

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.



St. Cloud 40 Days for Life - Lenten Campaign:

March 5th through April 13th
7 a.m. to 7 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
at Planned Parenthood
451 East St. Germain St.,

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Our mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of peaceful activism with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life.

Opening Rally: Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon @ Vigil site then proceeds to St. Augustine Church, 422 2nd St SE, St. Cloud for a light lunch and program.

Closing Rally: Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon @ Vigil site then proceeds to St. Augustine Church, 422 2nd St SE, St. Cloud for a light lunch and program. Our parishes are signing up on Thursdays for the hours 1-7:00 p.m. Please contact: Marilou Sommers 320-247-9838, Judy at 320-453-7592 or sign up at this link <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

"Life: Why We March" This theme will encourage pro-life advocates to draw renewed energy for this challenging moment in the movement by reflecting on the basic truth that inspires the pro-life cause: every human life – including the unborn and their mothers – is beautiful, has unique dignity, and worthy of protection. **"Life: Why We March"** invites all Americans of goodwill to recognize and unite around this truth.



Catholic Mardi Gras Party: March 2nd

Come Celebrate with us! The Old Tyme Country Boys will be playing at the Holdingford Legion on Sunday from 2-5:00 p.m. Chicken strips, fries, lemonade, coffee & water provided. Bring a dish to share!


The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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Saturday 3/1	First Saturday	
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Don, Rita & Brian Wensmann	EM of HC: Neil Frieler, Peggy Frieler c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski Jr., Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 3/2		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gilbert Roerick ~ Allen & Janelle Roerick	EM of HC: Roseanne Voss, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, Lector: Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren Ushers: Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Jake & Judy Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn, Chantelle Frie c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 3/3			
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary/Divine Mercy		ADORATION <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm. <u>First Fridays</u> St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm
Tuesday, 3/4			
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Joe, Elaine & Mark Schumer		
Wednesday 3/5		Ash Wednesday	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Evelyn Locnikar	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Volunteer c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Volunteers	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jan Killian, LeAnn Beneke c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian	
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Anna & Alex Moser	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, Gifts: Scott & Jen Wensmann	
Thursday, 3/6		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	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Emily (Klepaıda) Troje		
Friday, 3/7			
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intention ~Dave & Renee Scholz		

The First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 3/8			
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Dennis Biniek ~Shari Biniek	First Sunday of Lent	
		EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Dennis & Diana Trettel	
Sunday 3/9			
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Norbert & Helen Dehn ~ Jim & Julie Wensmann	EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Chris Fuchs c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Tom & Jeanette Gerads	
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Cindy Koehn c, Lisa Zabinski, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Tom & Jan Kilian, 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

March 5th

Grades K-6: All Students

Grades 7-10: Please see Mass times for

Confirmation: Ash Wednesday



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.

SIGN UP FOR CALLED AND GIFTED - Saturday, March 8th, 9am-3pm at St. Mary's Church. Have you ever wondered "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life in this time and place?" Come and discern the unique mission God has for you! Everyone has a charismatic gift that was given to them by the Holy Spirit. In this workshop, you will take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn the signs and characteristics of 23 of the charisms. Discerning your spiritual gifts will support personal growth, development, service to the community, and identify new leaders. This workshop is being led by Barbara Sutton and is open to both men & women. There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided. We have several couples signed up, so ladies bring your husbands! Please contact Tamarra Lange at 320-250-4688.



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.

NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry for youth in grades 9-12. Youth and adults gathered with several US bishops to celebrate being Catholic. Participants enjoy Mass, prayer, reconciliation and adoration opportunities, workshops, exhibits, games, music, fellowship and service. Hundreds of youth from the Diocese of Saint Cloud have participated in this event in the past.



ACC Penance Service March 23rd

All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford from 2-4:30 p.m. 5 priests will be available.

Become free and forgiven on your Lenten journey!

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 2/23/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$741, Loose: \$71, Votive: \$55, Easter Flowers: \$30, **Total: \$897**

St. Francis: Adult: \$745, Loose: \$146, Easter Flowers: \$20, Funeral Lunch: \$10 **Total: \$921**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,005, Loose: \$182.85, Funeral Lunch: \$10, Easter Flowers: \$150, **Total: \$1,347.85**

Over 80 Blessings for March



Marlene Carlson (SE) 3/8

Karen Liebsch (SM) 3/9

Lorene Koopmeiners (SF) 3/16

Delores Gerads (SM) 3/22

Don Biniek (SE) 3/27

Robert Brezinka (SE) 3/30

Richard O'Hotto (SE) 3/31



INVITATION TO A DAY OF QUILTING

AND FUN On March 15th the St. Francis Sewing Circle will be hosting a visitors' day to work on quilts for our upcoming bazaar. EVERYONE is welcome. We will have coffee and sweets ready by 9:00 am for sure, a lunch will be served around noon, and a afternoon snack later in the afternoon. Come for the whole day or just a few hours, whatever you feel you can. There will be multiple quilts set up for you to choose to work on. Please call Rosie at 320-260-8989 with any questions or just to share your excitement that you will be there. You know there will be fun.

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.). We will be starting to sell the raffle tickets TODAY after 10:00 a.m. Mass. They 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!

Mark your Calendar

St Edward's Spaghetti Supper will be on Friday, April 25th serving from 5-7:30 p.m.

Matching Grant Breakfast

350 people were served and over \$5,500 earned (before expenses) at our breakfast this year! Thank you to all who helped, donated or came out to eat. You are greatly appreciated!

St. Francis' News

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

The main actors will meet on Sunday, March 9th at 1:00 p.m. We still need help in all parts of the production. Please call Bob at 573-2933 if you want to help. Schedules of rehearsals are available in back of church. **St. Francis Sewing Circle** Please come and quilt on March 15th. If you can help with lunch please contact Rosie 260-8989.

News and Events



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

Regional Free Throw Winners

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

Meeting

Our next meeting is on March 4th at 7:30 p.m., St. Edward's.

Exemplification

On March 15th Our council is hosting our exemplification. Men interested in becoming a Knight are welcome to attend. 11:00 a.m. at St. Edward's.

Totus Tuus Leaders

We are Looking for college students who are ready to take their faith to the next level! Apply to be a Totus Tuus team member! Totus Tuus offers an intense summer of growing in and sharing your faith with the younger generation. Complete your application today! <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>.

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: Thank you so much to those of you who have supported the Appeal. As of Feb. 24th, \$232,187 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 has been reached. To donate visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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 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

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays after daily Mass beginning Thurs., March 6th through Wednesday, April 16th.

The Resurrected Artists 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, 28th & March 1st. Dinner 5:30 p.m., performance 7:30 p.m. Reservations required for 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. Show tickets \$8 at the door. (No reservation necessary).

St. Cloud DCCW Lenten Retreat: The Secret of the Holy Face: March 8th

All are welcome to attend this retreat in Buckman, MN from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 if you register before Feb. 28th. register by mailing a check to: St. Cloud DCCW to 14267 Fairway Lane, Becker MN 55308.

Holdingsford Firefighters Relief Association Breakfast: Sun., March 9th Pancakes, sausage, ham, Hash browns & Caramel Rolls. 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Holdingsford City Center. Free Will Donation.

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 11th, 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.

Upcoming Seminary Visit: March 15th-17th

This visit will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, adoration, discernment talks, visits to a classroom, listening to seminarians, open gym and a night out with the seminarians of St. Cloud! When men meet real seminarians, all the stereotypes break down! It is a game-changer for their ongoing discernment.

Contact Father Doug. douglibsch@gmail.com or 533-0291.

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.



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).**