

Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis: Mary & the Saints ACC



Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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Monday & Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule.

Prayer Lines:

SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127

Kathy Koehn 573-2363

SE: Judy Theisen 573-2933

Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

SE: Sally Schleper 573-2127

Sick & Homebound Ministry:

Contact the Parish Office if you need
Holy Communion or Anointing for
you or a loved one.

Marriage: Couples need to begin
preparations with our pastor nine
months in advance.

Baptism & Marriage: Contact the
office before setting a date.



October is the Month of the Rosary

Public Square Rosary Crusade

What: The Holy Rosary,

Where: St. Mary's, Upsala Parking Lot,

When: October 10, 2026 at 12 Noon.

Sponsored by America Needs Fatima, this event is for
all to attend and pray together. We need our Blessed
Mother's intercession especially today!
americanneedsfatima.org/rosary-rally-central.

Our
Blessed
Mother,
Pray for us!

October is Respect Life Month

Join thousands of Catholics praying a
Respect Life Month novena on Thursday,
October 22nd-Friday, October 30th. Get
daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign
up at respective.org/celebrate.

The St. Cloud Diocese 40 days for life

We will meet to pray the Rosary in front of
and inside All Saints-St. Mary's Church in
Holdingford on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m.
October 6th, 13th 20th and 27th. Join us!



ELEVATE
PREGNANCY & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
FORMERLY BIRTHLINE

55th
Anniversary
55 Years of Impact...

HONORING THE PAST



ADVANCING THE FUTURE



Evening For Life

OCT. 29TH

— 5 PM —

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**Best Western
Kelly Inn**

SCAN QR CODE
or
visit onecau.se/2026efl

MUST PRE-REGISTER
FOR TICKETS
by Oct. 20th



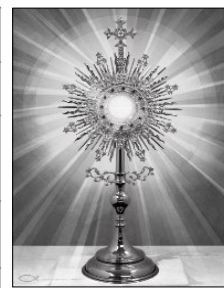
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 10/3	First Saturday	The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gift Bearers: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
Sunday 10/4		Respect Life Sunday
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Alice Westrich c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Allen & Diane Herzog, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Connie Harren	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Mike Klasen c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Lilli Leither, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gift Bearers: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Monday, 10/5	<i>St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)
Tuesday, 10/6	<i>St. Bruno, Priest: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>
No Mass	
Wednesday, 10/7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
No Mass	
Thursday, 10/8	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Raymond Kurowski
First Friday, 10/9	<i>St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Jimmy Joseph



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: Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Kevin Lampert, Geraldine George, William Hill, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Eleanor Tschida, Ken Welle, Leonard & Eileen Koroll, Linda Strom, Andy Langner, & Christine Wuebkers

Pray for Fr. Sebastian who will be at the Clergy Conference this week.

Saturday 10/10		Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Eugene Lashinski	EM of HC: Jackie Oldakowski, Jerry Theisen c, Volunteer c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Jasmyn Oldakowski, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski Jr. & Greg Larson, Greeters: Raymond Kokott, Gift Bearers: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
Sunday 10/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	In Thanksgiving ~ MJ & G Boeckermann	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: AJ & Pam Welle, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Nathan Ripplinger

Ushers: Please note that we are recording the October Mass Counts for the Diocese. Please record the number of parishioners attending during the weekend Masses of October then at the end of October you can put them in the collection basket and the money counters will give it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Religious Education

K-6: Beth Lange- bethlange83@gmail.com (320) 630-8390

7-10: Randi Klasen randiklasen@gmail.com (320) 493-5624

Confirmation: Bob Vouk 249-3398, Jenny Revermann 249-9938

Katie Urbanski: confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Class: Wednesday, October 7th

K-6 grade: Family Formation

Conf: 6:15 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford.

Children's Liturgy will resume starting on October 11th during the 10:00 am Mass at St. Mary's each Sunday. Children are invited back during the Liturgy of the Word to enjoy a child-friendly message related to the Mass readings. Children may also participate in planned games, crafts, or activities related to the week's message. No need to sign up, all children are welcome! Recommended for preschool and elementary aged children.

St. Francis' News

Do you enjoy singing in the shower? Then why not come up and sing in the choir at Sunday Mass? Everyone is invited to come and sing in the choir. Any age and even if you cannot make it every Sunday -think about it and watch the bulletin for possible practice dates. Come on up to the choir loft to meet Marie (320) 845-4825 to join. Singing in the rain 🎵



Baptism of Rowan Dale Fuchs Thank you, Fr. Sebastian!

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/27/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$1,056, Loose: \$192, Votive: \$125.65,

Total: \$1,373.65

St. Francis: Adult: \$500, Loose: \$157, **Total: \$657**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,168.75, Loose: \$257, **Total: \$1,425.75**

St. Mary's News

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Evelyn Mae Hartung
Daughter of Carter & Kendyll
October 4, 2026
St. Mary's Church

Prayer changes us Inspired by God's love, we are called to put our love into action. Help build a culture of life. Visit: 'Radical Solidarity' at respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection.

ALL NATURAL!

Natural Family Planning

Good for the body. Great for the soul!

Respects God's design
100% Ecological
Honors sexuality and marriage

Natural Family Planning The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Alexandria on Monday, Oct. 19th & Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751.

Little Falls on Tuesday, Oct. 6th & Nov. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, Oct. 15th & Nov. 19th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Thursday, Oct. 22nd & Monday, Nov. 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at omf@gw.stedio.org or (320) 258-7609.



Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight: Jeff Czech

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Edward, Elmdale basement.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen (respect-life-novena)

Join Fr. Greg Paffel for the Healing the Whole Person Retreat

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (428 Main Street, Bowlus) Friday, Oct. 23rd (2 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Saturday, Oct. 24th (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) & Sunday, Oct. 25th (10 a.m. Mass until 4:30 p.m.) \$75 before Oct. 13th then \$100. To register email Janice or Kimberly: janice@healingstcloud.org, 640-7623, kimberly@healingstcloud.org



**KNIGHTS
OF
COLUMBUS**

St. Isidore Council # 9307, Holdingford
CHICKEN & HAM DINNER
 PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM, St. Anna
 Sunday, October 11th 3:30 -6:30 p.m.
 Advance Tickets: \$15 at the door
 Children ages 5-12 \$10. Under 4 Free.
 TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE



Corn Maze: Oct. 3rd & 4th from 4-7:00 p.m.

Are you looking for a fun way to connect with your community.? Join us on the future site of the new All Saints Catholic Church in Holdingford (Across from the Holdingford High School) for a Corn Maze. Suggested donation \$1.

Upsala School Carnival: Sat. Oct. 3

There will be local food trucks, games, inflatables & a silent auction from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Upsala Elementary classrooms & parking lot. All are invited to attend and help raise money for an activities bus!

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

sponsored by the All Saints Christian Women will be on Sunday, October 4th from 9 am. To 12:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Oct. 10-11

Held at St. Mary's School in Alexandria, MN. For info or to apply: 507-227-8229 or visit www.wwme.org

Contact craig.barb.wetter@wwme.org or 507-227-8229 with questions or to register. The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be.

Fall in love all over again by attending the October 17-18 Marriage Encounter. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, MN. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other!

K-YES Catholic Radio's Annual Benefit Social: Fri, October. 23rd

Join us at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring at 7:00 p.m. to honor Andy Hilger's Legacy of Love with keynote speaker Brian Gibson. Light snacks and beverages will be provided before and after the program. Visit kyesradio.com/2026-benefit or call 257-9700.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)

We will be holding our annual Fall Tour on October 27th at the Great River Regional Library (108 NE 3rd Street, Little Falls) at 7:00 p.m. this is a Pro-Life meeting to educate citizens on current trends, legislation and elections. Everyone is welcome.

The Culture of Life Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. We are called to draw close to Jesus, willing to be instructed in His truth and transformed by His love. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him in prayer and the sacraments, we come to a greater understanding of our own worth and that of others.

As we become more united with Jesus, it becomes easier to perceive how He is guiding us. God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. (Novena at: respective.org/celebrate)