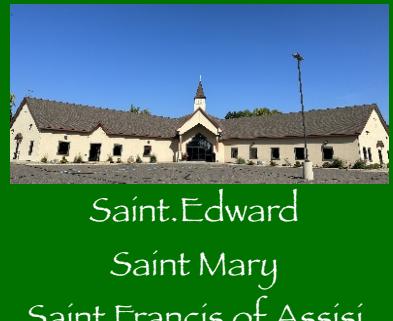


Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis: Mary & the Saints ACC



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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

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.

Are You Ready for Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. During this sacred season, we are called to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Catholic-Link has gathered a selection of powerful resources for your journey during this Lenten season.

Desert Bloom: Discovering Unexpected Joy in the Wilderness prepares you to experience deep, meaningful transformation, especially if you are entering this Lenten season feeling weary or longing for renewal. Inspired by a desire for you to experience the Lord's gentleness and compassion, this devotional offers encouragement and challenges you to grow in a way that is loving and hopeful rather than overwhelming.

Who Is Jesus? (Meg Hunter-Kilmer) invites you on a twelve-week journey through the gospels to meet Jesus Christ as he reveals himself in scripture. Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or exploring Christianity for the first time, this Bible study will help you answer the question Jesus asked his disciples—and still asks each of us today: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15).

Training the Tongue and Growing Beyond Sins of Speech | Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P. – Gossip. Lying. Flattery. Crass words. As we grow in Christian maturity, many of us are aware that we fall frequently into sins of speech. We realize instinctually that these faults are holding us back from the fullness of life. But what can we do about them? Training the Tongue and Growing Beyond Sins of Speech promises to help us attain verbal virtue. As this brief book shows, by cultivating healthy habits, we can effectively crowd out sinful speech and experience the gift of our tongue as God intended.

The Way of the Cross with the Saints uses spiritual methods from saints such as St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Francis of Assisi, St. John Henry Newman, Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, and Ven. Mary of Agreda. This Lent, trust that by abiding and praying using traditional prayers, Lenten hymns, and meditations you will have fostered deeper contrition, humility, and appreciation of Christ's Passion –beautifully bound and thoughtfully edited for you.

Saturday 2/14		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Syl Tschida c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Lloyd & Judy Lashinski, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
5:30 p.m. St. Mary Special Valentine's Mass	In thanksgiving for marriage	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn, LeAnn Beneke c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
Sunday 2/15		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Frank Jendro ~ Ione Brezinka	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jim Bartkowicz c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Brian & Tracey Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Rich Boeckermann	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gift Bearers: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Nathan Ripplinger
Monday 2/16	6 p.m. Rosary-no Mass	
Tuesday 2/17	6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Connie Harren
Wednesday 2/18		Ash Wednesday
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Jerome Young	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Bob Theisen c, Judy Theisen Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Pete & Joan Boeckermann, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Lisa Zabinski c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski & Volunteer, Greeters: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Nathan Ripplinger
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Voss	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensmann c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, Greeters: Volunteers Gift Bearers: Brad & Crystal Hartung
Thursday 2/19	8:00 a.m. St. Edward Stations of the Cross	† Stanley & Bernetta Czech
Friday 2/13	7:30 a.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross	† Bernard Koopmeiners
Saturday 2/21		First Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Eileen Stiller ~ Christian Mothers	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Craig & Rosanne Voss, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
Sunday 2/22		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Jackie Oldakowski c, Derek Biniek, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski Jr. & Greg Larson, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased parents of Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Jon Leither c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

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This Week's Classes

Attend Ash Wednesday Mass.

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Contact Chelsea Fuchs fuchschelsea92@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Confirmation will be on March 1st at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's. Please come to celebrate with us and encourage our youth. Keep them in your prayers!

Youth Group Sunday, February 22nd from 5-6:30 p.m. all 8th -12th grade youth are welcome to join us at St. Mary's for Faith, food, and Youth Group Olympic Games! Bring a friend!

Castaway Retreat for grades 9-12 will be on Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 near Detroit Lakes, MN. This is an energizing experience filled with prayer, skits, talks, music and more faith-growing opportunities. Come together with 350 others to strengthen your relationship with God! If interested, text Jim at (320) 229-2898 for more details and to be sent an Interest Form.

ACC Mardi Gras Celebration Everyone is welcome to come celebrate on Sunday, February 15th from 2-5 p.m. at the Legion in Holdingford. The Old Time Country Boys will be playing and we will have chicken strips, fries, lemonade, coffee and water. Beverages available for purchase. Bring a dish to share!

♥ ♡ **Valentine's Celebration** All are welcome to come down for coffee & rolls after the **St. Edward 8:00 a.m. Mass** this Sunday, February 15th. Enjoy!

Thank you The family of Gene Harren would like to thank Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Bob Harren for celebrating the life of Connie Harren at her funeral on February 5th at St. Mary's. Thank you also for all who prepared the meal and served and all who have been supporting our family through this time.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 2/8/2026

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,602, Loose: \$82.32, Fire Fund: \$10,

Central MN Catholic: \$40, **Total: \$1,734.32**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,475, Loose: \$146, **Total: \$1,621**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,610, Loose: \$181, Funeral Lunch: \$60, Stained glass window: \$150, **Total: \$2,001**



Adoration

2nd Tuesdays:

St. Francis 8am -7pm

Thursdays:

St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm

First Fridays:

St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm

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, Jan Kilian, Sherry

Schumer, Leonard & Eileen Koroll

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. Raffle tickets will be available soon!

St. Francis Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, serving from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The men and boys of the parish are asked to help again, M to Z from 8 - 10:30 a.m. and A to L from 10:30 a.m. to finish. Thank you again for your dedicated service to our parish and support of our Religious Education program. If anyone would like to make a donation beforehand, please contact Bob (320-573-2933) or Chad 293-7092).

Journey with Jesus

Main speaking parts will practice on Sat, Feb. 21st at 10:30 a.m. The men will set up for the Matching Grant Breakfast after practice. We can still use actors, choir members and help backstage.

Call Bob at 573-2933.

Performances are:

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

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

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

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

 Jesus, I trust in you! 



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

Annual K of C Free Throw Contest
Winners going on to Regionals in Atkin, MN on March 1st:

Girls:

Joelle Vetsch, Faith Huston, Payton Quirk & Morgan Ripplinger

Boys:

Gabriel Barthel & Jacob Dierenfeld

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

Festival of Families: Sun., Feb. 22nd:

Join other families from around the diocese to celebrate your Catholic faith. The day includes a carnival, sessions for children-teens-parents, lunch, service projects, Mass and more! 9am -3pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell. Cost per family is \$25. <https://stcdio.org/event/2026-festival-of-families>.



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Mt 5:20 The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above other people. Jesus is clear-it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven.

Sign-up: Men's Conference 2026

Register Today for the Men's Conference! Time is running out to register for the Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Join hundreds of men for a day focused on building authentic friendships and strengthening our parish communities. Register online at <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2026/> or contact Jan at 320-258-7615 or jan.zylla@gw.stcdio.org

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Hearts of MERCY
Agents of Compassion



Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend Your gift will help people grow closer to Jesus by forming Pastoral Leaders, Missionary Disciples and Agents of Compassion. This weekend you will hear about this appeal. If you left your envelope at home you can bring it to the office drop it in the Collection basket or fill one out at Mass today. Thank you!

Spring Campaign Feb 18 - Mar 29, 2026

Opening Rally Saturday, Feb 21st at 10a.m. - 12 p.m. Guest Speaker: Fr. Brady Keller will speak about Fasting & Prayer. We will start at the Vigil site at Planned Parenthood at 10 AM and proceed to St. Augustine Church for a Program, Pizza, and Fellowship until 12 p.m. Please sign up for an hour time slot to walk Monday-Friday from Feb. 18th - March 28th. Contact: judy4life@meltel.net

Rosary Walk for Life

Meet at 4:00 p.m. outside or inside All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford to pray for life! Tuesdays Feb. 24th, March 10th, 17th and 24th.

Lenten Retreat: Saturday, February 21st

Everyone is welcome to join us at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement from 8:30-12 Noon for Stations of the Cross through Mary's eyes and speaker Diane Hanson who will talk about praying through Mary. This is a free event and is handicapped accessible. Sponsored by the All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality.



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

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 20-22, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Feb. 21st

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18-30 who are looking to socialized other young adults. We typically meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. These meetings are subject to change so please contact Katie (423-2203) or Marissa (630-2433) if you would like to join us.