

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

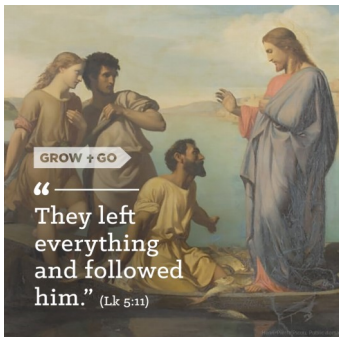
Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

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.



Grow as a Disciple/Pray, Study, Engage, Serve

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11 "Woe is me, I am doomed!" "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle." "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Do you notice a theme today? Each of these lines – taken from our readings – reveals the humbling reality

that when humans stand in the glorious presence of God, we must confront the Truth, look at ourselves honestly, and recognize our sin. We are reminded of the Garden, when original sin disfigured human nature and Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, hid themselves from God. The story would be tragic if that had been the end. But in today's readings and in our own lives, the crippling effects of our sin are not the end. By becoming aware of our sin – agonizing though this may be – we invite the Lord in. It's the crack in the door that he will enter, bringing mercy and freedom found only in him.

Go Evangelize/Prayer, Invitation, Witness, Accompaniment

Each of today's readings shows how God's presence leads us to acknowledge our lack; however, that's only "step one." Notice what happens next in each instance. "Your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." "Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid.'" See how, in each example, hearts are transformed from shame and guilt to courage and confidence. The readings explain how as each person is freed, they are compelled to act boldly. So, what changed? The same thing that can happen in our own lives: as we acknowledge our sin, we open ourselves to the flow of grace. We allow the Lord to heal and free us, making us radiant and setting our hearts on fire with love.

Plan: Choose one virtue you'd like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as "I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me." Make sure your plan is: (1) specific ["I will never sin again" doesn't count], and (2) doable ["I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience" is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.

The Faithful Disciple/<https://faithcatholicsubscriptions.com>

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2/8		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Stanley Czech	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Bill Bozer, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott, Greeters: Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, Gifts: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck
5:30 p.m. St. Mary (followed by the Valentine's Meal)	For the People	EM of HC: Jon Leither, Lisa Zabinski c, Jan Kilian, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian
Sunday 2/9		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Jordan Wensmann	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Alice Westrich c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Syl & Ellie Tschida
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Arnold Scholz	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday, 2/10	<i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, 2/11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Donald Wensmann ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann
Wednesday, 2/12	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Donna Mae Scholz ~ Jim Scholz
Thursday, 2/13	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Emily (Klepaيدا) Troje
Friday, 2/14	<i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Doris Landowski ~Marvin & Shirley Wensmann



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, Alan Schumer, 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2/15		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Raymond Kokett & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
Sunday 2/16		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Evelyn Locnikar ~SF Christian Women	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Brittany Harren c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Owen & Lily Fuchs, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Brian & Jessica Donabauer
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Chester & Violet Westrich	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Dave Scholz c, Mike Klasen, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

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

Feb. 12th

Grades K-6: Home Lesson, 2nd Grade: Lesson 2

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.

Guiding Star

Today it is more important than ever for young girls to have high self-esteem regarding the changes in their bodies. Research shows it is better to prepare girls for these changes before the onset of puberty not just when they are in the middle of it. Participation in the Guiding Star Cycle Show Workshop helps girls value and respect their bodies in healthy ways as they move into their teenage years. Registration is now open for the Workshop on March 1st. Created for girls 9-12 years old. Cost \$50, Place: St. Mary's, Upsala, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a Parent Presentation the night before, Feb. 29th at St. Mary's 7-8:30 p.m. To learn more and register visit:

GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show.

Contact: Roseanne Throener (320) 360-2196

The Resurrected Artist Present: Don't Mention My Name Dinner*Theatre

Come see our own Bob Theisen at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna! *Evening Dinner Theatre: Fri. & Sat., Feb. 21st & 22nd and Feb, 28th & March 1st. Dinner 5:30 p.m., performance 7:30 p.m. *Afternoon Dinner Theater: Sun., Feb. 23rd: Dinner, 12 noon, performance 1:30 p.m. **Menu Selection:** Walleye, Shrimp, Ribeye, or Chicken Breast. Reservations required for all Dinner Theatre Performances. Call 845-7738 for tickets \$38 (non-refundable). Sunday Matinee: Sun., March 2nd. at 1:30 p.m. Regular Sunday chicken buffet available starts at noon. Performance 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$8:00 at the door. (No reservation necessary for the March 2nd show).

Catholic Financial Matching Grant Breakfast: Sun., Feb. 23

Join us at St. Francis of Assisi (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport, MN) for: sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sweet bread & beverages from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free will offering. Proceeds to benefit the Rel. Ed. program. Catholic United Financial will give a matching grant of up to \$1000. If anyone would like to volunteer to help contact: Chad 293-7092.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 2/2/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,305, Loose: \$129, Central MN Catholic: \$60, Fire Fund: \$20, **Total: \$1,514**

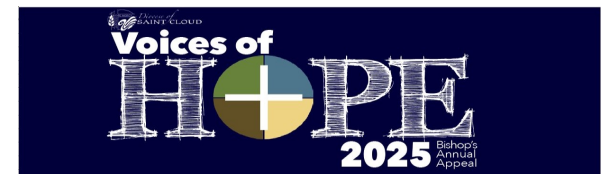
St. Francis: Adult: \$609, Loose: \$64, **Total: \$673**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,520, Loose: \$211.80, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Fall Collection: \$100, **Total: \$1,851.80**



St. Mary's Mission Quilt Bingo

Join us today on Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. for your chance to win a hand stitched quilt. \$10 a card. Free lunch provided. If you are interested in learning how to quilt from master quilters stop in at St. Mary's on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Bring a friend!



Voices of Hope-Bishop's Annual Appeal

2025: The 2025 Appeal Launches soon. Your offerings change lives in so many ways through ministries that reach out to the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.

St. Francis' News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Daniel Lange

Passed to Eternal Life: Feb. 6, 2025

Funeral: Feb.10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Francis CUF Matching Grant Breakfast: Sunday, Feb. 23rd

If anyone would like to donate items or cash towards the breakfast please contact Chad 573-5667 or Bob 573-2933. Men & boys of the parish are asking to help. 1st shift A-L 8-10:00 a.m. 2nd shift M-Z 10:30 to finished. Thank you!

Journey with Jesus It is time to start planning this year's production of "Journey with Jesus to Calvary." There will be a planning meeting on Sunday Feb. 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Church Basement. If you had a speaking part last year, please try to come. If you cannot make it call 573-2933 and let Bob know if you plan on being in the play or not. I will be signing up the elementary students at their next R.E. Classes. We need help in all areas of the production, so come to the meeting if you have any interest in helping.

News and Events



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

All are welcome to these upcoming events
Chili Cook-Off: Feb. 9th will be in North Prairie following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Anyone is welcome to enter a chili and vote. A prize is given to the top 3 winners. Donations go to Elevate.

World Day of the Sick: Feb. 11th Knights are needed to assist. Fr. Sauer will be anointing the sick at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus.

K of C Free Throw Contest

Reminder: District Level Contest will be on **February 16th** in the Upsala High School Gym. Hope to see you there as we do need 18 Knights. Please wear your blue shirts and arrive shortly after 12 noon.

Catholic Men's Conference: Feb. 22nd

Knights are encouraged to attend. If your are interested in coming in as a group, please contact Mike Nix (320) 360-5681. Additional information under **Catholic Men's Conference.**



We believe in
Everlasting Love

Celebrate your marriage this week on Feb. 7th – 14th! For ideas and inspiration visit: marriageweek.org

Ash Wednesday:

March 5th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis,
6:00 p.m., St. Mary
8:00 p.m., St. Edward

Palm Sunday:

Saturday, April 12th, 8:00 p.m., St. Edward
Sunday, April 13th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis
10:00 p.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

Valentine's Day Mass & Dinner: Fri., Feb. 14th

BBQ ribs, potato, vegetable/salad, dinner roll, dessert, milk, coffee. Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Fr. Gregory Sauer with Dinner to follow. Tickets \$20 per person available at Psych's Grocery in Bowlus or call Tom Fussy at 232-5703.

Valentine's Banquet: Sat. Feb. 15th

Word of Life Church (3328 1st Ave. W.) invites you to share a relaxing evening with family and friends at 6:00 p.m. A Roast beef and chicken meal will be catered by Jordie's Café. Cost is \$20 payable at the door. RSVPs appreciated by Feb. 10th. Call (320) 573-4450.

Catholic Men's Conference

Date: Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Bishop Patrick Neary will celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. and attend the conference **Location:** St. John's University in Colleagueville **Keynote speaker:** Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Various Workshops will be available, including topics for young men ages 15 and up.

Cost: \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, includes morning refreshments and lunch. Cost for young men ages 15 – 22: \$10.

Registration: deadline: **Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025** Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>

Questions: Janet 320-258-7616 or janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org. Visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/> for more information.

Discern Your Charisms with Called & Gifted

St. Mary's, Upsala Saturday, March 8th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Would you like to discern the unique mission God has for you and empowers you to carry it out? God calls each of us to a unique purpose, a work of love that only you can do. You have received gifts in baptism and confirmation through which God intends to reach others. In his workshop you will take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn the signs and characteristics of the twenty-three most common charisms. This workshop lays the foundation for your discernment and includes church teaching on the nature of charisms, call, and vocation Leadership development around spiritual gifts is critical. It helps support personal growth, ministry development, service to the wider community, and identifying new leaders for our diverse communities. This workshop is being led by Barbara Sutton. There is no cost to attend <https://forms.csbsju.edu/LHRE7KQZLW> Contact: Tamara Lange: (320) 250-4688 for more information.

TEC - Together Encountering Christ

is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery. Upcoming retreat is on **Feb. 15-17**, To learn more and sign-up contact www.cmtec.org or call (320) 532-4455.

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.