

Andrew Dinner: Feb. 8th

The next Andrew Dinner will held at the Marmion House. Do you have young men in grades 8-12 in your parish who have potential for a priestly calling? Fr. Doug would love to hear from you! This simple and powerful evening consists of evening prayer and dinner with Bishop Neary while priests share their vocation stories. Pastors are encouraged to join their young men. Call: Fr. Doug (320) 533-0291 or email: dougliesch@gmail.com. Please pray for the discernment of more vocations to the priesthood.

Plan for this summer:

Vocation Camp: June 18-20th <https://www.surveymonkey.com/4/2024AvonCamp>
p. Paschal Challenge: August 17th, Sauk Centre. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024PaschalChallenge>.

Saint Monica Prayer Retreat

Saturday Morning February 17th
All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford



Start your Lent out in Prayer!
Retreat Intention: For all our loved ones who have fallen away from their Catholic Faith.
9-11:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

*Pray the Holy Rosary We will pray the Rosary while viewing sites of the Sorrowful Mysteries as they exist today in the Holy Land. This is a unique pray-along devotional with scripture, narration, music and a video of the Holy Land sites.

*Power of Silence in Prayer and Everyday Life - Short talk by Deacon Dan

*Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (ends at 11:30 a.m.)

*Refreshment and fellowship
Due to the accessibility for all, this retreat will take place in the basement of All Saints-St. Mary's. Handicapped access is around back of church. This events is Sponsored by the Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality and is Free. Grow in faith together!

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come. (Mark 1:35, 38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Diocesan Festival of Families:

Join in a new Diocesan event designed specifically for families on February 11th, at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids, the day will include a free carnival, parent sessions, a children's session, teen session, Mass with Bishop Neary, and much more! Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>

Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign The next campaign takes place **February 14 - March 24, 2024** Find more details here: <https://stcdio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>. Protect life!

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Office of Marriage and Family

2024 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Sharing OUR Eucharistic JOURNEY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24
8:30 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SARTELL

We have an exciting speaker, Father Tim Donovan, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange, CA in 2017. Before entering the seminary, he was a youth minister and continues to have a heart for sharing the Catholic faith. He is the founder and president of "Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries."

We will also have workshops presented by Father Matthew Crane, Deacon Mike Benda and Deacon Ed Shoener (from Scranton, PA.)

Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C. will join us for the day and celebrate Mass with us.

COST: \$35
Registration Deadline: February 14



Keynote
Father Tim
Donovan

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This event is part of the 'Becoming Eucharist' Revival Series.

Register at <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2024/>.

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Francis: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Sunday: St. Mary: 7:30 am - 7:45 am
St. Mary: 9:30 am - 9:45 am

PRAYER LINES
Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363 (SM)
Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728(SF)
Sally Schleper 573-2127 (SE)

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.

The World day of the Prayer for the Sick

This year the World Day of the Prayer for the Sick is observed next Sunday, February 11, 2024. This celebration is a reminder to pray for all those who are sick and recognize and honor those who work in healthcare and those who serve as caregivers.

On this day in particular, we focus on the redemptive value of human suffering and on the important role of those who are sick in the work of spreading the Gospel. Whether our cross is our own illness, loneliness or pain, or that of a loved one, we have a special bond with Christ Crucified and also with the suffering people and those who serve them. As we pray and offer our crosses, in union with Christ, as we pray and sacrifice on behalf of all who serve in the missionary work of the Church, may God in his mercy bless us with peace.

During these days, we offer special prayers for the Sick form our parish family and I want to thank those who work in healthcare and those who dedicate themselves to caring for family members who are sick, disabled or elderly. If anybody would like to receive the Sacraments of Healing, Confession and Holy Communion, please give me a call or let the office (Jessie or Randi) know that. I will be happy to do that. Let us keep all our brothers and sisters in our heart and pray for one another.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May we find lasting health and deliverance, and so join in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, is a day of fast and abstinence. On the first day of Lent, we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Lent is a season of blessing that we receive through repentance and discipline.

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:
8:00 am at St. Francis
6:30 pm at St. Mary's
8:00 pm at St. Francis

Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

Weekend Masses: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 2/3	<i>St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Leo & Maryann Fuchs ~Dan & Rita Lange	(SF) EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Rebecca Schmidt c, Chris Fuchs c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Gerry & MJ Boeckermann, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger
Sunday 2/4		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Norbert & Helen Dehn ~Jim & Julie Wensmann	(SE) EM of HC: Ted Lewandowski, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Dennis & Diana Trettel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SM) EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank: Tom

Weekday Masses	
Monday 2/5	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>
No Mass	
Tuesday 2/6	<i>St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Darwin Binek *Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday 2/7	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gregor Locnikar ~Evelyn Locnikar *Anointing of the Sick
Thursday 2/8	<i>St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Bernetta Czech
Friday 2/9	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Arnold Scholz


Spend time with Jesus in Adoration!



2nd Tuesdays
St. Francis of Assisi 7am -7pm
Thursdays
St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.

Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Jim Negen, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Binek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, & Geraldine George

Weekend Masses: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 2/10	<i>St. Scholastica, Virgin, World Marriage Day, World Day of the Sick</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† David Voss	(SF) EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Dan & Rita Lange, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger
5:15 p.m. St. Mary	† Marietta Mueller	(SM) EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Dave Scholz c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank: Mike Klasen
Sunday 2/11	<i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SE) EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Joan Theisen c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gifts: Scott & Carla Van Wienen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Walbert Stueve	(SM) EM of HC: Cindy Koehn, Chantelle Frie c, Amanda Lampert c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Emily Ripplinger Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie, Bank: Judy Michels



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**Quilt Bingo Hand
Stitched Quilts**

Sunday, February 4th at 1 p.m.
St. Mary's Church, Upsala
20 games for \$10 Blackout extra
Free lunch afterwards
Proceeds go to the St. Mary's
Mission Group
All are welcome to attend!



Join us on February 10th with Mass at 5:15 p.m. followed by a social gathering and a candlelit meal at 7:00 p.m. The main courses are prime rib or stuffed chicken breast. Cost is \$60 per couple. Call (320) 573-2132 to purchase your tickets. All proceeds will support youth activities.

Faith Formation:

February 7th
K-6: Class-6:30 -7:30 p.m.
2nd gr: 1st Comm. book: lesson 2

Rural Catholic Middle Age Singles Group: Feb. 10th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for information.

"He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." (Mk 1:34)

Pre-Lent Potluck & Dance: Feb. 11th

Join in with All Saints, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille to celebrate with food and music from 2-5:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Holdingford. Music by the Gene Ostendorf Band. Chicken Strips, Fries, lemonade & coffee provided. Bring your favorite dish to share!

Join the party!

Celebrate the Grand Opening of the Catholic United Financial (120 10th Ave., St. Cloud) on Feb. 13th. A ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 11:15 a.m. and will include a light lunch, prize drawings and special guest, Bishop Patrick Neary. Free parking. Call-(877)871-831 or visit www.catholicunitedcu.org.

Totus Tuus Leaders

Do you know of any college-aged young adults who are ready to take their faith to the next step? Invite them to apply to be a Totus Tuus Team Leader. Application deadline is March 15th. Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024TotusTuus>.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of stars; he calls each by name." Ps 147:3-4

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Jan. 28, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$702 Loose: \$110 **Total: \$812**
St. Francis: Adult: \$555, Loose: \$101, Funeral Fund: \$30 **Total: \$686**
St. Mary: Adult: 1,567, Loose \$156, Votive: \$ 42.24, Funeral Fund: \$55 **Total: \$ 1,820.25**

Over 80 Blessings for February

St. Edward's
Eileen Koroll 2/23
St. Mary's
Christine Wuebkers 2/24

Knights of Columbus

St. Gregory Council

Questions on any of these events: Jeff Czech, Grand Knight (320) 630-2753

Meeting: Feb. 6th

7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.

Free Throw Contest Winners:

Boys: age 10 - William Barthel, age 11- Cody Johnson, age 12- Noah Gerads. Girls: age 12- Morgan Ripplinger. Congratulations to all participants.

District level Free Throw Contest:

Feb. 11th in the Upsala School Gym. Hosted by the Knights.

Exemplification/Initiation: Feb. 12th.

If you are interested or know of someone interested in becoming a Knight please join us at Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls at 5:30 p.m.

Chili Cook-off: Feb. 18th:

Bring your favorite Chili and join in the taste testing to find out who has the best! This will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in North Prairie. Proceeds go to benefit Elevate.

St. Francis' News

St. Francis CUF Matching Grant Breakfast: Feb. 25th. If anyone would like to donate towards the breakfast please contact Chad 573-5667 or Bob 573-2933. Thank you.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

If you want to be a part of this year's performance either on stage or in the choir call Bob 573-2933. Practice for the main actors starts on Feb. 4th at 11:00 a.m. Practice schedules can be picked up in back of church. Performance dates are **Wed., March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** **Fri., March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.** **Sat., March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.** **Sun., March 24th at 1:00 p.m.**