



Pray for all attending the National Eucharistic Congress July 17th –21st

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us. <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>. (centralmmatholicmagazine.org)

Catholic Century Farm Award deadline EXTENDED to July 15th If you have parishioners in your ACC who are century farm families, please encourage them to apply for the Catholic Century Farm Award. We have extended the deadline to July 15. Please share this announcement at your parishes this weekend or reach out personally to any farms in your area that you believe may be century farms. Farm Award application forms can be found online at <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>.

Habitat for Humanity will be accepting applications until September 30, 2024 for a house in Upsala to be built summer of 2025. Qualified applicants will have lived in Morrison County for one year, and have a need for housing, a willingness to partner, and the ability to pay an affordable mortgage. Call 320-616-2084 or visit their website at www.hfhmorrisoncounty.org/apply for more information and to print the application.

Need a retreat? Aug. 1st: Go on the Tour of Churches! The DCCW 2024 Source and Summit Tour highlight western parishes. The tour begins at St. Paul's Parish in Sauk Centre where a bus (leaving at 7:00 a.m.) will transport pilgrims to St. Charles Parish in Herman, Ave Maria in Wheaton, St. Gall in Tintah, St. Thomas in Kent and St. Olaf in Elbow Lake. All are welcome to join in at any of the stops even if you drive yourself. If you are driving yourself but still want to join us for lunch, call to register. Call Lora Knafla at (320) 393-2701. If we get enough pilgrims signed-up we may take two buses!

Art of Conversation Gallery: Come visit the Gallery to see paintings by Jim Flaa and Pastor Steve Weihsmann opening this weekend– Fridays 4-8p.m., Saturdays 10am-2p.m. & Sundays Noon-2p.m. Local Artist are welcome to participate in our next show opening August 1st. Theme: "Up North"-art related to yesteryear. Local artists may submit a work by bringing it to the gallery (Stearns Bank Building, Upsala) on July 30th. Please write down the Title, size of work, medium used, your name & year created and attach it to your art work. This show will open on August 2,3&4 and will be open for Upsala Heritage Day.



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 or scan code to register.

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)



Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception

July 25th This event will be held at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint Cloud. We will celebrate the 56th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae with Mass at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler presiding. A reception will follow, with the presentation of the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award to Reverend Greg Paffel. For details visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-humanae-vitae-mass-and-award-reception/>.

Raffle: July 27th

St. Columbkille Parish will hold a raffle with the drawing taking place after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Only 200 tickets will be sold. The price per ticket is \$100 and more than \$10,000 dollars will be distributed in prizes with the grand prize of \$5,000. A light meal will be served after Mass. For tickets contact Lloyd Koopmeiners at (320) 267-5679 or Maury Meyer at (320) 290-1283.

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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.

The Church needs more volunteers

Eileen Eagan, the author of 'Vision of the Street' talks about her meeting with Mother Theresa. During the conversion she asked Mother Theresa: "What makes Christianity a different religion?" "Service, service, service", she answered. Service is the mark of Christian identity. Jesus himself said: **"I have come, not to be served but to serve and give my life as ransom to many"** (Mark 10:45).

Why did Jesus place service on the top of his priority list?

First of all, the principle of service underlines the basic truth about human existence. We are a relational being. We belong to one another. No person can grow in isolation. He needs a community. It is not enough to keep one's blessings for oneself but we need to use it for the well being of the community. A Community does not possess talents. The gifts and talents of the community are distributed among its members. No single member possesses all the talents required to build up a community. If any one person refuses to cooperate, the community suffers (1Cor 12:12-26). In the act of serving, we exercise this fundamental dimension of human existence.

Secondly, the goal of service is to prepare people to walk in the way of God and ultimately to build up the body of Christ - the Eucharistic Community. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples to prepare them for the last supper (the Eucharist). In this sense, all forms of service must lead to evangelization.

As service marks the identity of Christian life, no one is excused from taking up responsibilities in the church. The call to service is the direct effect of Baptism. Like the early church, let us grow together as a family by taking care of the needs of each other. **"The community of believers was of one heart and mind....There was no needy person among them...Everything was distributed according to need"** (Acts 4: 32-35). ~ Fr. Jimmy


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday 7/13		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	Saint Henry; BVM EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Volunteer c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gifts: Jim & Dorene Czeck
Sunday 7/14		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Bill Pohlman ~Kari & Ervin Hartung	EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Craig & Roseanne Voss
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ron Leners ~ Marion Leners	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn, Jan Kilian c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen , Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday, 7/15		 <u>Adoration</u> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm. First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon—9 pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 7/16		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	Intentions of the Koehn Family	
Wednesday, 7/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Don Herzog	
Thursday, 7/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the St. Edward Parishioners	
Friday, 7/19		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Dennis Gapinski	

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7/20		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Opatz & Molus Families	EM of HC: Peggy Frieler, Joan Theisen c, Jerry Theisen c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
Sunday 7/21		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners, Janelle Roerick c, Chris Fuchs c, Lector: Barb Moorman Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Allen & Diane Herzog
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Greg Feia ~ Gina Boeckermann	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Jon Leither c, Amanda Lampert c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson Gifts: Tom & Jan Kilian Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. (Ephesians 1:3-14)

All Cluster News

Over 80 Blessings for July

- Gerald Vornbrock (SM) 7/6
- Mary Jane Stich (Sm) 7/6
- Joan Jendro (SE) 7/7
- Helen Heisick (SE) 7/8
- Valeria Lehner (SF) 7/9
- Rose Mary Binek (SM) 7/10
- Margaret Carlson (SE) 7/11
- Donna Bartkowicz (SE) 7/11
- Carol Molus (SE) 7/28

Upsala Heritage Day Food Stand: August 10th

Upsala Heritage Days is fast approaching and we're looking to start signing people up for different time shifts to fill our Food Stand schedule. Help is needed setting up the tent the day before, also an assortment of time slots the day of Heritage Days and some help is needed also on Sunday with clean up and taking down the tent. PLEASE be generous with your time! Lots of helpers make less work on everyone. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of all 3 of our churches. Remember, all proceeds this year will go to St. Edwards Church for restoration efforts. We are also looking for donations, please call Chad Koopmeiners (320-293-7092) or the parish office for details. Thank you!"

Youth Group: Interested in joining the Youth Group? Contacts: Natalie Wensmann (320) 630-1678 or Paige Gerads: (320) 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.

Candles and Glass Holders
We have ordered more red and blue glass candle holders which will be in soon. A holder with candle costs \$6. Please call the office if you'd like to purchase one.

Ushers
It's time for the July Mass Counts. Forms are in the Sacristy. Please return forms to the Parish Office after the last Mass in July. Thank you!

WEEKEND COLLECTION July 7, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$985, Loose: \$163, Monstrance: \$1000, **Total: \$2,148**
St. Francis: Adult: \$1,045, Loose: \$200, Votive: \$223.32, Case of Candles: \$72 **Total: \$1,540.32**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,362, Loose: \$166, Votive: \$68 **Total: \$1,596.00**

2024/25 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 for K-6 grade (leitherreba@gmail.com) and Randi for 7-11 grade (randiklasen@gmail.com) if you are interested in teaching our youth!

Sign-up: All City Women's Mixer

Don't miss this fun event! Join us in the gardens at Jordies Trail Side Café, Bowlus, Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m., for a Chicken Buffet style meal (around \$15). Gather some friends to enjoy a meal together for this relaxing women's night out. There are already 10 going from our parishes. Each woman receives a gift bag! Call the Parish Office to register.

St. Francis' News

Fall Festival

The St. Francis Fall Festival is just around the corner (August 25th) and we're already deep into the planning stages. **Silent Auction:** Anyone interested donating items, please let us know by August 1st. If you would like to donate but not sure what, call us for ideas. Homemade items are always nice! Jane 232-3290, Rosanne 573-2068 or Kathy 573-2509. Thank you!"



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 7pm
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 Freeport State Bank

St. Edward's News

First Mass
If you missed the St. Edward Blessing Mass you can watch it on our website or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. (Eph 1:17-18)