

19th Annual Indoor Fishing Contest

The Holdingford Lions will be holding their annual Indoor Fishing Contest on February 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Pelican Lake Ballroom. Tickets are \$20 and need to be purchased before 1:00 p.m. Ask a Lion about tickets. Contact: Lloyd Rausch: 320-428-4602.

Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m. (coincides with the onset of daylight savings time). The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served in Holy Cross Center following the Mass. For further information call the Crosiers at: 320.532.3103. Reservations are not required. All are welcome!

Attention All Singers!

Sign-up now to sing for the Chrism Mass, which will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be on March 9th & 16th at St. Mary's Cathedral from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Contact Anne Cota at musicatstmaryscathedral@gmail.com or call (320) 251-1840. Singers are also needed for ordinations in June (1st & 8th).

Journey of a Women's Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith

Join us in this Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9th at St. Martin Parish (119 Main Street, St. Martin MN). Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m. with Deb Rudolph speaking at 9:00 a.m. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Afternoon session begins at 1:00 p.m. Registration: \$20 before March 1st -\$25 at the door. Payable: Saint Cloud DCCW, Mail to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Lora Knafla: 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367 Questions: Contact Lora (320) 393-2701.

The Resurrected Artists Present: *Murder Gone Wrong.* Our own Bob Theisen (SF) will be performing in this Dinner Theatre production at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna on March 1-3 and 8-10. Tickets are \$38. For more information and reservations call (320) 845-7738.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Have you attended a baptism, first communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift :www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Lenten Campaign: Feb. 14th – Mar. 24th

Join us for prayer, fasting & peaceful witness! We come together at Planned Parenthood (451 E. St. Germain ,St. Cloud) to pray for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers as well as for the conversion of all who participate in the abortion industry. Please consider spending an hour in prayer with your fellow parishioners on Thursday afternoons from 1-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838. We need your participation! We need 2 people every hour! Find more details here: <https://stcdio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>. Protect life!



This Lent, journey with FORMED.ORG with two unique online series. By signing up, you'll receive an email video each day from Daily Bread to encourage your Lenten journey. You also receive 10 new episodes of Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids, which includes downloadable coloring pages.

To sign up for FORMED: Visit our website, click the button for FORMED.org, Under 'Create a new account' type in the Upsala zip code: 56384, Click on St. Francis of Assisi, enter your name and email. You will receive an email to begin watching.

I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

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, LaCrosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field, Green Bay. See the brochure in the entry of church or visit Pilgrimage Tour, Wisconsin at www.lavernstravel.com for more information.

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

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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.

Grow in your Faith on FORMED!

Parents, we invite you to explore new ways to share the Catholic faith with your children through a learning tool called FORMED a premier online platform with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, eBooks, and audio talks. Subscribe for free at: www.Signup.Formed.Org. Enter parish zip code (56384). Enter your name and email address. You're in!



The Catholic Parent
Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith. See inside this bulletin for ways to grow in your faith this Lent on FORMED.

Matching Grant Breakfast

St. Francis Catholic United Financial is sponsoring their annual Matching Grant Breakfast this Sunday, February 25th at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Details inside this bulletin. Please help us support our Religious Education.


The Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Weekend Masses: The Second Sunday in Lent		
Saturday 2/24		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Lloyd, Clarence, Rosemary and deceased members of the Jarnot Family	(SF) EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Rosanne Voss c, Janelle Roerick c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Bob & Judy Theisen, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger
Sunday 2/25		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	For the People	(SE) EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Peggy Frieler c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Mike Heisick, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Greg & Renee Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased parents of Dave & Renee Scholz	(SM) EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Jon Leither c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Mike & Randi Klasen, Bank: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday 2/26	
No Mass	
Tuesday 2/27	<i>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Stations 6:30 p.m.	† Luke Jacobs ~Marvin & Shirley Wensmann
Wednesday 2/28	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack
Thursday 2/29	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Stations 8:30 a.m.	† Norman Liebsch ~Irene & Leonard Koroll
Friday 3/1 <i>First Friday World Day of Prayer</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary *Stations 8:00 a.m.	† Joe, Elaine and Mark Schumer ~Rob Schumer



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.

Pray for us:
Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Jim Negen, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Binek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, & Geraldine George.

Weekend Masses: The Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 3/2 <i>First Saturday</i>		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Joe & Rose Lange ~Dan & Rita Lange	EM of HC: Chris Fuchs, Judy Theisen c, Bob Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida Gifts: John & Marsha Rakotz,
Sunday 3/3		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Dennis Biniek	EM of HC: Peggy Frieler, Jim Bartkowicz c, JoanTheisen c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, LeAnn Beneke c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Mike & Randi Klasen, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

All Cluster News



Matching Grant Fundraiser St. Francis Catholic United Council #296

Everyone is welcome on Sunday, February 25th. Serving 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Free will offering. Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes with choice of toppings, Hashbrowns, Sweet Bread & Beverages. All you can eat! St. Francis of Assisi Church Basement 44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport, MN Take out available. Proceeds go to our Rel. Ed. program. Catholic United Financial will give a matching grant of up to \$1000.

Faith Formation:

February 25th - March 2nd
K-6: Home Lesson:
God's Covenant with Abraham
2nd gr: lesson 4
February 28th
7-10 & Conf. Class 7-8:30 p.m.

Youth Director Job Opening

You can fill out an application on our website: 238catholic.org.



ACC Lenten Penance Service March 10th:
4-5 priests will be available to hear Confessions from 2-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

WEEKEND COLLECTION

February 18, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$620 Loose: \$66, Churches in East & Central Europe: \$30, Central MN Catholic: \$115, **Total: \$831**
St. Francis: Adult: \$315, Loose: \$63, Funeral Fund: \$30, Churches in East & Central Europe: \$20 **Total: \$428**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,948, Loose \$182, Churches in East & Central Europe: \$40, Choir: \$150, Building Fund: \$50, Central MN Catholic: \$160, **Total: \$2,530**

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council

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Questions on any of these events: Jeff Czech, Grand Knight (320) 630-2753

Annual Knights of Columbus Breakfast and Raffle: March 24th at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus. Serving from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Raffle at noon.

Regional Free Throw Contest: Feb 25th

Blessings to Cody Johnson and Morgan Ripplinger who will be competing in Aitkin, MN.

GATHER TOGETHER!

About 30 people came last Monday to pray the Rosary for our country and for world peace. Let's keep growing. The Rosary will begin at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Church. Mark your calendar as this will be ongoing. All are welcome! "I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary."
~Our Lady to St. Dominic



Need some direction in your life?

You are invited to attend our 'Journey with Jesus to Calvary' performance at St. Francis of Assisi Church. We invite you to meet, share, and perhaps cry with several "companions" that encountered Jesus along the road to Calvary. Place yourself in their shoes and experience Holy Week in a new light.

Performance dates are:

Wed., March 20th at 7:00 p.m.
Fri., March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
Sat., March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., March 24th at 1:00 p.m. If you want to be on stage (we are still in need of someone to play Barabbas) or in the choir call Bob 573-2933.

St. Edward's News

Wedding BANNERS I



Dylan Van Wienen & Decorah Meyer-Iverson

St. Edward's, March 16, 2024
(Wedding at St. Mary's)

Spaghetti Supper & Raffle

We are seeking donations for the Fire Restoration Cash Raffle to be held on April 26th. If you are interested in making a donation towards the raffle as cash or other prizes, please contact Ted Lewandowski at (320) 293-1508. We are also seeking items for the Silent Auction which can be brought in to the Parish Office. Thank you!

St. Mary's News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Marjorie Lehner

Passed to Eternal Life: 2/20/2024

Funeral: 2/24/2024

Smelt & Fish Fry

It's time once again to prepare for our annual St. Mary's Fish Fry & Raffle! SAVE THE DATE! It's Friday, March 22nd 4-8pm (cash raffle drawing at 7:30pm). We are now selling raffle tickets! They will be available at the Parish Office, Nelson Insurance, and after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Sundays. Once again, we would like each parishioner to buy or sell at least one raffle ticket! Tickets are \$100 each. Thank you!

St. Francis' News

St. Francis CUF Matching Grant

Breakfast: Feb. 25th If anyone would like to donate towards the breakfast, please contact Chad 573-5667 or Bob 573-2933. Men & boys of the parish are asked to help. 1st shift: M-Z 8-10:30 a.m. & 2nd shift: A-L 10:30 until done.