

### Divine Mercy Sunday Events

St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud Opening Liturgy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 1:00p.m. Fr. Jeremy Ploof will give a presentation followed by the Rosary. At 2:45 p.m. Bishop Patrick Neary will present followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, then Benediction.

Seven Dolores Church in Albany Our event will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Adoration. Edward Vebelun will address the adorers and will lead us into the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Confessions. Renee Andersen from Mother of Mercy Campus of Care, will speak at 2:15 p.m. on conversion and her conversion story. Refreshments will follow.

St. Paul in Sauk Centre (The National Shrine of Divine Mercy) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 1:00 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation 2-3:45 p.m., Chaplet and Consecration to Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Holy Mass. There will be a light lunch following the Procession to the St. Faustina Chapel of Divine Mercy.

St. Mary's Church in Little Falls Adoration & Confessions from noon to 3:00 p.m. followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a reception.

### Becoming Eucharistic People

Join with people from across the diocese to hear from Dr. Timothy O'Malley, author of the book "Becoming Eucharistic People." The day begins at Seven Dolores Church, Albany with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a keynote address with Dr. O'Malley, breakout sessions, small and large group discussions, lunch and fellowship. Event ends at 3:00 p.m. and is open to everyone. Cost: \$10 To sign-up:<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BecomingEucharistic>. To find out more visit our website: [stedio.org/becoming.eucharistic.people](http://stedio.org/becoming.eucharistic.people).

### Rural Catholic Middle Age Singles Group: April 13th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information or questions.

### Dominican Fathers and Brothers of Nigeria

On the weekend of April 27th & 28th we will have a visit and appeal from the Dominican Fathers. "Dominicans in Africa are currently located in some 25 countries. Our Dominican Province of Nigeria & Ghana is the largest entity on the African continent. We are engaged in a diversity of ministries. Our efforts are very much concentrated in the areas of basic formation and training for the priesthood and religious life; primary evangelization in rural parts of Africa; on-going Christian formation in the faith through parish ministries; ministry among Muslims, social justice ministries, and health care deliver; chaplaincies and education ministries at all levels. We are committed to bringing Christ in a relevant way to all the people that we minister unto. In his presentation, our representative will be making references to these ministerial engagements of ours. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement for a successful appeal. Thank You! ~ Rev. Matthew Achunine, OP

### **Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council**

#### **Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753**

#### Meeting: April 9th

at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

St. Otto's Nursing Home Bingo: April 16th  
at 1:30 p.m. in Little Falls. 8-9 Knights needed.

#### Catholic Rural Life Conference: May 8th

The Featured speaker will be Cardinal Dolan at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN beginning at 1:00 p.m. If interested in attending contact Jeff Czech.

#### Summer Pilgrimage Tour

Prayerfully consider a Pilgrimage Tour this Summer: June 4th - 6th. Fr. Jimmy will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage motor coach tour in Wisconsin to Our Lady of Guadalupe, in LaCrosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, in New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field in Green Bay. See the brochure in the entry of church or visit: [www.lavernestravel.com](http://www.lavernestravel.com).

#### Easter Celebrations

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with our Easter Celebrations: Sacristans, musicians, readers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, servers, decorators, and all who helped in any way. A special thank you to Fr. Jimmy for leading us through our Easter Season.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Isidore Council No. 9307  
Holdingford, Minnesota

## **CHICKEN & HAM DINNER**

**PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM**

**St. Anna, Minnesota**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Advance Tickets: \$14.00  
At Door:  
Adults \$15.00  
Children Ages 5-12 \$10.00  
Under 4 Free

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## **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. Francis: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday: St. Mary: 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.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration with your family and friends. Wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season! On the second Sunday of Easter the Church celebrates the Divine Mercy of Jesus. The prayer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is very powerful, once we know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and we can say this prayer at any time but traditionally said at 3 p.m. as we remember Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week.

Jesus gave his disciples the Holy Spirit and entrusted them his mission. He gave St. Thomas a second chance to undo his earlier doubts ([Jn 20:27](#)). He gave St. Peter a second chance to undo his earlier denials ([Jn 21:15](#)). How "rich in mercy" Jesus is! ([Eph 2:4](#)) Jesus offers us the incredible mercy. Now, he has entrusted us with the opportunity to pass on His mercy to others. Who in your life needs a second chance after letting you down miserably?


On behalf of our tri-parish community, I want to thank everyone for your great support, prayers and kindness. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to prepare for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies: decorating our churches and organizing the Holy Week liturgies, and to all of you who participated in these graceful celebrations. I am so grateful for your generous contribution, both Spiritual and Financial. May the Risen Lord be with you and with your family.

During this Easter season, please find some time to read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history and the deep faith of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection. Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

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**April 7, 2024**

Divine Mercy Sunday		
Saturday 4/6	First Saturday	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Scott, Paul & Ginger Keppers ~Jane Keppers	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rosanne Voss, Alice Westrich c, Syl Tschida c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange <b>Gifts:</b> Jim & Tammy Lehner
Sunday 4/7		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Ted Lewandowski, Jim Bartkowicz c, Joan Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann, <b>Gifts:</b> Brad & Crystal Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Claude Yurczyk	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Mike Klasen c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski <b>Greeters:</b> Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, <b>Gifts:</b> Randy & Donna Roske, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 4/8	The Annunciation of the Lord	 <b>Adoration</b> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.
No Mass		
Tuesday, 4/9		<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, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Don Stiller, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George & Jim Koczur.
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Marjorie Lehner	
Wednesday, 4/10		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Special Intention	
Thursday, 4/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	† Jerry Biniek	
Friday, 4/12		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Rita Schiller ~Lorene Koopmeiners	

The Third Sunday of Easter		
Saturday 4/13	St. Martin I, Pope &	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Brittany Harren, Rebecca Schmidt c, Colleen Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> MJ Boeckermann, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange <b>Gifts:</b> Dan & Sara Roerick
Sunday 4/14		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Luann Tretter	<b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Peggy Frieler c, <b>Lector:</b> Adeline Molus, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett <b>Gifts:</b> Steve & Kathy Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ty Poppenhagen Chad & Amy Poppenhagen	<b>EM of HC:</b> Cindy Koehn, Christine Weber c, Jon Leither c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Theresa Lange, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

### All Cluster News

**The Parish Office** will be closed on Friday, April 12th for the 'Becoming Eucharistic People Conference in Albany. Thank you!

#### Faith Formation: April 10th

K-6: Home Lesson Adoration and Holiness  
2nd Grade: Lesson 7  
7-10th & Conf.: Class 7-8:30 p.m.

**Confirmation** Everyone is welcome to attend on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints- St. Hedwig's, Holdingford. Anyone who would like to is invited to sing with the choir at Confirmation. Practice is at 1:15 p.m. before Mass.

#### Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)

Join us on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala beginning with Mass followed by a light supper (\$6) and meeting. Please RSVP to Corrine Hadrich: (320) 310-1260 or Email: cmhadrich@gmail.com. Questions: Jean Hopfer (320) 837-5239.

#### A big thank you

to everyone who made "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" such a meaningful experience: All the actors, the choir, the backstage people and the ladies who helped downstairs. It is because of all of you that the performances touched the hearts of all the people that attended. 287 people had nothing but good things to say about the performances. I think God would say "Well done!"

#### 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.

**Easter Flowers** Donald Biniek in memory of Marlys Biniek (SE) Mary Evens in memory of Celestine Buddy Evens (SF) Elmer Frie for the members of the Frie Family (SM)

#### WEEKEND COLLECTION March 31, 2024

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$3,535, Loose: \$243, Rice Bowl: \$130, Easter Flowers: \$20, Fire Fund: \$240, Holy Land: \$145, **Total: \$4,313**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$3,502, Easter Loose: \$489.05, Holy Thursday Loose: \$128, Good Friday: \$167, Good Friday Loose: \$164, Rice Bowl: \$45, Easter Flowers: \$50, Utilities: \$75, **Total: \$4,620.55**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$3,789, Easter Loose: \$566.25, Good Friday: \$140, Good Friday Loose: \$353, Rice Bowl: \$289, Easter Flowers: \$25, Holy Land: \$130 **Total: \$5,292.25**

### St. Mary's Smelt & Fish Fry Raffle Winners

**\$5000**-Bob Briezinka, **\$3000**-Kathy Birchem, **\$1000** Amanda Lampert, **\$500**-Rosemary Mehr, **\$500**-Dan Klein, **\$300**-Joe Sobiech, **\$300**-Christian Ripplinger, **\$200**-Julie Nelson, **\$100**-Fr. Theis, **\$100** Tom & Jeanette Stodolka, **\$100** Isidore Schmitz, **\$100**-Levi Lampert, **\$100**-Dan Lange, **\$100**-Carie Lener, **\$100**-Tim & Sheila George, **\$100**-Todd Rakotz, **\$100**-Mary & Mike Heisick, Jeremy & Shawn Czech, **\$100**- Ken Lange, **\$100**-Marie Wagner, **\$100**-Elmer Frie. Thank you to all who participated!

#### THANK YOU

to all of you who supported the St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle! Whether you bought a raffle ticket, worked a shift, brought bars, or ate the meal, it all helps us immensely! We appreciate it. A HUGE thank you to the committee members for your devotion to this big event: DJ and JoAnne Prom, Dan and Julie Burgraff, Brock and Christy Weber, Paul and Kathy Koetter, Chris and Jeanna Kremers, Mikel and Julie Nelson, and Nathan and Laura Ripplinger-we thank you! We served 460. It was another great success thanks to all of you. What a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!

#### St. Edward's Church 17th Annual Spaghetti Supper

Don't miss the chance to win the grand prize of \$2000 or one of the many prizes listed on the ticket. You can purchase your ticket in the Central Office. Items for the Silent Auction can be brought to the Office.



**ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, ELMDALE**  
**FIRE RESTORATION RAFFLE & DINNER**

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual - Free Will Offering**

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND RAFFLE DRAWING**  
**Friday, April 26, 2024**  
**At St. Mary's Church, Upsala**

**Dinner served from 5-7:30 pm**  
**Raffle drawing at 7:30 pm**  
**Tickets \$20 each with \$2000 Grand Prize and many more cash and other prizes**

For tickets and more information: please call us at (320) 573-2975, (320) 573-2132, e-mail: 238catholic@sytekcom.com  
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