


### Office Closed

Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day  
Thank you!

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights

On Fri, Aug., 23rd from 4-7 p.m., we will have a gathering of 4th Degree Knights at Holy Family Church in Belle Prairie for a Corn Feed. Any Knights interested in becoming 4th Degree are welcome to attend and visit with the Knights. More information will be available that evening.



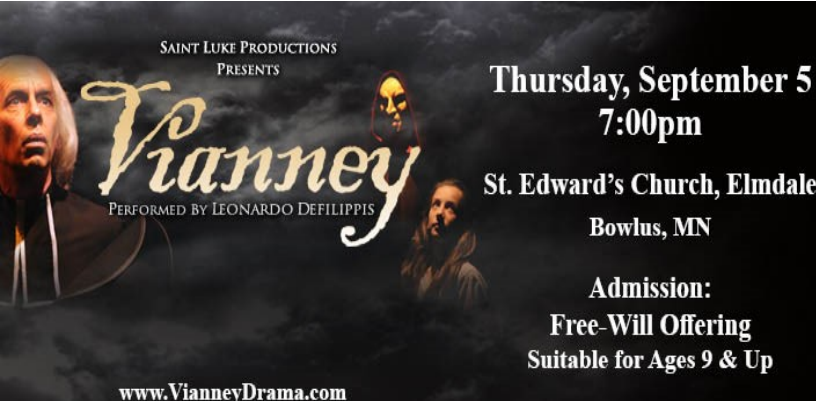
**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal) or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.



### **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.

SAINT LUKE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS



**Thursday, September 5**  
**7:00pm**  
St. Edward's Church, Elmdale  
Bowlus, MN

Admission:  
Free-Will Offering  
Suitable for Ages 9 & Up

www.VianneyDrama.com

### 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 [238catholic@sytekcom.com](mailto:238catholic@sytekcom.com).

### Rural Life Celebration: Sun., August 18th

The annual Rural Life Celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with outdoor Mass with Bishop Patrick hosted by St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish in Long Prairie, in collaboration with the Five Star ACC. The event will take place on the Nathan and Samantha Middendorf farm in Long Prairie at 17655 Co. Rd. 36, Long Prairie. The event, which raises funds for the Rural Life Fund, will include the presentation of the Catholic Century Farm Awards and Catholic Rural Business Award.

### 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.

### 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.

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

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**St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis**

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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.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Revival**  
The Third year:  
**Our Year**

**How can you help someone to find their faith in our Church drawing them close to Jesus? You can pray for them...**

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to "walk with one" person to a new or renewed experience of God's love.

Evangelization, or "bringing the Good News," typically happens in one-on one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event. As Pope Francis has noted, "Anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 120).

You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here's a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a "heart-to-heart approach:


1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility
2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit
3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship
4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her.

Throughout each stage of your "Walk with One" journey, we encourage you to pray the Eucharistic Examen to help you discern the path the Lord is calling you to follow (you can find this examen at [www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one)). The bottom line is this: If you can open your heart to speak about how Jesus has touched your life, your heart will touch the heart of whomever the Holy Spirit leads you to accompany. ~hello@eucharisticrevival.org

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/17		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Don Maciej ~Jeanette Maciej	<b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Peggy Frieler c, Neil Frieler c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brad & Crystal Hartung
Sunday 8/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Donna Scholz ~SF Christian Mothers	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chris Fuchs, Rebecca Schmidt c, Rosanne Voss c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, <b>Gifts:</b> Ken & Lisa Dobmeier
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jon Leither, Chantelle Frie c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Mitchell & Brooke Kingston <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Theresa Lange <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 8/19	<i>St. John Eudes, Priest</i>	 <p><b>Adoration</b> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.</p> <p><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 &amp; Dee Booth</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 8/20	<i>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Herbie Gerads ~Gilbert & Carol Gerads	
Wednesday, 8/21	<i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	
Thursday, 8/22	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Jerome Gerads	
Friday, 8/23	<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Don Stiller	

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. St. Mary	† 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. St. Francis	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

Please Note: On Sunday, August 25th, we will be switching parishes Mass times due to the Festival at St. Francis: 8:00 a.m. will be at St. Mary & 10:00 will be at St. Francis. Thank you!

### 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) or Reba (leitherreba@gmail.com).

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Gary & Roan 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.



**St. Francis of Assisi 68th 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 pm  
100+ Prizes

St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany or 25 miles SW of Little Falls on State Hwy. 238

*Fun for the whole family!!*

Food stand  
Kids' games  
Bingo  
Straw stand  
Country store  
Cake walk  
Fried bread  
Fancy work  
Pull-tabs & more

Live music by  
The Eagle Valley Playboys

- Sponsored by  
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#### WEEKEND COLLECTION 8/11/24

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$673, Loose: \$124, Fire Fund: \$1070, Monstrance: \$1000 **Total: \$1,867** Food Stand: \$5,425.35 = **Grand Total: \$8,292.35**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$764, Loose: \$119.25, Assumption of Mary: \$60 **Total: \$943.25**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$994, Loose: \$111, Votive: \$ 82.75 **Total: \$1,187.75** Total from Cake Walk: \$796.50 = **Grand Total: \$1,984.25**

### St. Francis' News

#### Thank you

to everyone who helped re-install the cemetery gate. A Big Thank you to Pete for repairing it. Job well done.

#### Many Thanks

to everyone who helped make our parishes' food stand this year a huge success! Special thanks to everyone who helped in any way, to all the donors of food items and especially to all those who came and supported us. It was a very busy day! After expenses were paid we were able to donate \$5,425.35 to the St. Edward Fire Fund! God bless all of you!

#### BAZAAR NOTES:

cucumbers and tomatoes are needed again this year. If you have some to donate, please have them to the church basement no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Since there will be no chicken frying on Saturday, we would be appreciated your help doing other things. Please come and help set up, peel potatoes, help with stands, etc.

Please turn all sold and unsold raffle tickets in Friday or Saturday to help cut down on last minute paperwork Sunday.

Parking Workers are asked to park to the west of church so our visitors can park closer to the grounds.

Everyone's help is GREATLY APPRECIATED, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE JOB. Please work together and enjoy each others company. Our parish is OFTEN COMPLIMENTED ON HOW WELL WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, especially our youth! God bless all of you for your hard work and dedication!

Silent Auction: Anyone interested donating items, please let us know by August 1st. Homemade items are always nice! Jane: 232-3290, Rosanne: 573-2068, Kathy: 573-2509 or Carol: 290-9790 Thank you!

The raffle chances and work slips are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available in the office or from Kelly Wiechman 241-8203)or Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728.



#### Wedding BANNES II

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



#### Wedding BANNES III

Christopher George & Gabriella Becker  
August 24, 2024  
St. Francis of Assisi