



**Eucharistic Revival Event: May 21st**

We will have a Eucharistic Procession after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in St. Anna followed by a BBQ celebration. The Knights of Columbus are preparing the pork. Immaculate Conception will provide beans and beverages. All Saints, St. Columbkille, St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi and St Mary's are asked to bring a dessert or salad to the event. Contact Janice Bremmer 290-1315 if you can help set-up, serve and clean-up the meal. Desserts and Salads can be brought to the Immaculate Conception Church Basement after 4:00 p.m that day.

**Join us on the Marian route, May 22nd-24th** the Northern arm of the pilgrimage. For details about each day's events (locations, Masses, activities, meals): <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage/> Wednesday, May 22: Mora to Gilman (activities all night) Thursday, May 23: Leave Gilman for several stops: Little Falls, Long Prairie, Sauk Centre, St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud (all day and all-night activities) Friday, May 24: St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud to Clear Lake. \*Participants in the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage have the opportunity to receive plenary indulgences.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God." 1 Jn 4:15 How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

**Please join us on Sunday, May 19th** for a conversation led by the team from Terebinth Refuge. This local Christ-centered shelter and safe home brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women in our very own community. The leaders of Terebinth Refuge believe in forming a community of women empowering women, providing victims with healthcare, psychological support, personal coaching, employment coaching, and training of transferable skills. They need our support now more than ever.

**Date:** Sunday, May 19th **Time:** 1-3pm **Location:** Church of St. Columbkille in St. Wendell, MN Please join us for a conversation followed by Q&A and Fellowship.

**Knights of Columbus  
St. Gregory Council**

**Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753**

**Annual Tootsie Roll Drive: May 5th**

Knights will be available after Masses at St. Mary's. Proceeds go to Children with disabilities.

**Meeting: May 7th**

8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.

**Catholic Rural Life Conference: May 8th**

The Featured speaker will be Cardinal Dolan at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN beginning at 1:00 p.m. If interested in attending contact Jeff Czech.State

**Free Throw Contest Winners**

3rd Place: Morgan Ripplinger & 5th place Cody Johnson. Congratulations!

**Eucharistic Procession**

Contact Jeff if you are interested in helping with the procession on May 23rd.

**Ordination to the Priesthood: June 1st**

Everyone is welcome to attend the ordination of Deacon Daniel Ruprecht and Kevin Soenneker at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Please keep all our priests in your prayers!

**Vocation Cam: June 18th-20th**

For young Catholic men. Cost \$40.

Contact Julie Jacobs at (320) 251-5001.

Are you being called to the Priesthood?



**First Holy Communion  
Student Opportunity**

On Thursday, May 23rd, St. Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a Eucharistic procession around the downtown area followed by a family adoration hour (5-6 p.m.) and meal (6-7 p.m.). We would like our First Holy Communion students to have a special place in this Eucharistic procession. Students are highly encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits for the big day! If you have students that are interested, a group will be meeting at 4:15 p.m. on May 23 on the steps of the Cathedral (Hannah Shefelvland will be there to direct), and the procession will start at 4:30pm.

Sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849ABA72AA6FA7-48534766-eucharistic#/> If you have any questions regarding any of these events contact: Tricia Walz at [tricia.walz@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia.walz@yahoo.com).

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm  
Sunday: St. Mary: 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.



**First Communion 2024**

Jackson Finken, Clayton Fuchs, Lily Fuchs, Adam Gerads, Chloe Goebel, Maggie MacArthur, Brea Rakotz, James Ripplinger, Mason Roerick, Aaron Throener, Lilyann Weber & Ethan Welle

**Happy Mother's Day**

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's Word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear Mother, intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love-the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother's day Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 12, 2024**

The Ascension of the Lord		
Saturday 5/11		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, Rosanne Voss c, Syl Tschida c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Isidore & Beverly Schmitz
Sunday 5/12		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	Living & Deceased members of the Wensmann Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Ted Lewandowski, Joan Theisen c, Christine Weber c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett, <b>Gifts:</b> Bob & Ione Brezinka
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilly Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Andy & Linda Langner, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 5/13		
No Mass		
Tuesday, 5/14		<b>Adoration</b> <b>2nd Tuesdays:</b> St. Francis 8am -7pm <b>Thursdays:</b> St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Donna Mae Scholtz ~Sheila Gardner *Anointing of the Sick	
Wednesday, 5/15		<b>Pray for us:</b> Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Binek, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Don Stiller, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George & Jim Koczur.
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Betty Boeckermann	
Thursday, 5/16		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	† LeRoy Schmitz *Anointing of the Sick	
Friday, 5/17		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Helen Koczur	

Pentecost Sunday		
Saturday 5/18		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Troy & Edna Boeckermann	<b>EM of HC:</b> MJ Boeckermann, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Mike & Alice Westrich
Sunday 5/19		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Joan Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Adeline Molus, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers <b>Gifts:</b> Doug & Jackie Wolbeck
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ron Leners ~Marion Leners	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chantelle Frie, Jon Leither c, Amanda Lampert c, <b>Lector:</b> Leonice Prokott, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Walt & LeAnn Beneke, <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Jan Kilian, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann

## All Cluster News

### Totus Tuus: June 16th –22nd

Our parishes will have an opportunity to help our children grow in their faith at Totus Tuus on June 16th –22nd. Registration forms are now on the website and in the entry of Church. Shanna Dobmeier is our coordinator this year: shannamaryd@gmail.com (320) 733-0761.

#### Registration and T-shirts are free.

Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “Totally Yours.” was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from the St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. It also expresses our effort to give our all to every young person we encounter. Through the team’s example of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with the Catholic Faith! The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people the longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion and an openness to their vocation by continually strengthening their prayer lives.

### Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: May 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement, Holdingford. Join us anytime! Contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

### Graduation Mass

Please join us for a reception on May 19th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s to congratulate this year’s Graduating Class of 2024!

*Whoever remains in love, remains in God, and God in him.*

*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. ~Jn 4:11-16*

### WEEKEND COLLECTION May 5, 2024

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$896, Loose: \$121, Ascension: \$ 5, Dominican Fathers Mission: \$22, **Total: \$1,044**

\* **Spaghetti Raffle Profit Total: \$24,210**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$595, Loose: \$39, Votive: \$ 114.12, Dominican Fathers Mission: \$22, Ascension: \$20, **Total: \$790.12**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,854, Loose: \$359.45, Votive: \$97, Dominican Fathers Mission: \$650, **Total: \$2,960.45**

## Pilgrimage Tour



Prayerfully consider a Pilgrimage Tour this Summer: June 4th - 6th. Fr. Jimmy will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage motor coach tour in Wisconsin to Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, in New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

### The Ascension

\*Jesus ascended into Heaven. Mary was assumed into Heaven. The simple difference here is that Jesus ascended on his own abilities, and Mary was brought up. \*When Jesus ascended into Heaven, he told the apostles to wait on the Holy Spirit to come upon them. They stayed and prayed for 9 days until Pentecost Sunday, making the first novena.

\*A novena is a prayer prayed for 9 days and the concept is based on the event of Jesus’ Ascension.

\* The Ascension of Jesus is the 2nd glorious mystery of the Rosary! <https://ww.catholicising.com>

### Pray for Our Country

Let us gather together every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to pray the rosary at St. Mary’s for our country and for world peace. Contact: Darren 293-8985.

### Peter’s Pence Collection: May 18th & 19th

Please note there is an envelope in your Contribution Packet for the Peter’s Pence Collection to help the charitable works of Pope Francis and the Holy See. To learn more visit: [www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection).

**Senior Scholarship Applications for our parishes are available in the church entry.**

### The Mass Intention

for Arnold Czech on Thursday, May 9th was from Denis & Marlene Carlson. May Arnold and all our faithful departed rest in peace.

## St. Francis’ News

### Table and Chair Rental

If you have a graduation or anniversary party coming up or even a garage sale. St. Francis Church has tables and chairs to rent out. Tables are \$5 each and Chairs are .50 cents each. Call Bob at 573-2933 and leave a message and your phone number.

### Mothers Day Flowers: May 12th

Long stem carnations will be available Mother’s Day before & after Mass for Free Will donation. Sign up sheet on table church entrance if you wish flower and/or flowers. Fund raiser for Elevate (formerly Birthline). **Cemetery Clean-up: May 15th**

Young and old are invited to come help at 6:00 p.m. If someone can bring a skid loader to haul black dirt, give Bob a call: (320) 573-2933.