

# 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**

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Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am - 4pm

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.



Who is a God like you, who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance; Who does not persist in anger forever, but instead delights in mercy And will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our iniquities? You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins; You will show faithfulness to Jacob, and loyalty to Abraham, As you have sworn to our ancestors from days of old. (Micah 7:18-20)

#### **ACC Pilgrimage Tour**

As part of the Jubilee Year, Bishop Neary has decreed that you can receive a plenary indulgence for making a pilgrimage to any of the churches in our ACC that you have not already visited. For those wishing to receive indulgence, there will be a time of adoration at All Saints-St. Mary's prior to the bus departing in order to fulfill part of the bishop's decree. Those joining on the pilgrimage will receive a booklet with a few notable things at each church, prayer that we will be praying, and other relevant information. For those riding the bus, Fr. Gregory will be leading prayer as we drive to allow the pilgrimage to be marked by a spirit of prayer and reflection. If you are traveling by car, please note the schedule below:

#### **ACC Pilgrimage Arrival Times**

12:30 p.m.-Adoration at All Saints-St. Mary, Holdingford

1:00 p.m.-Benediction

1:30 p.m.-St. Edward, Elmdale

2:00 p.m.- St. Mary, Upsala

2:30 p.m.- St. Francis, St. Francis

3:00 p.m.- All Saints-St. Hedwig, Holdingford

3:30 p.m.- Arban Cemetery (drive by)

3:45 p.m. -St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

4:15 p.m.- Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

5:00 p.m.- Return to All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford


**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 30, 2025**

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 3/29		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Herbert Gerads	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brad & Crystal Hartung
Sunday 3/30		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Paul & Ginger Keppers ~Jane Keppers	<b>EM of HC:</b> Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Roseanne Voss c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, <b>Gifts:</b> Russ & Gina Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chantelle Frie, Mike Klasen c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

## Weekday Masses

Monday, 3/31			Adoration
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy		2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm
Tuesday, 4/1			Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Michael Zabinski ~ Pat & Lisa Zabinski		First Fridays St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm
Wednesday, 4/2			<b>Pray for us:</b> 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, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Dee Booth, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Rose Burg, Pat Harren, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Ron Schmidt & Dave Scholz
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Don Herzog ~ St. Francis Men's Society		
Thursday, 4/3			
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Marcellus & Frances Theisen		
Friday, 4/4			
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Gerald & Margie Roering ~Barry & Colleen Harren		

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 4/5		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Margaret Carlson	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Steve & Kathy Blonigen
Sunday 4/6		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Herbert Gerads ~Gerads Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Mark & Barb Moorman
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the people	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Jamie & Jenny Leners, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinner against heaven and against you. (Luke 15:18)

## All Cluster News

### Religious Education

**K-6:** Reba Leither ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) (701) 426-1607  
**7-10:** Randi Klasen ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) (320) 493-5624  
**Confirmation:** Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski [confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com)

### April 2nd

**Grades K-6:** 6:30 p.m. Class, Second Grade: Lesson 6

**Grades 7-10:** No Class

**Confirmation:** 6:15 p.m. Practice at All Saints-St. Hedwig's

### Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs:[fuchschelsea92@gmail.com](mailto:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com).

**Confirmation** is on Wednesday; April 9th at All Saints-St. Hedwig's at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend to support our students! Please keep them in your prayers.

### For Our Graduates

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded from each parish to a student who is graduating from a public or private high school in 2025 and who intends to continue their education at a university or technical college. Deadline to apply is April 18th. The scholarship application is available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gather space of each of our churches. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

**Sign - up now for Totus Tuus!** It is the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact Shanna Dobmeier 733-0761, [shannamaryd@gmail.com](mailto:shannamaryd@gmail.com). You can find registration forms on our website or in the entry of our churches.

### Holy Thursday

We need volunteers for the washing of feet at the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary's and St. Francis. You can sign up at the parish office or the sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards. Whole families are welcome to volunteer.

### Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

We are looking for more adorers who would like to commit to a specific hour every week at St. Mary's. Please contact Jim: 229-2898. "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity." – St. Mother Teresa

### Mark your Calendar

St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper will be on Friday, April 25th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/23/2025**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,225, Loose: \$125, Easter Flowers: \$20, Catholic Relief: \$10, **Total: \$1,380**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$300, Loose: \$180.25, Catholic Relief: \$100, **Total: \$580.25**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,023, Loose: \$326, Votive: \$215, Easter Flowers: \$65, **Total: \$1,629**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 34:2-3)

### St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle

Friday, April 11th 4-8pm. Adults: \$18, Ages 5-12: \$8, 4 & under: FREE. Cash raffle at 7:30 p.m. Raffle tickets are going fast! To purchase one please visit the Parish Office, Nelson Insurance, or buy one after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church on Sundays - \$100 each. We have new fish fry posters! Please grab some from the church entry to distribute (between the two main doors).



### Journey with Jesus to Calvary

experience Holy Week in a new light. Don't miss this year's production at St. Francis of Assisi Church! Wed., April 9th-7:00 p.m., Fri., April 11th-7:30 p.m., Sat., April 12th – 7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 13th – 1:00 p.m. There is no charge-Jesus already paid the price! Free Will donations will benefit various programs.

### St. Mary's News

#### St. Mary's Fish Fry

St. Mary's Parishioners: please sign-up to help! Last year we served 460! Preparation Day is Thursday, April 10th starting at 4:00 p.m. until finished The day of the fish fry, shifts are 4-6:30 and 6:30-9:00 p.m. To sign-up, please call or text Laura Ripplinger 333-9184 or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk. We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies for the event. (Please bring them on Thursday or Friday). Thank you for your help!

### St. Francis' News

#### Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Cast, choir & crew will have a dress rehearsal on Sat., April 5th at 10:00 a.m. If needed we will rehearse again on Sunday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. Please try to arrive 30 minutes early so you are dressed and ready to go. Thank you, everyone, for all your time, effort and desire to make Journey with Jesus such a meaningful production. Bob (573-2933).

**Festival Meeting** On Monday, March 31st we will have our meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis. Contact: Craig 250-2193.

## News and Events



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

**Reminder:** Escorts needed at St. Cloud, VA on March 30th. Arrive by 7:30 a.m. Coming to the VA as an escort would gain an indulgence for the Jubilee Year.

**Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on April 8th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Edward's Church. Note date change.

**Thank you** The St. Gregory the Great Council Breakfast and Raffle Fundraiser had a great turn out! Thank you to all who helped and all who came to support our council.

### The Catholic Relief Collection

Thank you to all who are donating to the Catholic Relief Services Collection an for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you haven't given yet just visit: [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

### Natural Family Planning (NFP)

**Alexandria:** Monday, April 21st at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus 290-8751 [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com).

**Little Falls:** Tuesday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office at St. Gabriel's Hospital. To register contact Mary Bontjes 631-5660 [orbontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:orbontjesmary@yahoo.com).

**Sauk Centre:** Thursday, April 17th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus 290-8751 or [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com)

**St. Cloud:** Monday, Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke (320) 258-7609, [omf@gw.stedio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stedio.org).

All Classes are less than 2 hours long and most insurance plans cover the cost of instruction and follow-up!

### *Over 80 Blessings for April*

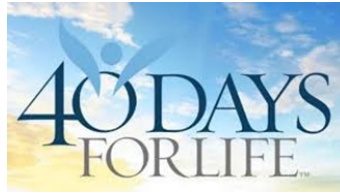


Ralph Schleper (SE) 4/1  
Werner Gerads (SM) 4/9  
Raymond Kurowski (SE) 4/11  
Juanita Roerick (SF) 4/13  
Doreen Gerads (SF) 4/15  
Kathleen Koehn (SM) 4/16  
Irene Schmitz (SF) 4/22  
Lorraine Frie (SM) 4/24  
Millie Gerads (SM) 4/30



### Pro-Life Rosary

Join us outside and inside of All Saints-St. Mary's to pray for Life. We will meet at 4-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 1st & 8th.



### St. Cloud 40 Days for Life - Lenten Campaign:

March 5th through April 13th  
7 a.m. to 7 a.m. Mon.-Fri.  
at Planned Parenthood  
451 East St. Germain St.,

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Our mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of peaceful activism with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life.

**March is Food Share Month.** We invite you to share your generosity by dropping off food items, personal hygiene items, or make a cash or check donation for the Morrison County Food shelf. Please see display in the St. Mary's gathering area for details. Thank you for helping those in our community.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
St. Isidore Council No. 9307  
Holdingford, Minnesota

## CHICKEN & HAM DINNER

**PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM**  
St. Anna, Minnesota

### Sunday, April 6th

**3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Advance Tickets: \$14.00  
At Door: \$15.00  
Adults \$15.00  
Children Ages 5-12 \$10.00  
Under 4 Free

- TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE -

### Castaway Retreat

9-12th graders will be just returning on March 28th-30<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our Youth who attended that they will be filled with renewed faith and share that joy!

### Plan ahead: 2025 Vocations Camp

Tuesday-Thursday on June 10-12th for young men entering grades 7th-12th. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025VocationCamp>.

### Palm Sunday:

April 12th, 4:00 p.m., St. Edward,  
April 13th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis &  
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

### Holy Thursday:

April 17th, 6:00 p.m., St. Mary  
8:00 p.m., St. Francis

### Good Friday:

April 18th, 12 noon, St. Mary  
3:00 p.m., St. Edward

### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:

April 19th, 8:30 p.m., St. Edward

### Easter Sunday:

April 20th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis  
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

### Confirmation

April 9th  
All Saints-St. Hedwig's  
7:00 p.m.



### Chrism Mass

April 10th  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
7:00 p.m.