

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

Confessions are 1/2 hour before all Masses. Please see Mass Schedule on next page.

PRAYER LINES

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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.



Symbols of the Heart of Mary

The Fire: Her heart burns with love for Jesus and us all.

The Roses: They represent her purity.

The Sword: It symbolizes Mary's sorrows

Her Heart: Symbol of her maternal love.

7 Ways to Grow in Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this August

Here are a few steps we can take to grow in our love and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in August:

1. **Consecrate yourself** and your home to The Immaculate Heart of Mary and pray The Shorter Act of Daily Consecration each day (see below).
2. **Keep an image** of the Immaculate Heart in your home. Many faithful keep the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts on a prominent wall to show their fidelity to Jesus and Mary.
3. **Pray daily** the Litany of the Immaculate Heart or the Prayer to the Immaculate Heart (see below).
4. Contemplate what Mary **pondered in her heart** as you pray the Mysteries of the Rosary and meditate on the events of her life and the life of Jesus.
5. **Memorize or meditate** on Scripture verses and places in the Catechism that highlight the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Luke 2:19, Luke 2:51, CCC #964
6. Begin this August to go to Confession and Mass on the **Five First Saturdays** of the month, keeping the request of Our Lady of Fatima.
7. Learn and sing **the Salve Regina** with your family or friends. 7 Ways to Grow in Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this August. ~catholic-link.org

Meeting today for All Things New: Sun. August 17th

Join us at 2:00 p.m. in Upsala at the St. Mary's Church in the Assumption Hall for our ACC Listening session. More details in the back of this bulletin.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/16		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Bob & Gail Wuebkers
Sunday 8/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Don Maciej	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Joan Theisen c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Leo & Erma Blonigen ~ MJ & Bob Blonigen	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Volunteer c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Volunteers, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 8/18		
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 8/19	<i>St. John Eudes, Priest</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Bernadette Voss	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: Raymond Kurowski, Dee Booth, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, 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
Wednesday, 8/20	<i>St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Daniel Lange	
Thursday, 8/21	<i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	
Friday, 8/22	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Herbie Gerads	
I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me. (Ps 40:3)		

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/23		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Jerome Gerads ~ Joann Gerads	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Janelle Roerick c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Pete & Joan Boeckermann
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Elizabeth Molus	EM of HC: Jackie Oldakowski, Jim Bartkowicz c, Karla Schnieder c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Gifts: Scott & Jen Wensmann
Sunday 8/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Mike Klasen c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
10:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Audrey Pfluegar ~ Darrell & Susan Geise Family	EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners, Rosanne Voss c, Volunteer c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Allen & Diane Herzog

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. (Lk: 12:49-53)

All Cluster News

Religious Education

Please help support our youth by becoming a teacher. We are looking for teachers for all ages K– 10th grade. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this important ministry!



St. Francis of Assisi 69th Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Mass at 10:00 am in air conditioned church

After Mass, join us for a roast beef and ham dinner with all the fixings, serving indoors and outdoors, starting at 11am.

Silent Auction throughout the day.

Grand Raffle at 7:00 pm
100+ prizes!

Live Music all day by LaVerne and the Starlites
then Eagle Valley Playboys Polka
sponsored by Freeport State Bank

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| • Food Stand | • Country Store |
| • Kids Games | • Cake Walk |
| • Bingo | • Fried Bread |
| • Straw Stand | • Pull Tabs |
| • Fancywork and more | |

Fun for the whole family!

St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany or
25 miles Southwest of Little Falls on State Hwy 238.



St. Edward's News

Congratulation



Devín & Stefani Prokott
Married August 16, 2025
St. Edward's, Elmdale

St. Francis' News

Wedding BANN I



Clara Pflueger & Cameron Lemke
September 6, 2025
St Francis, St. Francis

Many Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Heritage Day Youth Food Stand a success! Special thanks to those who helped to set-up, clean-up or serve and to all those who supported us! May God bless you all!

St. Francis Festival

Silent Auction

Anyone interested in donating items, please call Jane 232-3290, Rosanne 573-2068, Kathy 573-2509 or Carol 290-9790. Raffle Chances and work slips for our Fall festival are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available at the Parish Office or contact Kelly Wiechman (320) 241-8203 or Brittany Harren (701) 989-5919.

The Fancywork Stand

is always accepting donations. You can leave them in the church basement with at note or call Rosie at (320) 260-8989. Thank you!

Cucumbers and tomatoes

are needed again this year. If you have some to donate, please have them to the church basement no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Since there will be no chicken frying

on Saturday, we would appreciate your help doing other things. Please come and help set-up, peel potatoes, help with stands, etc.

Please turn in all sold and unsold raffle tickets on Friday or Saturday to help cut down on last minute paperwork on Sunday.

Everyone's help is greatly appreciated no matter how small the job. Come and enjoy each other's company! God bless all of you for your hard work and dedication!

St. Francis Bazaar Mass Time Change

Masses for the August 23rd-24th weekend will be Saturday, 8:00 p.m. St. Edward, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. St. Mary and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. St. Francis for the Polka Mass. There will also be a festival workers' Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd at St. Francis.

We are in the Jubilee Year! To learn more visit:
<https://stcdio.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 8/3/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$640, Loose: \$90,
Total: \$731

St. Francis: Adult: \$351, Loose: \$116,
Total: \$467

St. Mary: Adults: \$2,523, Loose: \$228, Assumption: \$50,
Texas Relief: \$200, **Total: \$3,001**

Cake Walk: \$545.70

Youth Food Stand before expenses: \$7,219

News and Events



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

VA Escorts: Aug. 31st.

Arrive at 7:35 a.m. at the VA.

All Things New

All members of the Mary and the Saints ACC are invited to join the All Things New planning committee for a listening session. We will share information we have and listen to your suggestions about vibrancy and the future of our church. Members from any of our 6 parishes can attend one or both of our sessions. The dates are:

Sunday, August 17th

2:00 p.m. in Upsala at the St. Mary's Church in the Assumption Hall

Thursday, August 28th

7:00 p.m. in Holdingford at All Saints St. Mary's church basement

Appreciation Meal

The Upsala Lions is having a free customer appreciation meal at the Upsala Community Center on August 18th from 5-7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Caring for Loved Ones

An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End"

Every Life is Worth Living

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. ~USCCB

Retrouvaille weekend: Sept. 5-7

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>.



The Queenship of Mary

This Friday we celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, which was proclaimed by Pope Pius the XII in 1954, exactly four years after he created the Fourth Marian Dogma with the Feast of the Assumption. Henceforth, the church recognizes Mary as the Queen of Heaven and earth, but it is important to keep in mind the origins of this idea are biblical.

When the Angel Gabriel visits Mary, he announces that she will bear *a son who will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David. He will rule over the house of Jacob forever and his reign will be without end.* (Luke 1:32)

For centuries across the medieval period, great saints referred to her with the title of "Queen" and thousands of poems and songs called Marian Antiphons were sung at churches across Europe with this real and true title.

What does this mean for us? With two Marian-themed parishes in our cluster, it means we should think often about the idea that the Blessed Mother shared in the Kingship of her Son Jesus Christ. Because she lived perfectly in the Divine Will of God the Father, and due to her powers of intercession, she too has a role in the history of redemption. Mary, Queen of the Universe, pray for us!

St. Rose Fall Festival Sunday, August 31st

Fun for the entire day! Food Games Bingo Dice CakeWalk, Beer Garden, Horse Races, Kid's Inflatables, Bean Bag Tournament & Quilt Auction.

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Polka Mass. Music by LeVerne and the Starlites, and then by The Sunday Stars. Grand Raffle at 7:00 p.m. Join us at St. Rose of Lima Parish in St. Rosa.

St. Stephen Parish Festival: Monday, Sept. 1st -Labor Day

Come for Mass at 10:00 a.m. then stay for the Chicken & Ham Dinner at 11:00 a.m. Festival Activities until 5:00 p.m. with Quilt and Grand Raffle to follow. Live music: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. -JJ's Band, & 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.- The Jolly Huntsman Polka Band. Activities include: Bingo Dice, Cake Walk, children's games, Mouse Races, Pedal Tractor Pull, Train Rides, Bouncy Houses, Quilt Stand, Farmers Market, Grandma's Attic, Silent Auction, Country Store, Bake Sale, Goat Raffle, Pull Tabs and Food Stand. Come enjoy this family event!

St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party: Sept. 6th

All are invited to our annual Block Party on the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral (25 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud). Mass begins at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral, followed by Music, Food, Beer Garden, Kids' Games, Silent Auction and Bingo at 5:00 pm. Mason Dixon Line takes the stage from 6:00 – 10:00 pm.