

# 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.

### **What is Adoration?**

When Catholics say they are “going to Adoration,” they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “*Adoration* is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory,” respectful silence in the presence of the “ever greater” God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (CCC2628) We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist

### **When Can I Go to Adoration?**

This depends on your parish. Some parishes are blessed to have Perpetual Adoration which means that you are able to pray before the Lord at any time, day or night. In order to have perpetual adoration, at least one person must be present in Adoration at all times because Jesus may never be left alone. For this reason, few parishes are able to offer it.

If your parish does not have perpetual Adoration, there are usually specific times set aside for Adoration during the week. There is no need to sign-up or ask permission to attend, you can just show up and be with Lord. You may also have the opportunity on retreats and at other special events hosted by your diocese.

### **What Do I Do During Eucharistic Adoration?**

If you attend Adoration at your parish, will most likely be in a small chapel or part of the Church. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, silence. On retreats or other special occasions, there may be music playing to help foster a spirit of prayer, worship, and Adoration. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God!

Kneeling, sitting, standing, and even laying on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament are all appropriate forms of prayer. Let your posture reflect your worship of the King and do what is comfortable for you.

You really don't have to “do” anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the chapel, don't be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ. Catholic-link.org (See next page for Adoration times).

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 23, 2025**

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Saturday 3/22		<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensmann c, <b>Lector:</b> Bill Boser, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brian & Tracey Hartung
Sunday 3/23		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Karen Gerads	<b>EM of HC:</b> Judy Theisen, Bob Thiesen c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, <b>Gifts:</b> Charlie & Sandy Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary Youth Mass (note schedule changes)	† Sharon Heim ~ Beth Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Lisa Zabinski c, <b>Lector:</b> Cadence Hartung, Faith Wuebkers, Wyatt Klasen, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Olivia Klasen, Alex Klasen, <b>Greeters:</b> Maverick Cichon, <b>Gifts:</b> Emily Ripplinger, Emmalyn

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, 3/24		 <p><b>Adoration</b>  <b>2nd Tuesdays:</b>                  St. Francis 8am -7pm  <b>Thursdays:</b>                  St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.  <b>First Fridays</b>                  St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 3/25	*Stations of the Cross following Mass	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Virgil Burg ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann	
Wednesday, 3/26	*Stations of the Cross following Mass	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Bernard Thell ~ Roger & Kathy Thell	
Thursday, 3/27	*Stations of the Cross following Mass	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	
Friday, 3/28	*Stations of the Cross following Mass	<p><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, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Pat Harren, Ron Schmidt &amp; Sherry Schumer</p>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Ed & Irene Harren ~ Barry & Colleen Harren	

**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

**ACC Penance Service March 23<sup>rd</sup>** All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford at 2-4:30 p.m. 5 priests available.

## 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)

### March 26th

**Grades K-6:** Home Lesson, Second Grade: Lesson 5

**Grades 7-10:** 7:00 p.m. Class

**Confirmation:** 6:15 p.m. Class at All Saints-St. Mary'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).

### Steubenville Youth Conference - July 25-27, 2025.

There are two spots yet available for youth to attend! It is now open to 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders. If interested contact Jim: 320-229-2898. Our first gathering for youth will be Wednesday, March 26th from 8-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

### Totus Tuus

Sign-up now for Totus Tuus! It is the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact Shanna Dobmeier (320) 733-0761, [shannamaryd@gmail.com](mailto:shannamaryd@gmail.com). You can find registration forms on our website or in the entry of our churches.

### ACC Pilgrimage: March 30th

An ACC Bus Pilgrimage starting at All Saints-St. Mary in Holdingford with Adoration at 12:30 p.m. will travel to each of our churches and back to by 5:00 p.m. Reserve your spot on the bus by calling 228-0105. If traveling independently by car follow this schedule: 12:30 Adoration at All Saints-St. Mary, 1:00 p.m. Benediction, 1:30 p.m. St. Edward in Elmdale, 2:00 p.m. St. Mary in Upsala, 2:30 p.m. St. Francis in St. Francis, 3:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwigs in Holdingford, 3:30 p.m. Arban Cemetery (drive by), 3:45 p.m. St. Columbkille in St. Wendel, 4:15 p.m. Immaculate Conception in St. Anna, ending at 5:00 p.m. with a return to All Saints-St. Mary in Holdingford.

### 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.

**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.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/16/2025**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,475, Loose: \$70.25, Votive: \$10, Easter Flowers: \$80, Catholic Relief: \$5, Fire Fund: \$50, **Total: \$1,690.25**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$500, Loose: \$93, Votive: \$178.95, Funeral Lunch: \$100, Easter Flowers: \$25, Central MN Mag: \$20, **Total: \$916.95**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,008, Loose: \$307.25, Easter Flowers: \$75, Church in East: \$100, Catholic Relief: \$100, Central MN Catholic: \$20, **Total: \$2,610.25**

### **The annual St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle**

is April 11th this year serving from 4-8:00 p.m. (cash raffle drawing at 7:30 p.m.). Tickets will be sold after every 10:00 a.m. Mass in Upsala and also at the St. Mary's parish office and Nelson Insurance. We would like each parishioner to buy or sell at least one ticket! \$100 each. Thank you for your support!

### **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.

### **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.

Contact Leonice: 293-6645 with questions.

### **Are you feeling called to deepen your relationship with Jesus?**

Come spend time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration! St. Edwards – First Friday of the month, noon-9pm; St. Francis – Second Tuesday of the month, 8am -7pm; St. Mary's – every Thursday, noon-9pm. We are looking for more adorers who would like to commit to a specific hour every week at St. Mary's, if interested please contact Jim: 320-229-2898.

### **Mark your Calendar**

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

### **St. Francis' News**

#### **Church lock-up Time**

St. Francis church went back to the spring lock-up time of 8:00 p.m. starting on March 17th. It will go back to 6:00 p.m. in Nov.

### **Journey with Jesus to Calvary**

Cast & crew will have a full dress rehearsal on Sat., March 29th at 9:00 a.m. Please be at the church by 8:30 a.m. so we can start at 9:00 a.m. A reporter from the Star Post will be here taking pictures and comments so we need to start on time. If you want to be a part of this year's production, there is still time. Call Bob at 573-2933.

## News and Events



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

### Congratulations New Members!

The St. Gregory the Great Council would like to welcome our new Knights: Adam Blonigen, Vince Kokett, Mason Lange, Max Lange, Michael Lange, Jonathan Leither, Ted Lewandowski & Patrick Zabinski.

### Regional Free Throw Winners

Morgan Ripplinger, Gabe Barthel, Ben Ripplinger and Cody Johnson will be going to State on March 29th in Osseo.

**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.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. GREGORY THE GREAT #12604**

Join us for breakfast at St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus

Noon  
Raffle

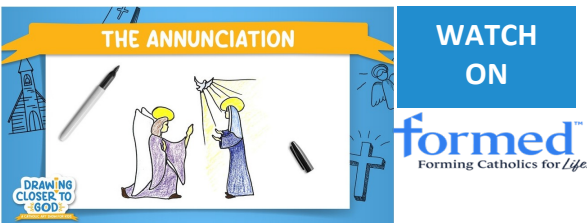
# Breakfast

Sun., Mar. 23rd, 9am to 12:30 pm FREE WILL offering  
French Toast • Hash Browns • Scrambled Eggs  
Ham • Sausage • Assorted Rolls • Coffee, Juice & Milk

### Holy Family Mini-Fest

Help bring Holiness Home this August 15-17th at the Holy Family Mini Fest in Little Falls, MN.

Visit: [www.havenofmercy catholic.org/mini-family-fest](http://www.havenofmercy catholic.org/mini-family-fest) to learn more!



Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes". All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

**Subscribe to FORMED for free at:** [www.signup.formed.org](http://www.signup.formed.org). Enter parish zip code (56384). Enter your name and email address. movies, talks, prayers and kid's content.

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."* – St. Teresa of Calcutta

### Pro-Life Rosary

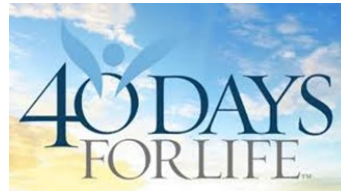
Join us outside and inside of All Saints-St. Mary's to pray for Life. We will meet at 4-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in March 25th and in April 1st & 8th.



March 5th - April 18th. Bowls are in the entry of our churches to take home. Learn more at [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).

### The Catholic Relief Collection

Next week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities both here and around the world. Visit: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



### **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.

### Pray at the Poor Clare Monastery

Praying with the Poor Clare Sisters is one of the 24 practices promoted in the Jubilee Passport in this Jubilee Year of Hope. The next Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.** For more information on the Jubilee Year, visit <https://stcdio.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

### 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.