

News and Events



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

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. St. Cloud VA escorts Please arrive between 8:15-8:30 a.m. on Sept. 29th

The Truth, Goodness and Beauty of the Catholic Faith

Fred Blonigen will have a series of talks on Tuesdays Sept. 3rd –Nov. 12th at St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Cloud at 7-8:30 p.m. Topics include: Prayer, Suffering, Penance, the Eucharist, Holy Mass, Mary, the Rosary, St. Joseph, Holy Angels, Fallen Angels. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions.



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. The campaign 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. The Opening Rally will be Sept. 28th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. More details soon.

Frassati Outdoor Club Event

Boundary Waters Fishing/Canoeing/Hiking: Sept 12th –15th Private or shared lodging tents or bunkhouses are open. Car-pool(s) from Immaculate Conception, St. Anna, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Text or call Rachele with question (320) 200-8331.

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. Free Will offering and food shelf item.

Art of Conversation Gallery

Each month new art work is displayed at our own gallery in Upsala. September's Theme is "Transitions". The opening night for this show is Fri., Sept. 6th from 4-8:00 p.m., Sat.,

All Saints Annual Rummage Sale

Oct. 17th 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18th 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Oct. 20th 9:00 a.m. – noon at All Saints-St. Hedwig's.

Contact Corrine Hadrich (320) 310-1260 with questions.

Rural Catholic Middle Age Singles Group: Sept. 14th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

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.

Have you been touched by the love of Christ and want to share it with others?

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 or by emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com.

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance: Sept. 28th

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral is open to everyone with a special invitation to those who have lost loved ones or community members to suicide. Visit the Mental Health Ministry page of the diocesan website: <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-mass-for-suicide-healing-and-remembrance/>.

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

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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.

Another School Year!

Making disciples includes deepening our relationship with our loving God and it is not done alone. The entire body of Christ, each and every one of us, helps every member grow in our faith. Pope Francis calls this the art of accompaniment. I look forward to journeying with all of you as we grow in our own discipleship and make disciples of our children and young people.

Spiritual formation is a lifelong journey, an ongoing maturation of faith as we continually respond to God's love, while growing deeper in our understanding and increasing in faith and love for the Lord. It is with great joy that we, along with parents, prepare our children to receive the sacraments and accompany them into a closer walk with God.

The Catholic faith is not just an aspect of our lives, but it is our whole life. Today's secular culture, which teaches from youth that devotion to God is a private matter, makes this difficult to see. Our society makes us ashamed not only to speak about God in the workplace or to our neighbors, we are even hesitant to show a vibrant faith to our own children. In fact, we often feel uncomfortable with our own religious desires. As a result, we rely too much on Sunday Mass and Catholic schools or CCD programs to teach our children. In order to evangelize our children, we must first develop our personal religious life. **We can't give what we don't have.** To do this, we must participate in the Sacraments as much as possible.

Our Parish Faith Formation classes will begin on September 18 with Mass at 7pm. I want to encourage all parents to seriously consider sending your children to this program of our Parishes. The Faith Formation Program is the most important part of the Church and as a worshipping community it is our responsibility to help the next generation to grow in FAITH. I humbly ask you, all parents, to take this as part of your responsibility to help your children to attend and benefit this Program. My sincere thanks to the DRE's, who have been working behind the scenes for many weeks already preparing for this year; to our teachers and aides; to parents who support the classroom work and faith experiences by reinforcing those lessons at home and at the Sunday Eucharist; and to all who give of their time and prayer to make this important work of the Church a reality. Thank You All!


I will be taking a couple of weeks off going to India to visit my family. I will be leaving this Sunday, Sept 8th and will be back on Oct. 2nd. Fr. David Maciej will be helping us with the weekend Masses. Please note that there will be no weekday Masses during these days. For any questions or concerns, you can contact me at: triparishcom@gmail.com or call the office during these days. Please know that you all will be very much in my prayers. Keep me in your prayers. Blessings! ~Fr. Jimmy

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 9/7		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Case Kaiser ~ Kaiser Family	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Greg & Renee Wensmann
Sunday 9/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Gary & Joan Rademacher 50th Anniversary	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Charlie & Sandy Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Christine Weber c, Cindy Koehn, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Dave & Renee Scholz, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9/9			<u>Adoration</u> <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy		
<u>Prayer for Students</u>		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 & Rosemary Pundsack	
<p>Lord God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.</p> <p>Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.</p> <p>Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.</p> <p>We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>			

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9/14		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Ted Lewandowski, Neil Frieler c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gifts: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
Sunday 9/15		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Irene Lanshinski ~SF Christian Mothers	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Syl Tschida c, Rebecca Schmidt c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Russ & Gina Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intention ~ Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Amanda Lampert c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Thus says the Lord: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be Strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense, he comes to save you. Is 35:4-7a

All Cluster News

Religious Education
Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607.
Confirmation: Sept. 11th - 6:30 p.m. Opening Mass in Arban (All Saints-St. Hedwig's if bad weather)
Grades K-10: Sept. 18th St. Mary, Upsala
6:30-6:55 p.m. gr. K-6
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:30-8:00 p.m. gr. 7-10

Children's Liturgy
On Sunday, September 8th we will be having our first Children's Liturgy.
Contact: Chelsea Fuchs <fuchschelsea92@gmail.com>

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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
There will be a special collection on September 15th. Please find an envelope in your Collection Envelope packet. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd.



Thank you to all parishioners who helped at the Vianney Performance at St. Edward's Church on Thursday, Sept. 5th. The event was well attended and appreciated by all. Special thanks to Father Jimmy who organized bringing Leonardo Defilippis and his team to make this event possible. If you would like to learn more about their upcoming events and films please visit : www.vianneydrama.com. Thank you to all who were inspired to attend. Please keep our priests in your prayers!

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/1/2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$1,137, Loose: \$110, Fire Fund: \$50, Catholic Campaign for Human Dev: \$5, Religious Ed: \$145
Total: \$1,447
St. Francis: Adult: \$318, Loose: \$68, **Total: \$386**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,349, Loose: \$165, Religious Ed: \$10
Total: \$1,524



WATCH ON FORMED
Join Brother Francis as he embarks on a journey exploring the extraordinary role Mary plays in our lives in *Mary, Queen of Heaven*. Discover why Mary is revered as the Ark of the New Covenant, while learning how Jesus lovingly took her to Heaven and crowned her queen!

Rosary for Life
Pray the Rosary with us on Tuesdays in October at 4-5:00 p.m. inside or outside at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5
What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough, and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

St. Francis' News
Congratulations
Christopher & Shaelle Burg
August 31, 2024
St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you
Our St. Francis Parish Festival was enjoyed by many! We served 950 people and the gross income was \$62,555.15. The total after expenses will be posted in the church by the end of September. Thank you to all organizers, helpers & volunteers who helped us that day. Thank you to those non-parishioners and neighbors who stepped in to lend a hand. Thank you to all who came to enjoy and support us! Special thanks to Fr. Jimmy for the Masses.