

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Pastors: Fr. Jimmy Joseph 573-2975 Office: 573-2132 Fr. Gregory Mastey Office: 228-0105 Rectory: 746-2231	1 Mary, Mother of God 8am Mass-SM 9am Mass—ASSM 10am Mass-SM	2 6pm Mass-SM *Anointing of the Sick	3 8am Mass-SF *Anointing of the Sick 12 Noon Mass-ASSM & Adoration 7pm-AS Christmas Pageant & Class (AS,IC, SC) 6:30-7:30 p.m. K-6 Class SM	4 8am Mass-SF *Anointing of the Sick 12 Noon Mass - ASSM & Adoration 12 Noon to 9pm Adoration-SM 7:30pm St. Isidore K of C mtg-ASSM	5 7:30am Mass-SM Confessions: SE, SF & SM before weekend Masses AS, IC & SC before Masses and by request.	6 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 4pm Mass-SF 5pm Mass-SC	
Holdingford Office Hours Mon-Wed: 10am-3pm Thurs: 1pm-5pm	Upsala Office Hours Mon-Wed- Fri: 8am-4pm Tues & Thurs:8am-12 Noon						
7 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC	8 12 Noon Mass-ASSM & Adoration 9am-8pmAdoration-ASSM 10:30am Women's Group-ASSM	9 Adoration-SF 7am -7pm 6pm Mass-SM 7:30 pm St. Gregory K of C Meeting SM	10 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-ASSM & Adoration 6:30pm-RE Class (AS, IC, SC) 7:45pm-EPIC ASSH 7-8:30 p.m. 7-10 & Conf. Class- SM	11 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-ASSM & Adoration 12 Noon to 9pm Adoration-SM 9:45am Eucharistic Book Study: ASSM	12 7:30am Mass-SM Dinner Theater, Upsala SM	13 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 4pm Mass-SF 5pm Mass-SC 7pm Rural Catholic Singles-ASSM Dinner Theater, Upsala SM	
14 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC 1:00pm Free Throw Contest-St. Gregory K Of C, Upsala High School Dinner Theater, Upsala- SM	15 8am Mass-SC & Adoration 9am-8pmAdoration-ASSM 7:00 p.m. Finance Council- SM	16 6pm Mass-SM 7pm Mass for Vocations sponsored by K of C-ASSM 6pm Free Throw Contest-St. Isidore K of C Holdingford Elementary 6:30 p.m. Finance Council-SF	17 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-AS & Adoration 9:45am Respect Life mtg ASSM 6:30pm-RE Class (AS, IC, SC) 7:45pm-EPIC ASSH 7-8:30 p.m. 7-10 & Conf. Class-SM	18 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-IC & Adoration 12 Noon to 9pm Adoration-SM	19 7:30am Mass-SM	20 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 1st Reconciliation & Retreat SM 4pm Mass-SF 5pm Mass-SC 7pm-Young Adult Group-ASSM	
21 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC	22 8am Mass-SC & Adoration 9am-8pmAdoration-ASSM 10:30am Women's Group-ASSM 7pm CM/W/RS mtg-ASSM	23 6pm Mass-SM 7pm Mass-SC	24 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-AS & Adoration 6:30pm-RE Class (AS, IC, SC)	25 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-IC & Adoration 12 Noon to 9pm Adoration-SM 9:45am Eucharistic Book Study: ASSM	26 7:30am Mass-SM	27 8:30am Men's Group-ASSM 4pm Mass-SF 5pm Mass-SC Cardmaking SM	
28 8am Mass-SM 8am Mass-ASSM 10am Mass-SM 10am Mass-IC	29 8am Mass-SC & Adoration 9am-8pmAdoration-ASSM	30 6pm Mass-SM 7pm Mass-Watch bulletin for location	31 8am Mass-SF 8am Mass-AS & Adoration 6:30pm-RE Class (AS, IC, SC) 7:45pm-EPIC ASSH 7-8:30 p.m. 7-10 & Conf. Class-SM	Contacts: Well - Read Moms: Susan Heroux 224-6052 Rural Catholic Singles: Janel Heinen 290-2877 Young Adult Group: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433			
				AS-All Saints, Holdingford IC-Immaculate Conception, St. Anna SC- St. Columbkille, St.Wendel	SE-St. Edward, Elmdale SF-St. Francis, St. Francis SM- St. Mary, Upsala		
7 New Year's Customs Every Catholic Should Have: Give Thanks. Set your resolutions for the New Year Evaluate the year that has ended. Dedicate time for those who have passed away. Greet and celebrate Our Mother. Resolve to get involved in a new ministry. Keep living the Liturgical Year. ~ Catholic-link.org							



Over 80 Blessings for January

Gene Harren (SM) 1/8
 Viola Wuebkers (SM) 1/16
 Delores O'Hotto (SE) 1/19
 Florence Kurowski (SE) 1/20
 Janet Yurczyk (SM) 1/26



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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
 Saturday: St. Francis: 3:30 pm - 3:45 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!
 "What is happening in the heart of man? What is happening in the heart of humanity? It's time to stop. We are all children of one heavenly father, we belong to the same human family and we share a common destiny. This brings a responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other in one's diversity, and takes care of one another," the Holy Father Pope Francis expressed his feelings seeing the violence in the world. Let us keep praying for Peace in the world. May the Child Jesus, the source of Peace, bless us all abundantly! Wish you all a bright and fruitful New Year 2024, filled with the peace and joy which the Child Jesus alone can give. May the Holy Family of Nazareth brings the joy and happiness to our families and fills us with lasting peace!

THANKS...
 On behalf of each of the parishes, I thank all of you who have given so generously of your time, your talent and your treasure to beautify our Churches and grounds for Christmas, and to all those who have shared their faith in our liturgies and ministries to welcome Christ, our Savior. Our celebrations of these sacred days are an invaluable witness to the world of the power of faith. Thank you very much for your generous support and kindness in this season and throughout the year. Jesus does not look upon us as a vast, faceless crowd. As St. Augustine said, **"God loves all of us as if there was only one of us."** May God reward each of you for your kindness and sacrifices for the work of the Gospel. **Fr. Jimmy**



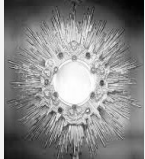
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 Pray for Us!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

Weekend Masses: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday 12/30		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	+Edmund & Delores Roerick ~Roerick Family	(SF) EM of HC: M.J. Boeckermann, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Lloyd & Judy Lashinski, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida
Sunday 12/31		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	+Maxie & Irene Molus	(SE) EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Volunteer c, Jim Bartkovicz c, Lector: Jerry Theisen Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Brian & Tracey Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SM) EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Christine Weber c, Volunteer c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Mary Frie, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson Gifts: Dave & Renee Scholz, Bank: Mike Klasen
Monday 1/1		
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	+Arnold Czech	(SE) EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Joan Theisen c, Jerry Theisen c, Lector: Jeff Czech Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gifts: Brad & Crystal Hartung

Weekday Masses		Spend time with Jesus in Adoration!
Tuesday 1/2	<i>St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church</i>	 2nd Tuesdays St. Francis of Assisi 7am -7pm Thursdays St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	+Darwin Binek *Anointing of the Sick	
Wednesday 1/3	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Jim Negen, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Binek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, & Geraldine George
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	+David Voss *Anointing of the Sick	
Thursday 1/4	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	+Dennis Biniek *Anointing of the Sick	
Friday 1/5 1st Friday	<i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	+Julie Jensen	

Weekend Masses: The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 1/6		
<i>St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i>		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	+Gene Lange ~Dan & Rita Lange	(SF) EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Rebecca Schmidt c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: M J Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Jim & Tammy Lehner, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida
Sunday 1/7		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	+Jordan Wensmann ~Jim & Julie Wensmann	(SE) EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SM) EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Amanda Lampert c, LeAnn Beneke c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank: Tom Kilian

WEEKEND COLLECTION December 25, 2023-Christmas

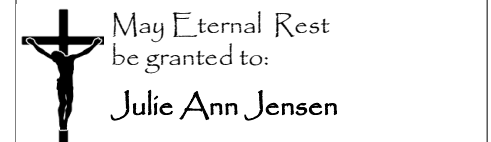
St. Edward: Adult: \$875 Loose: \$122, Christmas: \$2,330, Christmas Loose: \$187, Retired Rel: \$50, **Total: \$3,564**

St. Francis: Adult: \$520, Loose: \$513, Christmas: \$3,683, Christmas Flowers: \$40, **Total: \$4,756**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1075, Loose: \$289.03, Christmas Flowers: \$25, Christmas: \$1,605 **Total: \$2994.03**

Christmas Day: Adults: \$565, Christmas: \$2,465, Christmas Loose: \$237, **Total: \$3,267**

St. Mary's News



Passed to Eternal Life:
December 23, 2023
Funeral:
December 27, 2023
Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre
Burial:
St. Alexius Cemetery, West Union

All Cluster News

Faith Formation: Jan. 3rd
K-6: Class 6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Call: Are you listening?
2nd grade: Lesson 13

Youth Job Opening
We have a job opening for a Youth Director. Fill out an application on the website, call the Parish Office or let Fr. Jimmy know.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Sunday, January 14th
Upsala Senior High Gym
Registration: 12:30 p.m.
Contest begins: 1:00 p.m.
Open to Boys and Girls ages 9-14

Knights of Columbus Meeting
We will meet on January 9th at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala.

Found: A gold ring and a hoop earring were found in St. Francis Church after the Christmas Eve Mass. Call the office to describe the ring to claim the ring. The hoop earring is located on the SF bulletin board. Thank you.

Diocesan Festival of Families:

Join in a new Diocesan event designed specifically for families on February 11, at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids, the day will include a free carnival, parent sessions, a children's session, teen session, Mass with Bishop Neary, and much more! Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

As Catholics, we can be certain that any time we honor Mary, we are also honoring her Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Solemnity of Mary, which falls on January 1st, is a great opportunity to venerate the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, because this feast day calls on us to meditate on her motherhood of Jesus. This is exactly what she agreed to when the Angel Gabriel came to visit her in the mystery of The Annunciation, that she would bear and bring Jesus to earth as a baby who also was divine. In assenting to this, she also offered her infinite yes to living in the Divine Will of God the Father, and she lived every minute on earth conforming her life to fulfilling that promise, accompanying Jesus as he took his very first steps that ultimately led to His passion and Crucifixion. As His mother, she walked with him step for step, all the way to the Cross, and there at its foot Jesus proclaimed her to be the mother of us all: *When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.* John 19: 26-27

New Year's Eve Celebration:

On Sunday, December 31st, come celebrate the Solemnity of Mary with a get together followed by Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Enjoy fellowship, cards, games and, of course, food. We will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end with Mass starting at 11:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share. Hot Chocolate, apple cider and water will be provided. All are welcome!

Dinner Theatre

Upstage Players to present the dinner theatre Bingo Spells Murder by Robert Mattson January 12th & 13th at St. Mary's in Upsala. Tickets are \$30 and includes a 3-course meal with choice of baked chicken or roast beef. Contact Lisa at 320-250-2676 to reserve tickets. Deadline is December 28th.

A show and dessert presentation will be held on January 14th at 2:00. No reservations are needed for the dessert presentation. More information can be found at upstageplayers.org.

A New Year's Resolution: Create a Prayer Space in your Home

Prayer is the most important thing your family can do ...so why not make room for it?
*Make sure it is distraction free-no phones
*Add art/statues such as an image of Mary, a crucifix, or favorite saint.
*Keep Rosaries, Bible, Holy Cards and inspirational prayer books in your prayer space.
*Use your prayer space every day-even for 5 minutes.
*Have your priest bless your prayer space. Catholicsprouts.com