


## News and Events

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

**Meeting:** Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:00 p.m. at St. Edward's Church Basement, Elmdale.

### Thinking About Becoming a Knight?

The Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony will be on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Little Falls, MN.

For question, contact Jeff Czech.

### Our Lady of Czestochowa

Feast day Celebration on Monday, August 26th at Holy Family Church, Little Falls we will have Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Rosary at 4:30 p.m. with the Honor Guard, Polish Hymns, and Blessing of religious items (all are welcome to bring items) Pot Luck meal with Polish Kapusta Hot Dish to follow. All are welcome. Many icons will be on display.

### St. Rose Fall Festival

Sunday, Sept. 1st 10:00 a.m. Polka Mass followed by games & food stand, Bean Bag Tournament, Quilt Auction, Music by the JMD3 band, and Grand Raffle at 7:00 p.m.



### Natural Family Planning:

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method is offered in:

**Alexandria:** Monday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.

**Little Falls:** Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

**Sauk Centre:** Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Cloud:** Monday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

<https://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at [sheila.reineke@gw.stedio.org](mailto:sheila.reineke@gw.stedio.org) | (320) 258-7609.

### Forever Young Choir:

Let there Be Peace Tour performances will be on Sun. Sept. 8th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Melrose, Tues., Sept. 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Albany and Sun., Sept 15th at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre. Cost: Free Will offering and food shelf item.

### Catholic Charities Emergency Service

We are in need of volunteers for Food Shelf, Everyday Essentials Clothing Program and Home Delivery Drivers. If you can help please email: [volunteer@ccstcloud.org](mailto:volunteer@ccstcloud.org).

### St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Fall Conference: Sat., Sept., 21st



Come to the Table of Plenty St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2405 1st Street N. Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. with Registration & Refreshments. Keynote speaker: Fredrick Blonigen will speak about "Rediscovering with Amazement the Incredible Gift of the Holy Eucharist" Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Neary followed by lunch and then another talk "Praying, Understanding and Living the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Faith & Fervor of the Saints" Contact Lora Knafla for questions (320) 393-2701.

### What is the best way for you to spread the Good News?

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat is on Sept. 20-22nd. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org) or by emailing [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com) for a paper copy.

### Habitat for Humanity

We are accepting applications until Sept. 30th for a house to be built in Upsala next summer. Qualified applicants will have lived in Morrison County for one year, have a willingness to participate in the building and the ability to pay an affordable mortgage. Call (320) 616-2084 for information and an application.

### Marriage Encounter: Oct. 12-13th

The next Marriage Encounter weekend is at St. Mary's in Alexandria. Grow stronger in your marriage as you learn to listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. To register visit: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call (507) 227-8229.

Vianney Quotes:

*"I often think that when we come to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we should obtain everything we want, if we would ask for it with a very lively faith and a pure heart."*

~St. John Vianney

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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**St. Edward's, Elmdale  
St. Mary's, Upsala  
St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis**

**Pastor:** Fr. Jimmy Joseph  
(320) 573-2975 : [triparishcom@gmail.com](mailto:triparishcom@gmail.com)

Sister Mary Pat Burger :  
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**Bookkeeper:** Randi Klasen  
Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 am - 12 noon  
**Office Secretary:** Jessie Johnson  
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am - 4pm  
Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: St. Edward: 7:30 pm - 7:45 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.

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Aug. 25, 2024**



**St. Francis of Assisi 68<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival**

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Mass at 10:00am in air-conditioned church  
Music led by Laverne and the Starlites

After Mass, join us for a homemade roast beef and ham dinner with all the fixings, serving indoors and outdoors, starting at 11am

Silent Auction throughout the day!  
**Grand Raffle at 7:00pm**  
100 + Prizes

Live Music by  
The Eagle Valley Playboys  
-Sponsored by Freeport State Bank

Food Stand Country Store Kids Games  
Cake Walk Fried Bread  
Straw Stand Bingo Fancywork  
Fancywork Pull-tabs & more

Fun for the whole family!!

St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany, 25 miles SW of Little Falls on State Hwy. 231

*Don't miss this chance to gather together as a community!*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/24		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† David Voss	<b>EM of HC:</b> Syl Tschida, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, <b>Gifts:</b> Brian & Jessica Donabauer
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Elizabeth Molus	<b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Joan Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jerry Theisen, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brent & Sandy Prokott
Sunday 8/25		
8:00 a.m. <b>St. Mary</b>	† Eugene & Berni Waldorf	<b>EM of HC:</b> Renee Scholz, Dave Scholz c, Amanda Lampert c, <b>Lector:</b> Leonice Prokott, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Randy & Donna Roske, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann
10:00 a.m. <b>St. Francis</b>	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chris Fuchs, Collen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, <b>Gifts:</b> Allen & Renee Douvier

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 8/26		
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	 <b>Adoration</b> <b>2nd Tuesdays:</b> St. Francis 8am -7pm <b>Thursdays:</b> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
Tuesday, 8/27		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Daniel Gerads	
Wednesday, 8/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Deceased members of the Gilbert & Carol Gerads Family	
Thursday, 8/29		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	In Thanksgiving ~ Bob & Ione Brezinka	
Friday, 8/30		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Barb Gretsck ~ Lorene Koopmeiners	<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, Jim Koczur, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie & Dee Booth

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/31		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Peggy Frieler c, <b>Lector:</b> Mike Heisick, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Ron & Nancy Stewart
Sunday 9/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Sunny & Betty Zwillig ~ Ervin & Kari Hartung	<b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Rosanne Voss c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Joe & Barb Fuchs
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Brian Wensmann ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann	<b>EM of HC:</b> Renee Scholz, Dave Scholz c, LeAnn Beneke c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian

## All Cluster News

### 24/25 Religious Education Registration



Sign-up for religious education is now open. We are excited to use Flocknote to register. Please use the QR code to register. For questions contact Randi ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) (320) 493-5624 or Reba ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) (701) 426-1607.

**Religious Education Teacher Wanted** We are still looking for volunteers for a High School Teacher and a Confirmation Teacher. Please contact Randi if interested.

Our First Meeting will be on Sept. 18th

### Youth Group

Join us on Wednesdays, 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Indoor Crafts & Outdoor Games. Contact: Natalie Wensmann 630-1678 or Paige Gerads: 423-1710.

### Eucharistic Ministers Meeting:

Fr. Jimmy will have a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers on Tues., Aug., 27th after the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's.

### 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Gary & Joan Rademacher are having an Open House on Sept. 7th at 1:30 p.m. Supper at 4:30 p.m. at the Pelican Lake Ballroom for their 50th wedding anniversary. No gifts please.

*"Does this shock you: What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoke to you are Spirit and life..." Jn 6:60-69*



**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and

my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15  
When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

**Pray for us:** 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, Jim Koczur, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie & Dee Booth

### WEEKEND COLLECTION 8/18/24

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,520, Loose: \$247, Fire Fund: \$25, Assumption: \$211, Assumption Loose: \$25, **Total: \$2,028.50**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$845.62, Loose: \$125, Votive \$73, Assumption: \$195, Assumption Loose: \$106, **Total: \$1,345.62**  
**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,471, Loose: \$1,505, Assumption: \$380, Assumption Loose: \$57, Funeral Lunch: \$50, **Total: \$3,463**

### Office Closed

Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

### Upcoming NFP classes:

**Little Falls** on Tues., **Sept. 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact: Mary Bontjes: [bontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) (320) 360-6599.

**Sauk Centre:** Thurs. **Sept. 19th** at 6:30 p.m. at CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact: Jill and Isaac Uphus: [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320)290-8751.  
**St. Cloud** on Mon., **Sept. 23rd** at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact: Sheila Reineke at [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org) or (320) 258-7609.

**Alexandria** On Mon., Sept. 16th. Contact: Jill and Isaac Uphus: [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320)290-8751.

### 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.



### Upcoming Event:

Vianney, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Edward's Church, Elmdale on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. The event is coordinated by our Catholic Community of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi & St. Mary. Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up. Admission will be a free-will offering. For additional information, contact the Parish Office at (320) 573-2132 or visit: [238catholic.org](http://238catholic.org).

### St. Francis' News



### Wedding BANNERS III

Christopher Burg & Shaelle Tripp  
 August 31, 2024  
 St. Francis of Assisi