

### **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 Camp**

Tuesday-Thursday, June 18th-20th. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake. We seek to provide an engaging environment where young Catholic men are able to listen to the voice of Jesus. We desire to instill in their lives the faith and trust to follow Him no matter where He may lead. Cost \$40 Scholarships available. Contact Julie Jacobs at (320) 251-5001 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp>.

### **Fun, Food & Fund Day: June 20th**

Looking to get out and have some fun? Love Silent Auctions? Gather your friends and head to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fun, Food & Fund Day on Thursday, June 20. Registration and refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Silent auction opens at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy entertainment throughout the day while you 'shop'. Mass and lunch are included. Silent auction closes at 12:45 p.m. Registration is \$20 by 6/10; \$25 after 6/10 or at the door. Make check payable to St. Cloud DCCW and send to Lora Knafla, Treasurer:11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367 or call Lora: (320) 393-2701.

### **Seven Sisters Apostolate Reflection & Renewal Gathering**

Saturday, June 29th at the Church of St. Anthony (2405 1st Street North, St. Cloud, MN). Seven Sisters and interested guests are welcome! 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$15. Checks payable to Carrie Ellis, 6272 County Road 8 S.E. St. Cloud MN 56304. For questions call: 253-1692.

**Paschal Challenge** Saturday, August 17th, Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection in a WHOLE new way! For young men grades 9th-12th Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024PaschalChallenge>.

### **The 3rd Annual Mini Holy Family Fest August 16-18th**

The Apostolate for Family Consecration® (AFC) offers retreats that challenges Catholic families to grow in holiness & truth so that they can become fully alive in Christ: <https://afc.org/>! The Mini Holy Family Fest, held at Holy Family Church, Little Falls, is a weekend with activities planned for all ages. The guest speakers work with the middle and high school aged children in the mornings and evenings. The adults have morning sessions while activities are planned for elementary age children. All afternoon there are fun activities like volleyball, gaga ball, bouncy house & yard games for the whole family. There is a nursery and childcare area also available. Staff from the AFC will be present throughout the weekend. \$250/family of 4 or more (less for smaller families) for the full 3 day event and includes 2 suppers, continental breakfast, quality speakers and entertainment for the whole family with the opportunity to receive the sacraments and experience prayer throughout the day. Stay free in a non-electric camp site on the grounds or see website for other options. <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>.

### **Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council**

#### **Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753 Newsletter & Meeting**

Due to the Memorial Holiday our newsletter will be coming out a few days later than usual. We will be having our meeting on June 4th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. Thank you!

#### **Upsala Community Blood Drive**

on Wednesday, June 12th from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Upsala. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit: [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: 'Upsala' to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

#### **Save the Date: 3rd Annual All City Women's Mixer**

Join In the Gardens, Jordies Trail Side Café Bowlus on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. Chicken Buffet style meal (around \$15) RSVP by July 17th by calling the Parish Office or write your name on the Sign-up sheet in the Church entry.



#### **Star of the North Eucharistic Congress**

Jon, Reba, Lilli & Addi Leither joined in the Eucharistic Procession kick-off on May 17th -19th at the Stanford Center Arena in Bemidji. Speakers; Bishop Cousins, Bishop Barron & Fr. Mike Schmitz were there. And Fr. Gregory!

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)*

# 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. 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.


**The Most Holy Trinity**

**May 26, 2024**



**Thank you to all who participated and prepared for our ACC Eucharistic Revival Celebration on May 21st beginning with 6:00 p.m. Mass and Procession followed by a BBQ meal.. Jesus we will walk with you!**

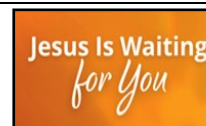
The Most Holy Trinity		
Saturday 5/25		<i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin</i>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†Adam Fuchs ~Dan & Rita Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chris Fuchs, Janelle Roerick c, Bob Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Herb & Sharon Wielenberg
Sunday 5/26		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	†Ron Leners ~Marion Leners	<b>EM of HC:</b> Peggy Frieler, Jim Bartkowicz c, Ted Lewandowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Mike Heisick, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Mark & Kaye Nienaber
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Mike Klassen, Jan Kilian c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Shawn & Amada Lampert, <b>Gifts:</b> Mike & Randi Klasen, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 5/27		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 5/28		<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	† Beatrice Tschida & Brian Boeckermann	
Wednesday, 5/29		<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, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George & Jim Koczur.
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Joyce Eveslage ~ Lorene Koopmeiners	
Thursday, 5/30		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	† Bernard & Eleanor Thell ~ The Thell Family	
Friday, 5/31		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†Deceased Relatives of Dave & Renee Scholz	

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ		
Saturday 6/1		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Alice Westrich c, Judy Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Ron & Rebecca Schmidt
Sunday 6/2		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Leo & Catherine Hartung	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Jim Bartkowicz c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, <b>Greet-</b>
10:00 a.m. St. Mary Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession	† Joe, Elaine & Mark Schumer	<b>EM of HC:</b> Cindy Koehn, Jan Kilian c, LeAnn Beneke c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Ronda Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer, Mary, and Lorraine Frie, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

### Feast of Corpus Christi

Next Sunday, June 2nd, is the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will be having a Eucharistic Procession after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Upsala. This will be an opportunity for us to join the National Eucharistic Revival.



### Learn more about the Eucharist

EWTN Online Learning Series offers a free video series that guides you through reflections on the Eucharist inspired by the writings of Mother Angelica and the great saints: <https://learningseries.ewtn.com/course/devotion>.

## All Cluster News

### The Parish Office

will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. Remember and pray for all who served.

### Youth Group Start-up

Our first meeting is on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall for snacks, activities and prayer. Check us out on Instagram:

### Rural Catholic Middle Age Singles Group: June 8th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information or questions.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION May 19, 2024

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$998, Loose: \$56.27, Cemetery: \$25, Funeral: \$15, **Total: \$1,094.27**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$954, Loose: \$155, **Total: \$1109**  
**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,626, Loose: \$121, Funeral Fund: \$ 90 **Total: \$1,837**

## The Holy Trinity

Today, as we honor the Blessed Trinity, our predominant thought must be one of gratitude to each of the three Persons for all they have done and are still doing for us. First, to God the Father, who in his love planned not only our creation as intelligent human beings, the highest and noblest of his creatures on earth, but planned to give us adopted sonship as well. Secondly, let us show our deepest gratitude to the all-obedient, all-loving Son of God, who carried out to the letter the divine Father's plan for our adoption, by sharing with us our humanity so that we could share in his divinity. Thirdly, let us be eternally grateful to the Holy Spirit—the fruit of the love of Father and Son—who has come to dwell in the Church and in each member of the Church, in order to fill our hearts with a true love of God, and to direct our faltering steps toward the everlasting happiness which awaits us beyond the grave.

We know only too well how unworthy we are of this love of the Blessed Trinity which has been poured out on us. The greatest saints were unworthy of this infinite love. Our unworthiness should not, and must not, stop us from availing ourselves of this divine love and from doing what we can to prove how we value and sincerely appreciate the love and goodness of the Blessed Trinity for us. In return for this love, Christ asked us, his followers, to keep his commandments. This is the one genuine proof we can give of our gratitude for all that these Three Persons have done for us.

We are so weak that we often let the passing things of this world turn our thoughts and actions away from God and from our own eternal interests. We forget Christ and his commandments at times and let the world rule our hearts and minds. However, even for sinners like us there is hope and encouragement in the infinity of God's love. Let us not forget it: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit know all our weaknesses, they knew them before they arranged to make us sharers in their own eternal happiness. They know, also, that those of us who try and try again to rise above our human weakness will finally share with them their heaven. [Catholicculture.org](http://Catholicculture.org) ~Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Cycle B, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## St. Francis' News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Don Stiller

Funeral: June 8, 2024 at St. Mary's, Upsala  
Burial St. Francis of Assisi

### 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.