

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



Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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Tuesday & Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon
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Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule

Prayer Lines:

SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127

Kathy Koehn 573-2363

SF: 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 brought to you or
a loved one.

Marriage: Couples need to begin
preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine
months in advance.

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

Confirmation Class 2026!



Lenten Penance Service:

Our ACC Penance Service will be at All Saints-
St. Mary's in Holdingford on Sunday, March 8th from
2-4:00 p.m. Many priests will be available.

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage-an act of entrusting
ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God".
~ Pope St. John Paul II

"The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works".
~ St. Augustine.

"Go to your confessor: open your heart to him: display to him all the
recesses of your soul: take the advice that he will give you with the
utmost humility and simplicity. For God, Who has an infinite love for
obedience, frequently renders profitable the counsels we take from
others, but especially from those who are the guides of our Souls".
~St. Francis de Sales.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 3/7		Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Philip Vossen	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gift Bearers: Gerald & Julie Roerick, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
Sunday 3/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Jerome Kiffmeyer ~ Ralph & Sally Schleper	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gift Bearers: Pat & Kris Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Mikel Nelson & Bob Blonigen, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Monday, 3/9	<i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>	 <p>Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm</p> <p>Pray for us: Dee Booth, 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, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Ken Welle, Sherry Schumer, Leonard & Eileen Koroll</p> <p>God's law gives wisdom and refreshes the heart.</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 3/10		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross	† Rita Wensmann ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann	
Wednesday, 3/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Stations of the Cross	† Living & deceased members of the St. Francis Men's Society	
Thursday, 3/12		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward Stations of the Cross	† Frank, Agnes & Gertrude Czech	
Friday, 3/13		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. St. Edward	Dolores Notch Stations of the Cross	

Saturday 3/14		Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Jerome Young	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gift Bearers: Mike & Melissa Tschida, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
Sunday 3/15		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz. Joan Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gift Bearers: Mark & Kaye Nienaber
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Melvin Pundsack	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gift Bearers: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Religious Education

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This Week's Classes: Wednesday, March 11th

Confirmation: 6:15p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford
7-10 Gr. 7-8p.m. St. Mary, Upsala

Youth Group (8-12 grade) Sunday, March 8th, 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. Theme "Take Up Your Cross" consisting of games, food, faith message and Stations of the Cross specifically for teens. Bring a friend!

Steubenville Prep Meeting Wed., March 18th at 8-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. A gathering for all youth & chaperones attending the Steubenville Conference this summer.

St. Edward's Spaghetti

Supper A sign-up sheet to help with the Spaghetti Supper is on the table in the entry of church. We'll need kitchen help and clean-up. Bars, cookies and cakes can be brought to the basement that day. We have poster printed and on the entry table if you'd like to help deliver to businesses.

Thank you!

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • 19TH ANNUAL



FREE - WILL OFFERING

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • ELMDALE, MN
8550 State Highway-238, Bowls, MN 56314

DINNER IS SERVED, 4:30-7:30 P.M.

• TAKE OUT AVAILABLE •



St. Mary's Fish Fry & Raffle will be on Friday, March 27th from 4-8 p.m. with the Cash Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m. We will be selling raffle tickets (\$100 each) after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are also available at the Parish Office. We are asking each parishioner (St. Mary's) to sell at least one ticket. Thank you for your support.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/1/2026

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,376, Loose: \$70, Fire Fund: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$96, Churches in East: \$5, **Total: \$1,567**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,000, Loose: \$112, Votive: \$176.52, Central MN Catholic: \$100, Easter Flowers: \$130 **Total: \$1,518.52**

St. Mary: Adults: \$2,258, Loose: \$106.50, Votive: \$195.55, Easter Flowers: \$85, Funeral Fund: \$75, **Total: \$2,720.05**

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. To join us Contact Chelsea Fuchs fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Online Contributions for February

Sign-up for Online

Contributions by filling out a form on our website or call the Parish Office to have a form mailed/mailed to you.

St. Edward: \$200

St. Francis: \$355

St. Mary: \$1,005



Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Need some direction in your life? 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. Come see **Journey with Jesus to Calvary** at St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 Hwy 238, Freeport).

Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Rehearsals:

March 1: 1:00 p.m. Main speaking parts

March 7: 11:00 a.m. Main speaking parts

March 7: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Costume fitting.

If you can't make it to the costume fitting, see Bob after Mass or call to arrange a time. Don't wait until rehearsal to be fit for your costume.

Full dress rehearsal for all actors & choir:

Sat., March 14th & 21st at 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Actors: Please arrive by 9-9:15 a.m. to get dressed and ready to begin at 10:00a.m. On March 14th we will have a reporter from *The Star Post* arriving at 10:00 a.m. so we need to start on time. If you want to be an actor, choir member or sheep-you can! Call Bob at 573-2933.



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

Annual Knights of Columbus Breakfast & Raffle will be on March 22nd.

Meeting: March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Elmdale.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Please look for your envelope March 14th & 15th for this special collection that reveal's Christ's love by helping those in the margins and victims of natural disasters.

Holdingsford Firefighters Relief Association Breakfast

Join us on Sunday March 8th at the Holdingsford City Center form Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free Will donation. Thank you!



CRS Rice Bowl Feb 18th - April 3rd. Bowls are in the entry of our churches to take home. Learn more at crsricebowl.org/donate. Return to church by April 3rd. Thank you!

ACC All Things New: We are in a special situation, dependent on the building of a new church in Holdingsford, with an extended timeline different than all the other ACC's. Our announcements haven't been made yet. We are waiting for the final decisions to be made by the Presbyteral (Priest) council & the Bishop's Decree, which sounds like it will be in April. There most likely will be some merges. When All Saints gets their new church built, the diocese says we will then go from 2 priests to 1 for the 6 parishes, and a priest can only say 3 Masses on a weekend. Our committee is working on a plan & will share as soon as we see the final.

Spring Campaign for Life!

Feb 18 - Mar 29

Please sign up for an hour to walk near Planned Parenthood on Monday-Friday through March 28th. Help us promote LIFE! Contact: judy4life@meltel.net

Healing the Whole Person

Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miraim James Heidland



Engage your story with honesty-accept His invitation to make you whole-live in His freedom and transform the world!

Join us for this in person video series:

8 Talks/Community Reflections/Healing/Restoration

Little Falls: Mondays-April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the JohnPaul II Center (108 3rd St. NW, Little Falls). Register by April 3rd-\$20/person.

Holdingsford: * Only 50 spots available* 3 day weekend retreat at the Gathering Barn (35204 County road 155, Avon). Friday: 3-8:30pm, Saturday: 9:30 am-4 pm and Sunday: 10am-4:30 pm. Register by April 8th-\$50/person (includes meals).

St. Cloud: 4 Saturday mornings, 8am-12pm, April 25th, May 2nd, 16th, 30th at Christ Church Newman Center (396 1st Ave. S. St. Cloud). Register by April 15th- \$20/person.

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

Registration: forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7

Or scan the QR code on posters in church entry or on our website.

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Rosary Walk for Life

Meet at 4:00 p.m. outside or inside All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingsford to pray for life! Tuesdays; March 10th, 17th and 24th. If you are unable to attend, pray at home with us!

Be free of your sins!

OVERCOME the 7 DEADLY SINS	Lust Unrestrained sexual craving Be pure. Guard your heart. Give yourself a project, exercise when you're bored.	Gluttony To over-indulge, especially by over-eating Be moderate. Exercise regularly, avoid excess in eating and drinking.	Pride Inflated sense of one's accomplishments Be humble. You need God and others. Pray and serve.
	Sloth Laziness, lack of effort Be diligent. Have a schedule, don't let your life revolve around resting.	Wrath Uncontrolled feelings of hatred and anger Be patient. Moderate your emotions, take deep breaths before reacting.	Greed The excessive desire for material things Be generous. Donate something you like but don't need to the poor.

"BE HOLY IN ALL YOU DO" [1 PETER 1: 15]

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