

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 North Prairie following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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

Winners at the Local Level Competition on January 12th were:
Girls: Morgan Ripplinger, Peyton Quirk, Chloe Goebel. Boys: Levi Stuns, Gabe Barthel, Ben Ripplinger, Cody Johnson.

District Level Contest will be on February 16th in the Upsala High School Gym. Knights are needed to help.

Catholic Men's Conference: Feb. 22nd

Knights are encouraged to attend.

March for Life The Office of Marriage & Family is coordinating rides to the events in St. Paul on Wednesday, January 22nd. This year, the diocesan bus will depart from the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. All are encouraged to dress warmly and bring a bag lunch. Find bus information and reserve a spot at <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2025/>.

The Pierz Knights of Columbus will have a coach bus going to the 'March of Life. The bus will pick up at Coborns in Little Falls at 7:30 a.m. in their North parking lot. Contact Dale Beierman 360-7100 to sign-up.

Upstage Players Presents: The Play that Goes Wrong by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer & Henry Shields. January 31st & February 1st at 7:00 p.m. and February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Upsala High School Auditorium. Adults \$8, Students & Seniors \$6.

St. Mary's Mission Quilt Bingo

The Quilting Ladies have done it again! Please join us on Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. for your chance to win a hand stitched quilt. \$10 a card. Free lunch provided afterwards. 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!

Save the Date: Catholic Financial Matching Grant Breakfast is on Feb. 23rd.



Festival of Families

Join other families from around the diocese to celebrate your Catholic faith. The day includes a free carnival, breakout sessions for children-teens-parents, lunch, service projects, bingo, Mass and more!

Breakout sessions for the whole family: Parent/caregiver Sessions –

Designed to address the needs of parents today, with multiple topics to choose from, pick two that meet your needs.

Teen Session –

Intended to engage teens in a different way, this fast-paced session provides an opportunity to encounter Jesus anew and strengthens their connections with one another.

Children Session –

Using the Vacation Bible School model, children will rotate through activities (bible story, snack, music, crafts, games, etc.) that bring to life their Catholic faith. Cost: \$25 per family (no matter the size). Visit: <https://www.stcdio.org/Festival-of-Families> to find out more and to register.

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 Collegeville Keynote speaker: Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation. 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, scholarships available for the first 50 registrants

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.

The Art of Conversation Gallery

"Winter & Resolutions" is now showing in the Upsala gallery located next to the Stearns Bank. The hours are Fri. 2-6pm, Sat. 10am-2pm & Sun. noon-2pm. Sign-up for classes! February's theme is "Love: The Beat Goes On". If you have an art piece (quilt, painting woodworking etc.) to put in the February show, please bring it to the gallery on Sunday, Feb. 2nd between 2-4:00 p.m. or contact Steve Wiehsmann (218) 428-8010 to set up an alternate date/time.

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.

Prayer for All Things New

Ever-present God, just as you accompanied our biblical ancestors, so, too, you accompanied our ancestors who came to Central Minnesota generations ago to begin a new life and set down their roots of faith in our churches. Be with us now as we, the people of the Diocese of St. Cloud, embark on a new, uncharted journey, heeding your call for renewal and transformation. Send forth your gifts of courage, compassion, trust and collaboration. Help us discern the best ways we can fulfill your call to missionary discipleship with vibrant communities and effective ministries. Open our hearts to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit and give us the grace we need for this journey as you make all things new. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, with the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and St. Cloud, our patron. Amen.

All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future

Preparatory work continues for the diocesan-wide pastoral planning process. We invite you to pray the All Things New Prayer **Anyone interested in applying to be a planning facilitator can contact** Brenda Kresky (320) 529-4611 brenda.kresky@gw.stcdio.org




Jubilee Year 2025

Take your family on a pilgrimage right here at home. Recommended sites include: the Cathedral of St. Mary; the Shrine of St. Cloud in the Cathedral of St. Mary; the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring; the Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia; the Shrine of St. Peregrine in Collegeville; the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Sauk Centre; the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, oratory of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls; the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, oratory of the Benedictine Sisters in St. Joseph; the oratory in the Poor Clare Monastery in Sauk Rapids; any church of your Area Catholic Community which you have not yet visited. Download your Jubilee Passport at: <https://stcdio.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

| The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
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| Saturday 1/18 | | <i>Week of Prayer of Christian Unity begins</i> |
| 4:00 p.m. St. Edward | † Arnold Molus ~Carol Molus | EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Mark & Kaye Nienaber |
| Sunday 1/19 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis Youth Mass | For the People | EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Rosanne Voss c, Syl Tschida c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Owen & Lily Fuchs, Ushers: Brayden & Carter Harren, Greeters: Madison & Kendra Goebel Gifts: Evan & Ethan Welle, Chloe Goebel |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | † Herman, Theresa, Luke & Maynard Sobania ~Russ and Gina Boeckermann Family | EM of HC: Jon Leither, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gifts: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels |

| Weekday Masses | | |
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| Monday, 1/20 | <i>St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr</i> |  <p>Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm. First Fridays St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm</p> <p>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, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Pat Harren, Ron Schmidt & Rose Burg</p> <p>Sing to the Lord a new song. (Ps 96:1)</p> |
| 6:30 p.m. St. Mary | Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy | |
| Tuesday, 1/21 | <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i> | |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary | † Deceased members of the Frie Family | |
| Wednesday, 1/22 | <i>World Day of Prayer for the Unborn</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis | † Cheryl Locnikar | |
| Thursday, 1/23 | <i>St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr, St. Marianne Cope, Virgin</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | † Maxie, Irene & Arnie Molus ~ Adeline Molus | |
| Friday, 1/24 | <i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> | |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | † Rose Mary Binek | |

| The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
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| Saturday 1/25 | | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 4:00 p.m. St. Edward | † Dennis Biniek ~ Shari Biniek | EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokott & Raymond Kokott, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Dan & Barb George |
| Sunday 1/26 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis | For the People | EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Janelle Roerick c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Syl & Ellie Tschida |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | Intentions of the Koehn Family | EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Dave Scholz c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian |

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

January 22nd

Grades K-6: Home Lesson, 2nd Grade: No 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. Contact Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com if interested in joining in.

Save the Date

Totus Tuus, a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship will be the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Shanna Dobmeier is our coordinator again this year! Thank you, Shanna! (320) 733-0761 shannamaryd@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. 28th 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

A Gift For You

Bishop Robert Barron's Book *An Introduction to Prayer* is available in the entry of our churches for you to take home. This year, learn new ways to wonder about prayer from Lectio Divina to the Psalms to Adoration.

CPR Class Anyone interested can attend our CPR Class on Jan. 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Church basement. Contact: Jeanette Gerads (320) 836-2966.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 1/12/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,230, Loose: \$178, Funeral Fund: \$30
Total: \$1,438.10
St. Francis: Adult: \$610, Loose: \$42.25, **Total: \$652.25**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,678.25, Loose: \$279.91, Solemnity of Mary: \$50, Funeral Fund: \$300, **Total: \$2,308.16**

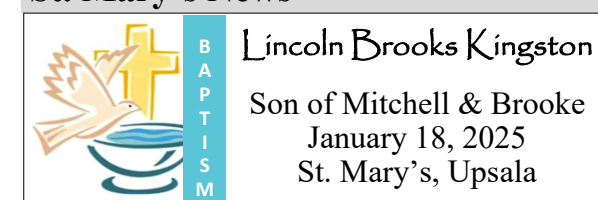
Valentine Mass & Meal

The St. Mary's Valentine Mass & Meal will be held on February 8th beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Social Hour. A Candlelight Meal begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$70 per couple) will be available to purchase after 10:00 a.m. Mass or by contacting the Parish office.

Called & Gifted Workshop

What is Jesus' plan for your life? What are your gifts? Come find out at the Called and Gifted Workshop on March 8th from 9:00 - 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. It's a free program to help you discern your spiritual gifts and will give you guidance on how to use them. This is a very popular workshop that the Catherine of Siena Institute has put together for lay people to discover God's call through charisms. This workshop is for everyone! Please sign up by calling Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688.

St. Mary's News



St. Francis' News

A Big Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looked beautiful. There were lots of good comments. Also, thank you to everyone who helped take the decorations down. God Bless you all!

Baby Shower for Jesus

The last weekend to donate gifts for the Christian Mothers' 'Baby Shower for Jesus' will be Jan 18th & 19th. Thank you for all who have given-your generosity is very appreciated!

St. Francis Men's Society

Donuts & Coffee After the Youth Mass this weekend stop in for a donut and coffee in the church basement. All are welcome!

Meeting: Join us on Wed., Jan. 29th at 8:00 p.m. to plan the Matching Grant Breakfast (Feb. 23rd). The Men's Society is always looking for new members. The dues are only \$2.00 a year. Come to the meeting and join or just to help plan the breakfast.