



Celebrate Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 21st-27th  
This year's theme is :  
*Love Beyond Measure: Natural Family Planning...supporting God's*

**Upcoming NFP classes:**

Little Falls on Tuesday, August 6th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact: Mary Bontjes: bontjesmary@yahoo.com (320) 360-6599.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. at CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact: Jill and Isaac Uphus: uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320)290-8751.

St. Cloud on Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact: Sheila Reineke at omf@gw.stcdio.org or (320) 258-7609.

**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.

**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**

Hours: 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 the Upsala Heritage Day celebration August 10th.

**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

**Mini Holy Family Fest**



**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.

**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.

**Habitat for Humanity**

We are accepting applications until Sept. 30th for a house to be built in Upsala next summer. Qualified applicants will have lived in Morrison County for one year, have a willingness to participate in the building and the ability to pay an affordable mortgage. Call (320) 616-2084 for information and an application.

**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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**Bookkeeper:** Randi Klasen  
Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 am - 12 noon  
**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.



**Youth Group:** Join us on Wednesday, July 24th at 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Indoor Crafts & Outdoor Games. Contact: Natalie Wensmann 630-1678 or Paige Gerads: 423-1710.


**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 21, 2024**

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

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, 7/22		 <b>Adoration</b> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm. First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon—9 pm  <b>Pray for us:</b> 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
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 7/23		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Izzy Hartung ~ Gerry & MJ Boeckermann	
Wednesday, 7/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	
Thursday, 7/25		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Molus	
Friday, 7/26		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Paul & Eleanor Solarz	

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 7/27		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Hartung Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, <b>Lector:</b> Jerry Theisen, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren <b>Ushers:</b> Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Chuck & Sheila Biniek
Sunday 7/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Edmund & Delores Roerick ~ Roerick Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Judy Theisen, Bob Theisen c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, <b>Gifts:</b> AJ & Pam Welle
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Mike Klasen, LeAnn Beneke c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Jan Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Greeters:</b> Shawn & Amanda Lampert, <b>Gifts:</b> Matt * Rhonda Ripplinger <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with a willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good. Ps 54

**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](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) or Reba ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) and Randi for 7-11 grade([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) if you are interested in teaching our youth!

**Ushers**

July Mass Counts are in-progress. Please return forms to the Parish Office after the last Mass in July. Thank you!

**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!"

**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.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION July 14, 2024**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,180, Loose: \$77, Fire Fund: \$285, **Total: \$1,542**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,125, Loose: \$74, Table & Chair Rental: \$72 Candles: \$75 **Total: \$1,346**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,971, Loose: \$273 **Total: \$2,244**

**MCCL Pro-Life Summer Leadership Camp: August 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:Judy4life@meltel.net) 320-453-7592. For details go to [www.mccl.org/camp](http://www.mccl.org/camp).

**The Upstage Players** will be performing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at 7:00 pm on July 26th, 27th, & 29th and at 2:00 pm on July 28th. At the Upsala School Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students & seniors. Tickets are only available at the door. Join us for a golden ticket experience "choc-full" of fun!

**St. Paschal Baylon: Patron Saint of the Eucharistic Congress since 1897**

St. Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. People flocked to his tomb immediately after his burial; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690.

**St. Francis' News**

**Fall Festival**

**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, Kathy 573-2509 or Carol 290-9790 Thank you!

The raffle chances and work slips for our Fall Festival are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available at the Parish Office or contact Kelly Wiechman (320-241-8203) or Joyce Koopmeiners (320) 573-2728.



**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/>