

Elmdale, Upsala
and St. Francis:
Mary & the Saints
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Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule.

Prayer Lines:

SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127
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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.

First Communion 2026

Isaiah Barthel (St. Mary) son of Brent & Kayla
Ashton Bartkowicz (St. Edward) son of Layla & Cade
Kienna Bertram (St. Stanislaus, Sobieski) daughter of Keith & Karla
Bryson Fuchs (St. Francis) son of Joseph & Chelsea
Kendra Goebel (St. Francis) daughter of Kurt & Jackie
Tristan Hellmann (Sacred Heart, Freeport) son of Jesse & Kayla
Khloe Kaiser (St. Edward) daughter of Justin & Heather
Skylar Kingston (St. Mary) daughter of Mitchell & Brooke
Lexi Ley (St. Stanislaus, Sobieski) daughter of Paul & Ashleigh
Jaxson Oldakowski (St. Edward) son of Gerard Jr. & Jackie
Dakota Reece (St. Edward) daughter of Wade & Samantha




Reception of the Holy Eucharist is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us. Through the gift of Holy Communion, we are able to share a deep intimacy with Jesus. Let us commit to continue journeying with our young ones, and by our words and deeds, be examples for them to follow. May this milestone for them be a moment for us to remember our first encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; and for us to more deeply appreciate the gift Jesus extends to us every time we are gathered at the Sacred Banquet.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. You have provided for us richly through the gift of Your Body and Blood. Receiving the Holy Eucharist is a tremendous blessing, and we ask You to help all who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Help them to grow in love for You each day of our lives. Help them to always appreciate the great gifts You have given us for our salvation. ~srcdublin.org

Ministry Schedule

1st Saturday 5/2		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†Don Herzog ~ St. Francis Men's Society	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Syl & Ellie Tschida, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
Sunday 5/3		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For men & women deployed in Kuwait and around the world	EM of HC: Derek Biniek, Jackie Oldakowski c, Jim Bartkowicz, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski & Greg Larson, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gift Bearers: Brian & Tracy Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Lisa Zabinski c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner
Monday, 5/4		
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 5/5		Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Jerome Beddow	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, Eleanor Tschida, Ken Welle, Leonard & Eileen Koroll
Wednesday, 5/6		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Jerome Young	
Thursday, 5/7		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† LeRoy & Dorothy Swanson & Family	
1st Friday, 5/8		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Cora Stock	"Do not let your hearts be troubled; I am the way."
Saturday 5/9		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Janelle Roerick c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Sheldon & Karla Tschida, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
Sunday 5/10		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Toby & Karla Schneider Family	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gift Bearers: Brad & Crystal Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Jimmy ~Seven Sisters Apostolate * Fr. Jimmy's Birthday	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Nathan Ripplinger

"If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Jn 14:7

Religious Education

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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST MAY 17, 2026

Menu:

Pancakes (w/ fruit toppings, syrup, whipped cream), sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet bread, beverages



Proceeds to support youth from the Elmdale, St. Francis, and Upsala parishes attending the Steubenville Youth Conference

Free Will Offering. Thank you for your support!

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Francis

Youth Meeting Sunday, May 3rd, 7-8:30 p.m. (Note time change) All 8-12th graders welcome! This will also double as a gathering for those going to Steubenville.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 4/26/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$691 Loose: \$91, Votive: \$56.58, Fire Fund: \$10, Catholic Home Mission: \$45, **Total: \$899.58**

St. Francis: Adult: \$890, Loose: \$112, Catholic, Home Missions: \$30, **Total: \$1032**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,596, Loose: \$367, Votive: \$217, Easter: \$25, Stained Glass Windows: \$225, Catholic Home Missions: \$75, **Total: \$2,505**

Totus Tuus Leaders

Are you in college and considering what your summer plans will be? Consider being a Totus Tuus missionary for the Diocese of St. Cloud. You would be a "missionary to the youth" in central MN. The program is just two months long so you would still get some needed rest and family time; yet, it offers an opportunity for a summer of growing in your own faith and in deeper love of Jesus. We offer a stipend of \$500/week. Please check out this site for more info and to sign up: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>

Peter's Pence Collection: May 23-24

From his first appearance after his election, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace with the whole world by works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor. You will find an envelope in your packet for giving. Thank you! www.usccb.org/peter-pence/collection.

Stamp Camp Learn about Card making on May 3rd from 2-5 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

St. Francis News

Church Locking Schedule

Starting on May 4th the church will be unlocked until 8:00 p.m. It will go back to 6:00 p.m. in the fall.

Table & Chair Rental

Do you have a garage sale, graduation party or other celebration coming up? We have tables, \$5, chairs \$.50 and sections of tent \$20 (per section) for rent. Call Bob: 573-2933.

Farewell Party for Sr. Mary Pat

Everyone is invited to attend a celebration for Sr. Mary Pat on Saturday, June 6th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Francis (note time change).

Graduation

Baccalaureate Service for all Upsala Churches

May 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

Graduation- May 22nd 7:00 p.m. at Upsala High School

Graduation Mass

May 24th 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala



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

Tootsie Roll Drive: Weekend of May 2nd & 3rd after Masses. It will go to support persons with disabilities.

Meeting: May 5th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Edward, Elmdale (note time change).

Catholic Young Adult Weekend at Camp Lebanon (August 27th-30th) for ages 18-35. Cost will be around \$200 per person. This weekend will provide opportunities for fellowship, activities, Mass, and Eucharistic adoration. Please call or text Marissa Throener for more details or to sign up (320)-630-2433.

Lost & Found

*Cell phone-Apple

*Wooden Rosary with 4 additional medals

Contact the Parish Office if these are your items.

Rise: An Evening of Faith, Hope and Healing: Monday May 11th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Encounter the Holy Spirit in a new and personal way!

All Things New Diocesan-wide Prayer Service-May 3rd

All are invited to a diocesan-wide service as Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC, prays for unity for the newly merged parishes, a major milestone in the All Things New diocesan pastoral plan. The prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids at 7:00 p.m. and live-streamed at www.stcdio.org/unity-livestream/.

Save the Date-Ordinations:

Transitional and permanent diaconate ordination is on June 6th at the Cathedral of Saint Marv. St. Cloud. at 10:30 a.m.

National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 7th

Join us to pause for a time of prayer for our nation at 7:00 a.m. at the Upsala Veteran Memorial on Main Street Upsala. "Pray without ceasing" 1 Thes. 5:17



Spring Chorale Concert, Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

The St. Francis Sister of Little Falls invite you to an uplifting concert at the Sacred Heart Chapel that celebrates the beauty and life of fivers through music and features special performances by the St. Francis

Brass Ensemble and the St. Francis Youth Choir.

Spring Orchestra Concert: Friday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome spring by joining the St. Francis Orchestras and Brass Ensemble at the Sacred Heart Chapel for pieces that celebrate the many shades of green!



The Month of May is Dedicated to Our Mother Mary

Since the first centuries of Christianity, the Church customarily has regarded the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God for a simple, logical reason;

By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Since the divine Person, God the Son, assumed, or took on, human nature, she is the Mother of God in the fullest sense: "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ" (CCC 487). The Church solemnly defined this belief at the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus AD 431.

But how can a mere mortal be the Mother of the eternal God who has always existed? Consider how we speak of human motherhood. Our own mothers supply our human nature, our physical bodies; yet, it is God who supplies our spirit and soul. We do not distinguish between the two: a mother gives birth not only to our nature, but to our entire person.

In regard to Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary supplied his humanity and is thus the Mother of Jesus. But Christ has both a human nature and a divine nature. Nevertheless, she gave birth to the one Person who is Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man. She is rightly called the Mother of God even though she herself is not the source of his divinity. (Cf. CCC 496)