

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



Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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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.

L I V I N G W A T E R

Living Water:
A Prayer for the Season of Creation.
September 1 - October 4

Holy God,

whose Spirit hovered
over the waters at the beginning,
we give thanks for the gift of water,
the veins of our common home.

We are grateful for the rivers and
lakes, the streams that wind through
fields and forests, and for the waters
that nourish our farms, communities,
and fellow creatures, each one a
testament to your love.

We confess that we have not always
cared for this sacred gift.

Forgive us for polluting your waters
and neglecting those who suffer
from drought, displacement, and
thirst. Soften our hearts, O God,
and lead us to repentance.

Lord of all Life,
stir in us a calling to act – to protect
our waterways, defend the rights
of creation, and honor the dignity
of all people. Sustain us, refresh us,
and carry us on the currents of grace
until justice and righteousness roll
down like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

Adapted from 2026 Season of Creation Prayer,
from the Celebration Guide 2026 <https://seasonofcreation.org>. Contact
kateri.Mancini@gw.studio.org for a prayer card.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 9/19		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Elmer Molus	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensmann c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Gift Bearers: Mark & Kaye Nienaber
Sunday 9/20		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Janelle Roerick c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Pete & Joan Boeckermann, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Brian Lange ~ Beth Lange	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Cindy Koehn, c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gift Bearers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Monday, 9/21	<i>St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	 Adoration <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm <u>First Fridays:</u> 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, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, 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, Jerry Pohlmann & Renee Wensmann
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 9/22		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Kilian Family	
Wednesday, 9/23	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Living & deceased members of the Reinhard & Anne Gerads Family ~ Roger & Janet Gerads	
Thursday, 9/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Richard O'Hotto	
Friday, 9/25		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Bob, Phyllis, Jeanette & Elaine Yasgar ~ Joyce Holtz	
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.		

Saturday 9/26		Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Ron Czech ~Duane Harren	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jerry Theisen c, Derek Biniek c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Jasmyrn Oldakowski, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Gift Bearers: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
Sunday 9/27		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Bob Thiesen, Brittany Harren c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren , Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Craig & Rosanne Voss, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Shirley Kadrowski	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Lisa Zabinski c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

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

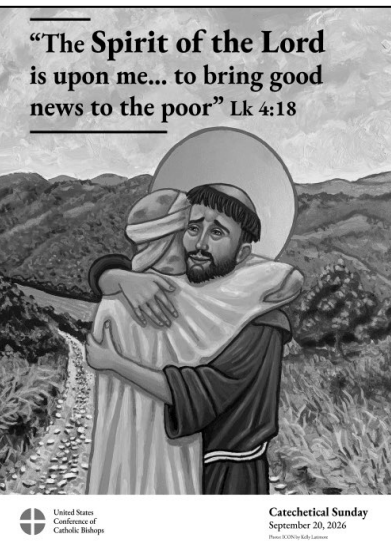
Katie Urbanski: confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Class: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd

K-6 grade: Home Lesson

7-10 grade: 7-8 p.m. St. Mary's

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



Catechetical Sunday: September 20th

Across the nation, the Church will celebrate those who have been called to teach the faith.

To learn more visit: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-sunday-2026>.

Have you been called to help teach our Youth this year? We have a great program that is so helpful for teachers.

As it has been advertised in the bulletin, K-6 Faith Formation is in need of teachers! Please take this to prayer & if you're willing to help with the once a month class, or have questions, please reach out to Beth Lange (320) 630-8390. The curriculum is very well put together, easy to teach & Beth will help classrooms however she can! Thanks everyone!

The St. Cloud Diocese 40 days for life starts on Wednesday, September 23rd and goes to Sunday, November 1st. 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. during those weeks. We start on Tuesday, September 29th and continue on October 6th, 13th 20th and 27th. Please join us when you can or pray along with us during that hour at home.

Corn Maze

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. Dates: Sept. 19th & 20th, Sept. 26th & 27th, Oct. 3rd & 4th from 4-7:00 p.m. or on Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 4-6:00 p.m.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

You can watch the Beatification on EWTN on September 24th at <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2026-09>.



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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Rowan Dale Fuchs
Son of Joseph & Chelsea
September 20, 2026
St. Mary's Church



Wedding BANNS II



Anthony Boeckermann &
Kaelee Yourczek
October 10, 2026
St. Edward's, Elmdale

Marriage Encounter

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!

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/13/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$1,247, Loose: \$165, Cemetery Fund: \$260, **Total: \$1,672**

St. Francis: Adult: \$405, Loose: \$324, Rel. Ed. \$5, Candles: \$100, **Total: \$834**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,116, Loose: \$253, Fall Collection \$30, **Total: \$1,399**

Charism Bootcamp: Sept. 25th at the Gathering Barn (35204 County Road 155, Avon) This is a fun evening for women hosted by the Molitor sisters to discover the unique gifts God has given you and how He may be calling you to use them. (Time: 7-9 p.m.) Guest Speaker, Kristen Molitor will help us better understand charisms, the personal, supernatural graces we receive at Baptism, and how they can be lived out in our everyday lives. Families, parishes, workplaces, and communities. Take the Charism assessment before the event: <https://www.manypartsministries.com/product/charism-assessment>. Then register for the event: <https://tinyurl.com/dat3wbap> or call Kristin at 237-2241. Cost: \$20.

Suicide Healing & Remembrance Weekend-Sept. 26/27

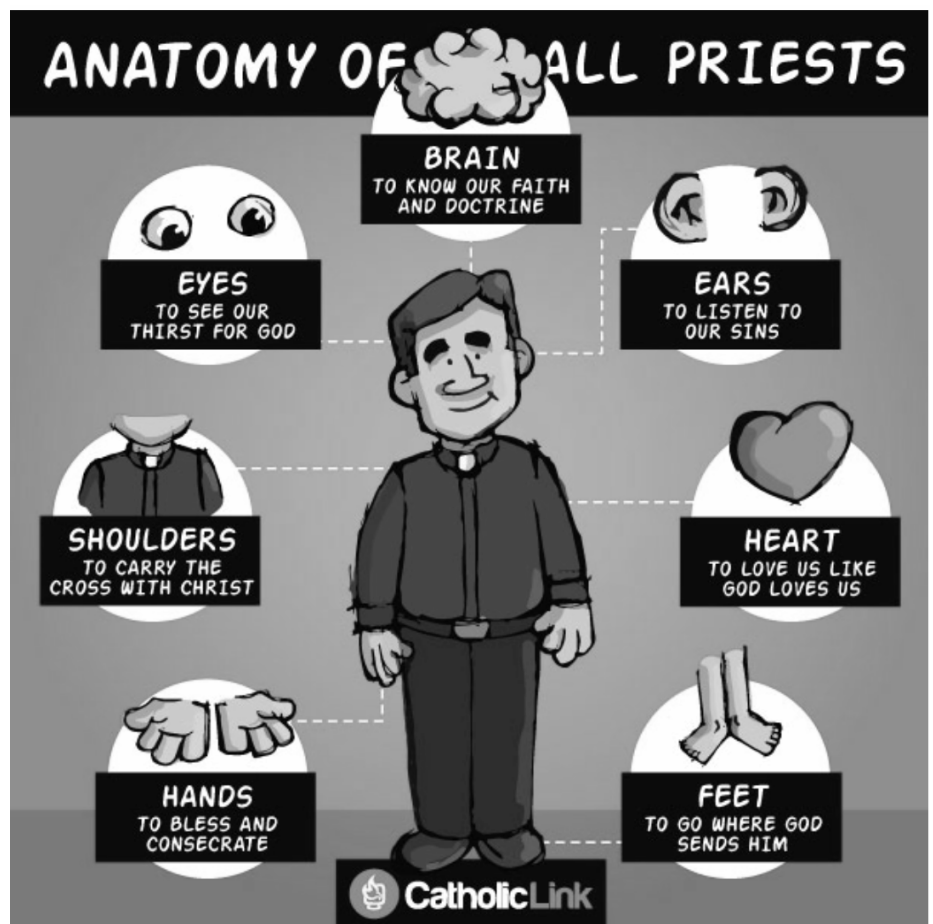
Everyone is welcome to attend Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud on Sept. 26th at 5:00 p.m. to remember those who have passed through suicide. Attendees will be invited to place a flower in a basket in remembrance of their loved one. Flowers will be provided.

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. Free Will Offering.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. ~Acts 16



Andrew Dinner: October 1st Do you have young men in your parish grades 8-12 who have potential for a priestly calling? Fr. Doug would love to hear from you! This simple and powerful night consists of evening prayer and dinner with Bishop Neary while priests share their vocation stories. Young men find it very meaningful and special to have a night with the bishop and priests. Please contact Julie in the Vocations Office at julie.jacobs@gw.stcdio.org if you have young men interested in joining this evening.

Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer. ~ Padre Pio-Feast Day September 23rd.

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 contact Janice: healing@spiritandsaints.org. (320) 640-7623.

The Stearns County Household Hazardous Waste

Clean up time? Bring your old paints fluorescent bulbs, garden chemicals, etc. on Wednesday September 30th from 10am to 5pm in the St. Francis Church parking lot. Please keep in mind the material we can accept at our mobile events is more limited than what we may accept at our Facility in Waite Park. For more information contact: Michael Rogers (320)257-8607.