

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

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**St. Edward's, Elmdale**  
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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.



## *First Communicants* **2025**

*Scott Arvig Jr. - Son of Scott & Sara*  
*St. Rose of Lima*

*Ruby Chaffee - Daughter of Cameron & Alexandra*  
*St. Mary*

*Addison Finken - Daughter of Gary Jr. & Sara Finken*  
*St. Mary*

*Zachary Gerads - Son of Ryan & Samantha Gerads*  
*St. Francis of Assisi*

*Bethany Hartung - Daughter of Brian and Tracey*  
*St. Edward*

*Gavin Oldakowski - Son of Jason & Katrina*  
*St. Stanislaus*

*Ray Primus - Son of Chad and Amy*  
*St. Mary*

*Emery Sobiech - Daughter of Joe & Stacy*  
*St. Stanislaus*

*Lucy Wensmann - Daughter of Kristopher & Carrie*  
*St. Edward*

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025**

## The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/3		The Third Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Gerard Oldakowski Jr. & Volunteer, <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Scott & Karla Van Wienen
Sunday 5/4		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Sunny & Betty Zwillling ~ Ervin & Kari Hartung	<b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Chris Fuchs c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Jim & Tammy Lehner
10:00 a.m. St. Mary 1st Communion	Herbert, Florence & Marvin Lange ~Joyce Schulzentenberg	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Lisa Zabinski c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Andy & Linda Langner, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

## Weekday Masses

Monday, 5/5	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, 5/6	<i>Anointing of the Sick</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Lawrence & Regina Dobmeier ~ Arnie Dobmeier
Wednesday, 5/7	<i>Anointing of the Sick</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dorothy Gerads ~St. Francis Men's Society
Thursday, 5/8	<i>Anointing of the Sick</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Steve Heisick
Friday, 5/9	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Gilbert Roerick ~ Juanita Roerick



### Adoration

2nd Tuesdays:

St. Francis 8am -7pm

Thursdays:

St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.

First Fridays

St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm

**Pray for us:** Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Dee Booth, 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, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt & Dave Hollenkamp

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/10		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnie Molus ~Carol Molus	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Pat & Kris Blonigen
Sunday 5/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Syl Tschida, Alice Westrich c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Isidore & Beverly Schmitz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Terry Theis ~Theis Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Mike Klasen, Renee Scholz c, Jan Kilian c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Walt & LeAnn Beneke, <b>Gifts:</b> Jamie & Jenny Leners, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

(Ps 30: 5-6)

## 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)

### May 7

**Confirmation:** GIFT Night and closing Mass All Saints-St. Hedwig's, Holdingford

### First Communion

Please Keep our First Communicants in your prayers Thank you to Reba Leither, parents and Fr. Jimmy for preparing our students.

### 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).

### Graduation Mass: Sunday, May 18th

This year's Mass is at 8:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi. Invitations have gone out to this year's graduating seniors. If you are graduating and from our parishes but didn't receive an invite, please call the Parish Office.

### Youth Breakfast

Please join us for BREAKFAST on Sunday, May 18th at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Francis. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls, beverages! Free will offering. Serving 9:00am-12:30pm. Proceeds to benefit participants from the Elmdale, St. Francis, and Upsala parishes to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. Thank you for your support! Contact Jim 229-2898 with questions.

### 2025 Vocations Camp

Join Fr. Doug and seminarians for three days on a private residence on Lake Osakis packed with fishing, swimming, frisbee, kickball, confession, Mass, Adoration, lots of bacon and more. Draw closer to Jesus and learn to live a new life. Tuesday-Thursday on June 10-12th in Osakis, MN for young men entering grades 7th-12th. To learn more visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025VocationCamp>.

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

A gathering for those who pray one Holy Hour for one priest each week and those who are interested. Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit Church (2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. Send check to Carrie Ellis 6272 County Road 8 S.E., St. Cloud, MN 56304. (320) 253-1692.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTION 4/27/2025**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$701, Loose: \$61, Votive: \$27 Easter: \$75, Rice Bowl: \$50, Catholic Home Missions: \$20, **Total: \$936 Spaghetti Supper: \$3,750**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,025, Loose: \$95, Votive: \$339.36, Catholic Home Missions: \$10, Rice Bowl \$40, Easter: \$110, **Total: \$1,619.36**

**St. Mary:** Adults: \$1,449, Loose: \$333.76, Catholic Home Mission: \$4, Easter: \$75, **Total: \$1,861.76**

### Totus Tuus

This is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship will be 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 and T-Shirt order forms on our website and in the entry of churches. T-shirts are free for the students participating. Please indicate the sizes and **return the order form** to the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome to purchase a water bottle, bag, or additional T-shirt by filling out a form and return it, along with your check made to the Parish Office along with your check made to: St. Mary's Church.



### Ordination choirs

Youth and adult singers from across the Diocese of St. Cloud are invited to join the diocesan choir for the ordination Masses on **June 7** and **June 14**. You do not need to sing at both Masses to be in the choir. Contact Abbey Dupuy: [musicatstmaryscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:musicatstmaryscathedral@gmail.com).

### *Over 80 Blessings for May*



Adeline Molus (SE) 5/12  
Loretta Peterson (SE) 5/17  
Sally Schleper (SE) 5/25  
Melvin Gerads (SM) 5/28

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

#### Cemetery

We will have cemetery clean-up on Monday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

### **St. Edward's News**

#### St. Edward Spaghetti Supper

Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who joined us for the Spaghetti Supper at St. Edward's. We had a great turnout and a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all!

### **St. Mary's News**



#### *Wedding BANNERS III*

Taylor Marshik & Abigail Ripplinger  
May 10, 2025  
St. Mary's, Upsala





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

### **Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th**

St. Edward, Elmdale at 8:00 p.m. \*Note time change.

**Thank you** to the Knights that helped with the Tootsie Roll Drive.

### **West Central Deanery Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th**

All women are invited to the spring general meeting at St. Mary Help of Christians Church (24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta) Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with Mass at 6:00 pm.. A light supper (\$6) will be served followed by a short meeting and speakers. Please RSVP by April 30th. Contact Jean Hopfer, President, 837-5239, [ecthull@albanyte.com](mailto:ecthull@albanyte.com).

### **Bishop's Charitable Golf Tournament**

June 9th will be the annual Golf Tournament at Territory Golf Club with proceeds going to support our seminarians. \$100 per individual golfer or \$400 for a team of four. [www.catholicfoundation.info](http://www.catholicfoundation.info)

**Journey to Eternity...** Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? **Central Minnesota Koinonia** is a weekend Catholic retreat program for adults sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for **May 16-18, 2025**, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70.

Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.



May 16-18 Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN <https://wwme.org/> Contact Brent & Tracy Chessen: (612) 234-7440.

### **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 May 30th at 6:30 p.m. Call: 251-3556.



## Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's in Upsala

### **MISSION APPEAL FOR BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF ST. AGNES, TANZANIA**

Next Sunday Fr. Bill Vos, Sr. Grace Mbawala, OSB & Sister Gallusiana Mgaya, OSB will celebrate with us at all of our Masses. They will share the wonderful mission story of the Benedictine Sisters of St Agnes, based in Tanzania. As this year's mission appeal, they represent a community of over 500 Nuns who serve in a wide variety of ministries and pastoral work in 20 dioceses in Tanzania. These include health care, education with schools from K- 12, technical training institutions, religious education programs, care for orphans and pastoral ministries. Please be prepared to generously assist this Community of dedicated Sisters who represent the face of Christ to those in most need. **Website: [chipolebenedictines.org](http://chipolebenedictines.org)**

### **Ordinations: June 7th**

Deacon Nathaniel Daubner and Deacon Joseph VanDenheuvel will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Permanent Diaconate ordination will take place on June 15, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.