer, fasting and alms giving. They are not three independent entities but three aspects of the one and the same reality. Prayer is nothing but being with Jesus. In order to be with Jesus, we need to detach (fast) ourselves from material things. Whatever we may give up may help others to meet the necessities of their lives. Our detachment (almsgiving) will benefit the needy.

Lent is a time for self-restoration. There is a beautiful passage in the book of Prophet Isaiah: "Do not remember the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not, I am doing something new, says the Lord. Your sins I remember no more" (Isaiah 43: 18, 25). God is a God of the future, not of the past. God wants to do something new in our life. In order to experience this newness that God promises we need to let our past go with all its bad and sad memories. We might have done awful things in the past. We may be still doing things that are unchristian, unethical and uncharitable. This is the time to break the chain of sinful habits.


If God does not bother about our past sin, why do we? A person must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. As every saint had a past every sinner has a future. Lent invites us to continue our journey focusing on Jesus with Hope in our Hearts...! Those who are in Jesus is a new creation. It is an invitation to climb the mount Calvary and have a vision of Mount Zion.

Our ACC Penance service is scheduled for this coming Sunday, March 23rd at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford from 2 - 4:30pm. This is a great opportunity for all, especially for those who may have been away from this sacrament for a long time. The Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation) is one of the seven sacraments given to the Church by Christ. Through confession of our sins and their absolution in this sacrament, we are forgiven and reconciled with God and with the community of the Church. To make a good confession, we begin with a sincere examination of conscience. This is a time of reflection on our life of faith, identifying simply and humbly where we have made wrong choices contrary to God's will. That really brings us Peace and Joy. Please don't hesitate to receive this free gift of Grace that God offers us this Lent. I wish and pray for a blessed lent! Fr. Jimmy

The Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 3/15		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jackie Oldakowski, Neil Frieler c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Brent & Sandy Prokott
Sunday 3/16		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Special Intentions ~ Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Rebecca Schmidt c, Chris Fuchs c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Joe & Barb Fuchs
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Deceased members of the Binek Family ~Mueller Family	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Jan Kilian c, Volunteer c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses

Monday, 3/17		
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 3/18		
<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Audrey Pflueger ~ Darrell & Susan Geise Family	
Wednesday, 3/19		
<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Eleanor Thell ~Roger & Kathy Thell	
Thursday, 3/20		
<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Frank, Agnes & Gertrude Czech Family	
Friday, 3/21		
<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Rich Boeckermann	

Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
 St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
 St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
First Fridays
 St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm

Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Dee Booth, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Rose Burg Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Pat Harren, Ron Schmidt & Sherry Schumer

The Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 3/22		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	Third Sunday of Lent EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensmann c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Brian & Tracey Hartung
Sunday 3/23		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Karen Gerads	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Bob Thiesen c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Charlie & Sandy Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary Youth Mass (note schedule changes)	† Sharon Heim ~ Beth Lange	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Students, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Students, Greeters: Students, Gifts: Students Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. (Mt. 17:5)

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607

7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624

Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

March 19th

Grades K-6: Home Lesson

Grades 7-10: 7:00 p.m. Class

Confirmation: 6:15 p.m. Class at All Saints-St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.



NCYC 2025 will be November 20th –November 22nd. You can register by clicking the link on our website or contact Mike Klasen: 248-3600 mklasen486@gmail.com.

Totus Tuus

Sign –up now for Totus Tuus! It is the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact Shanna Dobmeier (320) 733-0761, shannamaryd@gmail.com. You can find registration forms on our website or in the entry of our churches.

ACC Pilgrimage

On March 30th there will be an ACC Bus Pilgrimage starting at All Saints-St. Mary's and stopping at all of the church properties in our ACC. There will be a bus departing from All Saints-St. Mary's at 1:00 p.m. and will return by 5:00 p.m. There are limited spots on the bus so please call the Parish Office to reserve your spot on the bus. In next week's bulletin we will announce the schedule in case you would like to drive your own vehicle or are only able to make part of the pilgrimage.

Saturday Evening Mass

The St. Edward Saturday evening Mass will change to 8:00 p.m. starting April 26th.

Mark your Calendar

St Edward's Spaghetti Supper will be on Friday, April 25th serving from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

March is Food Share Month. We invite you to share your generosity by dropping off food items, personal hygiene items, or make a cash or check donation for the Morrison County Food shelf. Please see display in the St. Mary's gathering area for details. Thank you for helping those in our community.

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Visit: www.stedio.org/annualappeal.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/9/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,293, Loose: \$202, Easter Flower: \$115, Church in East: \$80, Food Shelf: \$50, **Total: \$1,865.00**

St. Francis: Adult: \$780, Loose: \$97, Church in East: \$10, Central MN Mag: \$20, **Total: \$907**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,238, Loose: \$307.50, Easter Flowers: \$310, Church in East: \$30, **Total: \$1,885.50**

Save the Date!

The annual St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle is April 11th this year serving from 4-8:00 p.m. (cash raffle drawing at 7:30 p.m.). Tickets will be sold after every 10:00 a.m. Mass in Upsala and also at the St. Mary's parish office and Nelson Insurance. We would like each parishioner to buy or sell at least one ticket! \$100 each. Thank you for your support!



Journey with Jesus to Calvary

experience Holy Week in a new light. Don't miss this year's production at St. Francis of Assisi Church! Wed., April 9th-7:00 p.m., Fri., April 11th-7:30 p.m., Sat., April 12th – 7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 13th –1:00 p.m. There is no charge-Jesus already paid the price! Free Will donations will benefit various programs.

St. Francis' News

The St. Francis Men's Society will have a meeting on Monday, March 17th at 8:00 p.m. If interested in joining the Men's Society come to the meeting or contact Chad or Bob. Dues are only \$2 a year.

Church lock-up Time

St. Francis church will go back to the spring lock-up time of 8:00 p.m. starting on March 17th. It will go back to 6:00 p.m. in Nov.

A Big Thank you to everyone who donated money and other necessities to me after the fire. Knowing that I was in your thoughts and prayers helped me a lot. God bless each and every one of you. ~Irene Schmitz

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

There is still time to be a part of this year's production of "Journey with Jesus to Calvary". We can use people for sheep, townspeople, backstage and the choir. Call Bob at 573-2933.

Main actors rehearsal:

Sun., March 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Sat., March 22nd 11:00 a.m.

Costume fitting for all:

Sat., March 22nd 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

If you cannot make to for costume fitting, call Bob to set up a time.

News and Events



**Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. GREGORY THE GREAT #12604

Breakfast

French Toast • Hash Browns • Scrambled Eggs
Ham • Sausage • Assorted Rolls • Coffee, Juice & Milk

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23
9:00AM-12:30PM**

**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
CATHOLIC CHURCH, BOWLUS**

**RAFFLE DRAWING
HELD AT NOON**

- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN -

**\$5 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
THE BREAKFAST AS WELL AS:**

Langes • Farm Store
Jordies • Reis Lumber
Bowlus Gas

**FREE
WILL
OFFERING**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

(St. Edward, St. Mary's, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mini Family Outing-Belle Prairie, Free Throw Contest & MORE)

Regional Free Throw Winners

Morgan Ripplinger, Gabe Barthel, Ben Ripplinger and Cody Johnson will be going to State on March 29th in Osseo.

WATCH ON

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Forming Catholics for Life.



Joseph of Nazareth Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Skywarn Spotting Weather Training: Sun., March 16th

Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Mary's from 2-4pm to learn about the weather. Contact: Tom Kilian 232-5705.

Pro-Life Rosary

Join us outside and inside of All Saints-St. Mary's to pray for Life. We will meet at 4-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in March 18th & 25th and in April 1st & 8th.



March 5th - April 18th. Bowls are in the entry of our churches to take home. Learn more at crsricebowl.org/donate.

The Catholic Relief Collection On March 29th & 30th our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Visit: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Be Not Afraid

Of course, you don't have to have a faith crisis to attend a **Koinonia retreat**, some of us just like to meet new people and share our gifts and talents. KOINONIA is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults. The next weekend is March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information.



Lenten Retreat: March 22nd All Saints Christian Women are hosting this retreat from 8:30 -11:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

Main Theme: Retreat based on the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion

Retreat Intention: Loved ones who are not practicing their Catholic faith.

The retreat will consist of a short talk on the Seven Sorrows Devotion, a talk on "Hope", in this the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and Litany (bring your rosaries). We will have Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, then refreshments, lunch, and socializing to follow after 11:30 a.m. **(All are welcome to attend and there is no charge for this event).**

Palm Sunday:

April 12th, 4:00 p.m., St. Edward,
April 13th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis &
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

Holy Thursday:

April 17th, 6:00 p.m., St. Mary
8:00 p.m., St. Francis

Good Friday:

April 18th, 12 noon, St. Mary
3:00 p.m., St. Edward

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:

April 19th, 8:30 p.m., St. Edward

Easter Sunday:

April 20th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

Confirmation

April 9th
All Saints-St. Hedwig's
7:00 p.m.



Chrism Mass

April 10th
St. Mary's Cathedral
7:00 p.m.