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


Meeting Our next meeting is on August 6th at 8:00 p.m. at **St. Edward's, Elmdale.**

MCCL Pro-Life Summer Leadership Camp: August 11th-14th Students entering grades 9-12 & College Freshman are invited to learn & engage in conversations about abortion & other right to life issue while enjoying this summer camp environment including games and fun outdoor activities. This camp equips students to make a difference in their schools and communities. The cost is \$100 (*includes meals, accommodations, materials, and T-shirt*) but could be covered by either KC's or 40 Days For Life, Contact Judy Haag Judy4life@meltel.net 453-7592. For details go to www.mccl.org/camp.

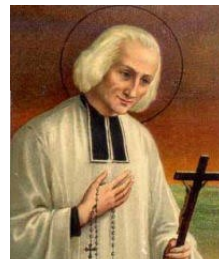
Mini Holy Family Fest: Aug 16th-18th
 Don't miss this opportunity to grow in Faith together as a family! Mass Confession, Adoration, Talks for Adults, Teens & Kids, Games, Rosary and more! Pray together and create lasting memories! The first year there were 75 participants, last year 250 –there is a limit of 300 so register early! The cost for this event is \$250/family of 4 or more (smaller families less) for the full three day event and includes two suppers, continental breakfast, quality speakers and entertainment for the whole family with the opportunity to receive the sacraments and experience prayer throughout the day. Call (320) 632-5720 to register.

Annual Pro-Life Retreat Sat., August 17th
 Join us at Assumption Church in Eden Valley from 8:00 a.m. to Noon for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction; KC led Procession & Prayer Service at the Tomb of the Unborn in the Assumption Church Cemetery. There will be a speaker at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. Cost is Free Will offering with no pre-registration required. Contact Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net (32) 453-7592.

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.

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.



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St. John Vianney: Feast Day-August 4th
"The Heart of Jesus is infinitely good and loves each one of us, who ever we are. But we must have confidence in Him. There is a certain kind of fear which displeases Him."

St. John Vianney, pray for us !


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.

Are you seeking the Holy Spirit in your life?
 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 begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. 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 or by emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.

Women's Group: Monday, Aug. 5th
 Interested in reading inspirational books? Join in at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford. All women welcome!

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
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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.

"He gave them bread from heaven to eat..."
 I recall the story of a 21st century Chinese Bishop, who was placed in 15 years of solitary confinement. And one day, the officials brought him out and said, 'we are going to give you a break today. For two hours you can do anything or eat anything you want. Do you want to eat your favorite food? Do you want to go for a walk? The Bishop simply replied, 'please give me a bread and some wine.' He celebrated the Mass. And after it was finished, he went back into solitary. The Bishop said that, that single celebration of the Eucharist sustained him, kept him strong and gave him life when he was tempted to give up and die.

Jesus still makes that offer of life to us. He offers us the antidote to the culture of death through the simple, humble gesture of coming under the disguise of bread and wine. The bread of life, the bread from heaven, the fulfillment of what was given to the Israelites long ago, what we now know as the Eucharist is a constant reminder that Jesus still loves us, desires to be with us and give of himself completely to us as he says, **"Take and eat, this is my Body, take and drink this is my Blood."**


As human beings, we hunger for many things. We hunger to be recognized and honored, to love and be loved, to be listened to and to be appreciated. But only God can satisfy our real hunger. St. Augustine said: "You have made us for Yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." The more and more we receive Jesus in the Eucharist worthily, the more and more his life shines on us and we become transformed and strengthened in this journey of life.
 Blessings,
 Fr. Jimmy

He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread. (Ps 78:23-24)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8/3		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the St. Edward's Rosary Society	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Joan Theisen c, Jerry Theisen c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Pat & Kris Blonigen
Sunday 8/4		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Ron Leners	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Rebecca Schmidt c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, Gifts: Allen & Janelle Roerick
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Dave Scholz , Renee Scholz c, Amanda Lampert, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Matt & Ronda Ripplinger, Gifts: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses

Monday, 8/5		 Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 8/6		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Anointing of the Sick	† Terry Theis	
Wednesday, 8/7		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Anointing of the Sick	Special Intentions	
Thursday, 8/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Herbert Gerads	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
Friday, 8/9		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Koehn family	

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8/10		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Dennis Biniek ~Shari Biniek	EM of HC: Ted Lewandowski, Jim Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
Sunday 8/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Audrey Pflueger ~ Susan Geise	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Janelle Roerick c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, Gifts: Syl & Ellie Tschida
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the people	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

“He gave them bread from heaven to eat... Take and eat, this is my Body, take and drink this is my Blood.”

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 looking for teachers for various grade levels this fall. Please get in touch with Reba (leitherreba@gmail.com) for K-6 grade and Randi (randiklasen@gmail.com) for 7-11 grade.

Heritage Day Food Stand : August 10th

We are still in need of help for afternoon and late shifts, and clean up on Sunday. PLEASE consider volunteering a few hours. What a perfect gift to the restoration efforts for St. Edward's parish. God will indeed bless all of you for your generosity and compassion. What a great honor to the community... our Catholic parishes working together for our neighbors in need. Questions, please call Chad Koopmeiners at 320-293-7092.

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. Contact: Darren 293-8985.

St. Mary's News

Cake Walk

St. Mary's will have the Cake Walk at Heritage Day, August 10th. Each parishioner/family is asked to bring two or three heat stable cakewalk items. Drop off in the church kitchen before 3:00 p.m. on August 10th or bring directly to the park after 3:00 p.m. Help is NEEDED. Contact Nicole Frie at 630-4374 to help from 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-clean up, or both shifts if you're willing.

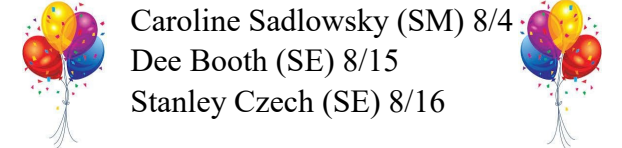
Pie & Ice Cream Social

St. Mary's will have a pie and ice cream social to celebrate the Assumption following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, August 14. All will be welcome to stay and enjoy. We will need volunteers to bring pie and to help serve and clean up. Text or call Chantelle Frie at 320.360.4796 if you will bring a pie or would be available after Mass to help.

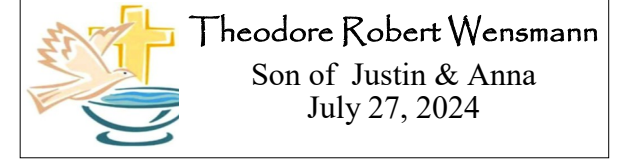
WEEKEND COLLECTION 7/28/24

St. Edward: Adult: \$696, Loose: \$83, **Total: \$779** Cemetery Plot: \$100
St. Francis: Adult: \$240, Loose: \$107, Votive: \$ 105.94 **Total: \$452.94**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,367.86, Loose: \$294, Funeral Fund: \$50, **Total:\$1,711.86**

Over 80 Blessings for August



St. Edward's News



St. Edward's Ministry Schedule

Karla Schneider is new on the schedule and is willing to sub for you as needed. Contact Karla at: (320) 360-1031 or email: bowtech1965@hotmail.com

St. Francis' News

Church Cleaning

Our annual church cleaning for the Festival will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5th. If you are unable to come on that day but would like to help, the 'To Do' list will be in the basement the week prior so that you can help clean anytime!

Fall Festival

Festival Meeting: Monday, August 5th
We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Thank you!

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 **Posters** for the St. Francis Festival are printed and in the back of Church. Please take some to help distribute. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule Error

On Sunday 8/25 the EM of HC will be: Chris Fuchs, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c I'm sorry about the error-May God bless you.

