

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

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

#### **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

#### **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.

### **Bishop Neary Honors the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

For generations, women in our parishes have strengthened the life of the Church—through service, prayer and community. They've cared for one another, nurtured devotion and embodied Christ's love in times of joy and hardship.

Recognizing the importance of this work, Bishop Peter Bartholome established the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in 1953—a movement designed to unite, empower and celebrate the faithful women of our diocese. Since then, the DCCW has been a force of good —providing a network of support, deepening spiritual formation and building connections across the wider Church.

Today, the mission of the DCCW is more vital than ever. In our evolving Church, women continue to serve as leaders, companions and disciples, ensuring that faith isn't just something we practice—it's something we live.

I am honored to proclaim October 12th as Diocesan council of Catholic Women Sunday in the Diocese of St. Cloud. Let us offer our prayers in gratitude for the women of the DCCW. And let us encourage every women in our diocese to embrace this invitation —to step forward, to lead and to deepen their journey of faith.

May Mary, under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, continue to bless this ministry and inspire all women to live their faith boldly. ~ Bishop Patrick Neary



#### **Carlo Acutis**

**Feast Day October 12th**

Born May 3, 1991

Died October 12, 2006

Buried at the Iglesia de Santa Maria Maggiore, Assisi, Italy

Canonized Sept. 7, 2025

"Jesus, make yourself at home! Live within me as if it were your own dwelling!"

"Conversion is nothing other than lifting one's gaze upward. All you need is a simple movement of the eyes." ~ Carlo Acutis

**The Twenty –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 12, 2025**

## The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday 10/11                                                       |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:00 p.m. St. Francis                                                | † Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange | <b>EM of HC:</b> Syl Tschida, Rosanne Voss c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Joe & Barb Fuchs, <b>Sacristan:</b> Alice Westrich                                                         |
| Sunday 10/12                                                         |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward<br>* St. Edward Feast<br>Celebration after Mass | † Stanley & Bernetta Czech        | <b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensman c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung <b>Servers:</b> Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Mark & Kaye Nienaber                       |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary                                                  | For the People                    | <b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz, Jon Leither c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Lilli Leither & Volunteer, <b>Ushers:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Greeters:</b> Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, <b>Gifts:</b> Randy & Donna Roske, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann |

## Weekday Masses

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| Monday, 10/13                                   | <i>Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>                      |  <p><u>Adoration</u><br/><u>2nd Tuesdays:</u><br/>St. Francis 8am -7pm<br/><u>Thursdays:</u><br/>St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm<br/><u>First Fridays:</u><br/>St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6:30 p.m. St. Mary                              | Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday, 10/14                                  | <i>St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary<br>*Anointing of the Sick    | In Thanksgiving for G & M Boeckermann                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday, 10/15                                | <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>      | <p><b>Pray for us:</b><br/>Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, 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, Gene Lashinski &amp; Jan Kilian</p> |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis<br>*Anointing of the Sick | † Evelyn Locnikar                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Thursday, 10/16                                 | <i>St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward<br>*Anointing of the sick  | † Joe & Celia Koczur ~ Jim & Mary Koczur                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday, 10/17                                   | <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary                              | † Deceased members of the Binek & Mueller Families               | St. Francis Saturday Night Mass will change from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 8th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday 10/18        |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8:00 p.m. St. Francis | † Dorothy Thell | <b>EM of HC:</b> Janelle Roerick, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Charlie & Sandy Boeckermann, <b>Sacristan:</b> Jeanette Gerads                                 |
| Sunday 10/19          |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward  | † Mark Wensmann | <b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Derek Biniek c, <b>Lector:</b> Shari Biniek, <b>Servers:</b> Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Pat & Kris Blonigen                                                     |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary   | For the People  | <b>EM of HC:</b> Chantelle Frie, Cindy Koehn c, LeAnn Beneke c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Jan Kilian, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian |

## All Cluster News

### Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) (701) 426-1607  
K-6: Beth Lange ([bethlange83@gmail.com](mailto:bethlange83@gmail.com)) (320) 630-8390  
7-10: Randi Klasen ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) (320) 493-5624  
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203 or [confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com).

### **No Religious Education Classes this week due to MEA**

#### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be at the St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in Upsala. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs: [fuchschelsea92@gmail.com](mailto:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com).

#### Benefit for Ron Schmidt Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

400 Limited Raffle Tickets to be sold. Prizes 1st-\$3000, 2nd \$2000, 3rd \$1000, 4th-7th -\$500. Event will be held on Saturday October 11th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lucky's Pub (24 3rd Street Swanville). Ron suffered a fall and has paralysis. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. Ron has given so much to our community with sharing his love of music in playing the concertina. Please join us in helping out Ron and his family! Thank You!

#### Natural Family Planning

Alexandria on Monday, Oct. 20th & Nov. 17th at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus (320) 290-8751 or at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com).

Little Falls on Tuesday Nov. 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary at [bontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 631-5660.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, Oct. 16th & Nov. 20th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill & Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Thurs. Oct. 23rd & Monday, Nov. 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org) or (320) 258-7609.

All classes are approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP!



#### Pot of Gold Raffle

All Saints Pot of Gold Annual Raffle will be held on November 2nd at All Saints-St. Mary's. Call Rosie Fedor (320) 492-6418 for tickets (\$100) and for information about this celebration! Join in the fun!

### **WEEKEND COLLECTION 10/6/2025**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,850, Loose: \$100, **Total: \$1,950**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$890, Loose: \$135, Votive: \$239.39, World Mission: \$50, Campaign for Human Dev: \$4, **Total: \$1,318.39**

**St. Mary:** Adults: \$2,346, Loose: \$278.50, Votive: \$197.25, World Mission: \$100, Campaign for Human Dev: \$100, Catholic Charities: \$100, **Total: \$3,121.75**

**Box of Joy** – For children who wish for just one gift! Once again, we will be participating in the Box of Joy program, a Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. This is a great opportunity for students, parishioners and families to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries. Boxes are located in the entryway of each parish. The Knights of Columbus will be covering the shipping fee of the boxes!!! Drop off information is included in each box. The final drop off date is Wednesday, October 29th. Please contact Tamara Lange at (320) 250-4688.



#### Turkey Bingo

Bingo at St. Mary's, Upsala on Sunday October 27th! 20 games for \$10, Black Out \$1/ card. A meal will be served.

If you would like to donate money to buy turkeys for the Turkey Bingo please call the office. Thank you!

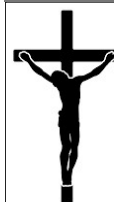
### **St. Mary's News**

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**



Adalyn Lou Zehrer  
daughter of Tyler & Lucia  
October 5, 2025 (SM)

### **St. Edward's News**



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*

**Raymond Kurowski**

Passed to Eternal Life: Oct. 8, 2025

Funeral: Oct 13, 2025 (SM)

Burial: St. Edward's Cemetery



#### **St. Edward's Feast Day Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 12th**

The St. Catherine's Corner Group will be serving rolls, milk and coffee after the 8:00

a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us!

#### *Wedding BANNERS II*



Lucia Bryce & Tyler Zehrer  
October 25, 2025  
St Edward, Elmdale

## News and Events



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

### Upcoming Event

Meeting: Oct. 7th at 8 p.m., St. Edward's, Elmdale



### Peaceful, Prayerful Vigil at Planned Parenthood:

Sept 24th-Nov. 2nd Pray with us in front of Planned Parenthood for an end to abortion. We need volunteers to sign up for a one

hour time slot from 7:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Email Judy Haag: [judy4life@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net) to learn more visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

**Pro-Life Rosary Walk** Join us in prayer at 4:00 p.m. in front of or inside All Saints-St. Mary's Church to pray the Rosary and be a witness for life. We will be praying on Tuesdays, Oct. 14th, 21st, and 28th. Can't join us? Pray with us at home!

### Stamp Camp

Join us on Sunday, October 12th from 1-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Upsala for card making. Everyone is welcome!

**St. Isidore Council #9307  
Knights of Columbus,  
Holdingford**

### **CHICKEN & HAM DINNER**

PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM, ST. ANNA, MN  
Sunday, October 12th 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 at the door. Children ages 5-12  
\$10, Under 4 FREE

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

**Evening for Life Gala:** Celebrate Life with us on Thursday, Oct. 23rd for Elevate Pregnancy & Family Resource Center at the Regency (912 West St. Germain Street, St. Cloud) We will have a 5:15 p.m. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. Program. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: \$50: Call (320) 252-4150.

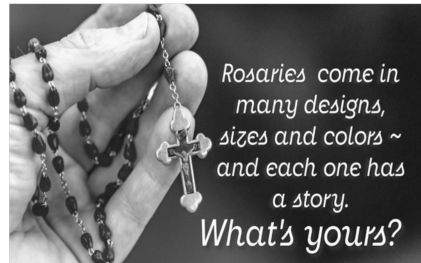
### **October is Respect Life Month:**

If you would like to support the Pregnancy Resource Center contact: Beth (320) 253-5333 or [bethbentrud@preghelp.com](mailto:bethbentrud@preghelp.com)

### **All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality Annual Rummage Sale**

All Saints-St. Hedwig's Church basement. This is a FREE-WILL sale so "One person's unneeded item might be a treasure for another," All proceeds benefit our youth. Oct. 16th & 17th: 7:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Oct. 19th 10:00 a.m. – noon. Clean, gently used items may be dropped off at the All Saints- St. Hedwig's basement Oct. 12th thru 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Oct. 15th from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. No major appliances, electronics, exercise equipment, baby equipment, headboards or mattresses. Please do not drop off items outside the door. Corrine Hadrich (320) 310-1260.

**The Apostle Games** All 9th-12th grade youth, and those adults who are serving youth in your parish/ACC are invited to attend the Saint Cloud Diocesan's very first Apostle Games on Sunday, October 26th at St. Cloud State University. Our theme "Apostle Games," is about joining together the youth of our parishes and ACCs as the young diocesan church to celebrate being Catholic through team-building activities, friendly competition, learning about our faith, celebrating the Eucharist, and having fun through activity and prayer. It is hoped that as we seek Jesus, we embrace God's invitation to be ready to share that love with all those we encounter. Sign -up sheets are located in the entry of our churches.



### **Your Rosary**

Show us your Rosary throughout the month of October, we will select your rosary stories to share. Take a photo of your rosary, write a caption in 100 words or less and email to: [communications.office@](mailto:communications.office@gw.stcdio.org)

[gw.stcdio.org](mailto:communications.office@gw.stcdio.org). Don't forget to include your name and ACC.

### **Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Oct. 18th**

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.

### **St. Teresa of Avila**

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous

attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saints. Watch on FORMED. Visit: [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org), select our parish name. Feast Day: October 15th

