

News and Events



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

St. Cloud VA escorts

Please arrive between 8:15-8:30 a.m. on Sept. 29th

Have you been touched by the love of Christ and want to share it with others?

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat is on Sept. 20-22nd. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at centralmnkoinonia.org or by emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com.

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Fall Conference: Saturday, September 21st

Come to the Table of Plenty St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2405 1st Street N. Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. with Registration & Refreshments. Keynote speaker: Fredrick Blonigen will speak about "Rediscovering with Amazement the Incredible Gift of the Holy Eucharist" Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Neary followed by lunch and then another talk "Praying, Understanding and Living the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Faith & Fervor of the Saints" Contact Lora Knafla for questions (320) 393-2701.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Saturday, September 21st

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement, Holdingford. Call: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

All Saints Annual Rummage Sale

Oct. 17th 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Oct. 18th 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Oct. 19th 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Oct. 20th 9:00 a.m. - noon at All Saints-St. Hedwig's. For questions contact Corrine Hadrich (320) 310-1260.



40 Days for Life is a simple program of *Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Peaceful Vigil* to end abortion in the world. Fall Campaign: Sept. 25th-Nov. 3rd Monday -Friday 7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

To sign up: or get more info, please call/text Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838.

Our parishes are going on Thursdays from 1-7:00 p.m. Sign up with a friend for an hour. If Thursday doesn't work for you, you can stop by any time M-F from 7am-7pm or call Campaign Coordinator: Judy Haag 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net

Opening Rally: Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 a.m.-Noon at the Vigil site then proceeds to St. Augustine Church, 422 2nd St SE, St. Cloud for a Talk by Dr. Haywood Robinson, Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference at 11:00 a.m. Light lunch will follow.

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance: Sept. 28th

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral is open to everyone with a special invitation to those who have lost loved ones or community members to suicide. Visit the Mental Health Ministry page of the diocesan website: <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-mass-for-suicide-healing-and-remembrance/>.

All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality Pancake Breakfast, Quilt and Cash Raffle: October 6th

Serving: Pancakes/toppings, sausage, potatoes, scrambled eggs, fresh baked caramel rolls, juice, milk and coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING. Sunday, October 6th at the All Saints-St. Mary's Church Basement serving from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Rosary for Life

Pray the Rosary with us on Tuesdays in October from 4-5:00 p.m. inside or outside at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford. If you can't be with us pray that hour at home.

Marriage Encounter: Oct. 12-13th

For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." 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 and thriving couple you can be. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. Visit: wwme.org or call (507) 227-8229.

Stewardship Day- Thursday, Oct 17th:

Our speaker is Bernie Evans, professor emeritus from Saint John's University, where he served as associate dean for faculty in the School of Theology and taught courses on Christian social ethics, environmental theology, and ministry in rural communities. His presentation will draw from his book "Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call." Contact Anna Kampa if there is any topic or information your parish/ACC would find helpful: anna.kampa@gw.stcdio.org or 258-7654. To Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKTYHKB>.

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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St. Francis Rectory: (320) 573-2203

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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.



Jesus Wants to Encounter You Again and Again

Do you remember when you first encountered Jesus in the Eucharist? It may not be the first time you went to Mass or your First Communion, although those were certainly important moments. Think back to the first time Jesus reached out and touched your heart in a way that felt *personal*. The day you realized that your Lord was really present in the host before you, and something in you changed.

Encounter with Jesus is not just the starting point of our active spiritual lives but also a deep well of refreshment along the journey. When we adore and receive Jesus given for us on the altar, we are empowered to give of ourselves for others. These regular, profound encounters are the heartbeat of relationship with Jesus, and this relationship strengthens us to be more authentic and powerful witnesses to his love. That's why the first pillar of the Year of Mission is Eucharistic Encounter. How will you deepen your relationship with Jesus this year?

Embracing our Apostolic Roots

Jesus in the Eucharist is the answer to every restless longing of the human heart. If we truly believe this, then that living faith will compel us to share this joy with our brothers and sisters! That's what the third year of the Revival—the Year of Mission—is all about.

This is an exciting new season of the Revival movement. The Holy Spirit has enkindled a missionary fire in the heart of our nation, and now he is sending out every member of the Church to spread the Good News—sharing the gift of our Eucharistic Lord with those on the margins. And YOU are invited to be a part of it! Visit: hello@eucharisticrevival.org to learn more.


Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

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Saturday 9/14		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Volunteer, Neil Frieler c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gifts: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
Sunday 9/15		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Irene Lanshinski ~SF Christian Mothers	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Syl Tschida c, Rebecca Schmidt c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Russ & Gina Boeckermann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intention ~ Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Amanda Lampert c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9/16			<p><u>Adoration</u> <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy		
<p>O God, in whose Passion, according to the prophecy of Simeon, a sword of grief pierced through the most sweet soul of Thy glorious Blessed Virgin Mother Mary: grant that we, who celebrate the memory of her Seven Sorrows, may obtain the happy effect of Your Passion, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.</p>		<p>Pray for us: 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, Dee Booth & Rosemary Pundsack</p>	

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9/21		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Ken Hartung	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Bob & Ione Brezinka
Sunday 9/22		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Edwin Fuchs ~ Dan & Rita Lange	EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, Lector: Barb Moorman Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Jake & Judy Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn, Lisa Zabinski c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All Cluster News

Religious Education
 K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
 7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939
 Assistant: Katie Vouk confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

September 18th

Grades K-10: St. Mary, Upsala
 6:30 p.m. Grades K-6 Classroom
 7:00 p.m. Mass for Students & Parents
 7:30 p.m. grades 6-10 Safe Environment
Confirmation: 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford.
 One parent or guardian must attend Confirmation with each student.

Children's Liturgy
 We will be Children's Liturgy after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. If you have questions contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com

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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
 There will be a special collection on September 15th. Please find an envelope in your Collection Envelope packet. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Women's Group: Sept. 23rd
 Interested in joining in with other women to dive deeper into your Catholic Faith? The Holdingford Ladies have a group that reads and discusses faith filled books. You don't have to read the book to participate. Just join in at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement.

Upcoming NFP classes:
 Alexandria: Monday, Oct. 21st at 6:30 p.m.
 Little Falls: Tuesday, Oct. 1st at 7:30 p.m.
 Sauk Centre: Thursday, Sept. 19th and Oct. 17th at 6:30 p.m.
 St. Cloud: Mon., Sept. 23rd and Thur., Oct. 17th at 6:30 p.m.

For additional teaching sites and information visit <https://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at (320) 258-7609 sheila.reineke@gw.stedio.org

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/8/2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$855, Loose: \$307, Fire Fund: \$100, Religious Ed: \$20 **Total: \$1,282**
St. Francis: Adult: \$454, Loose: \$278, Church Bazaar Dinner: \$20, Votive: \$211 **Total: \$963**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,936, Loose: \$286.25, Votive: \$154.35 Religious Ed: \$190 **Total: \$2,566.60**

Considering the Priesthood?

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or Call the Vocations Office: 251-5001 vocations@gw.stedio.org

The Truth, Goodness and Beauty of the Catholic Faith
 Fred Blonigen will have a series of talks on Tuesdays Sept. 3rd -Nov. 12th at St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Cloud at 7-8:30 p.m. The next talk is on Sept. 17th about the Sacrament of Penance: Encountering Christ's Infinite Mercy.

Banquet of Love is a user-friendly, online 12-part course that helps you make practical connections between the Eucharist and your marriage. Created by Jim and Maureen Otremba, who combine their professional expertise in counseling, education, pastoral ministry, and theology, the course is **FREE** to members of the St. Cloud Diocese through April 2025. For more information or to access the course, visit <https://stedio.org/banquet-of-love/>

September: Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary is the Queen Mother in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The Queen Mother had a particular role in the Jewish world and that meaning is elevated and amplified in the age of the Church. From the beginning of the Church, Mary was seen as our Advocate. She intercedes for us and prays for us to her holy Son, Jesus Christ. There is an early Christian prayer from the third century, known as the Sub Tuum Praesidium which, in part, says:

"We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all danger, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin."

Mary cares for each of us with the love of a perfect mother. She is the Mother of Jesus and thereby the Mother of the Body of Christ, the Church. She does not despise our petitions for the things that we need. She is our sure protection and will faithfully lead us to her Son. Far from detracting from the unique mediation of Jesus, she is subordinate to it. Everything we believe about Mary points to Jesus. ~catholic-link.org

Mary, intercede for us!