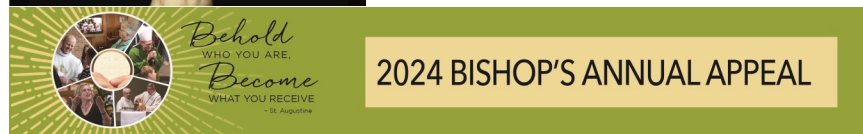


Lenten Campaign- 40 Days for Life:

The closing rally will take place on Sat., March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church (442 2nd Street S.E.) with speaker Jason Adkins, executive director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference. Visit: <https://stcdio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>. Contact Marilou Sommers for questions 247-9838.



A Service of Prayer, Song, Scripture and Candles. St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud on Good Friday, March 29th at 8:00 p.m. Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness." There is a gradual extinguishing of candles that portrays the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.



2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Have you attended a baptism, first Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' 'And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" - Mk 15:12-13 Jesus told us "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality

Annual bake Sale
9:00 a.m until sold out on March 30th at All Saints-St. Hedwig's (250 Cedar Street, Holdingford).

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 7th

Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud from 1-3:00 p.m.

Save the date for the Eucharistic Revival Local Pilgrimage.

Visit the website to view each day's activities, events, Mass times & meals. <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revivalpilgrimage>.

Wednesday, May 22: Mora to Gilman (activities all night),

Thursday, May 23: Leave Gilman for several stops: Little Falls, Long Prairie, Sauk Centre, St. Mary's Cathedral (all day and all night activities).

Friday May 24: St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud to Clear Lake.

Knights of Columbus-St. Isidore Council #9307

Chicken & Ham Dinner Pelican Lake Ballroom, St. Anna on Sunday, April 7th from 3:30 -6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, Children ages 5-12: \$10, Under 4 Free Take- out orders available.

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council

Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753
Annual KC Breakfast/Raffle: March 24th
We are serving from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus. Raffle at noon. Tickets available from Jeff or Jim (320) 360-2798 Help is needed in the kitchen, dining, raffle tickets and free will table. Let Jeff know if you can help out and where.

St. Otto's Bingo: April 16th at 1:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Novena

Fri. 3/29 St. Stanislaus, Bowlus, begins after the Good Friday Service

Sat. 3/30 St. Mary's, Upsala, 2:30pm

Sun. 3/31 Holy Cross, North Prairie after 10am Mass

Mon. 4/1 St. Stanislaus, Bowlus, 7pm

Tues. 4/2 St. Mary's, Upsala, after 6pm Mass

Wed. 4/3 Holy Cross, North Prairie 7pm

Thur. 4/4 St. Mary's, Upsala, 7pm

Fri. 4/5 St. Stanislaus, Bowlus, 7pm

Sat. 4/6 Holy Cross, North Prairie, 2:30pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. GREGORY THE GREAT #12604

Breakfast

French Toast • Hash Browns • Scrambled Eggs
Ham • Sausage • Assorted Rolls • Coffee, Juice & Milk

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00AM-12:30PM

**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
CATHOLIC CHURCH, BOWLUS**

RAFFLE DRAWING
HELD AT NOON

- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN -
\$5 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
THE BREAKFAST AS WELL AS:

Langes • Farm Store
Jordies • Reis Lumber
Bowlus Gas

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

(restoration of St. Edward's Catholic Church, Steubenville Trips, Free Throw Contest & MORE)

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Office Secretary: Jessie Johnson
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am.- 4pM
Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



HOLY THURSDAY
"HAVING LOVED THOSE WHO WERE HIS IN THE WORLD, HE LOVED THEM TO THE END" (JN 13: 1)

WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE?

- THE LAST SUPPER
- THE WASHING OF THE FEET
- THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE PRIESTHOOD
- THE AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

HOW CAN WE LIVE IT?

- † Dedicate some time to Eucharistic Adoration
- † Join a Pilgrimage to visit Seven Churches in your area

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GOOD FRIDAY
"FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT" (LK 23: 46)

WHAT DO WE COMMEMORATE?

- THE 7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS
- THE DEATH OF JESUS ON THE CROSS
- THE SUFFERING OF VIRGIN MARY

HOW CAN WE LIVE IT?

- † Fasting and abstinence
- † Pray the Stations of the Cross
- † Meditate on the Seven Last Words of Jesus

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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
Saturday 3/23		Palm Sunday
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Voss	EM of HC: MJ Boeckermann, Alice Westrich c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Barb Moorman, & Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida Gifts: Fred & Rita Herbes
Sunday 3/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Deceased members of the Frank, Agnes & Gertrude Czech Family	EM of HC: Jim Bartkovicz, Ted Lewandowski c, Volunteer c, Lector: Shari Beniek & Tracey Hartung, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Chuck & Sheila Biniek
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Amanda Lampert, Chantelle Frie c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Tom Kilian & Jan Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
Weekday Masses		
Tuesday, 3/26	6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Mass and Stations of the Cross	† Helen Koczur
Wednesday, 3/27	8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Irene Lashinski ~Helen Heisick
Holy Week & Easter		
Thursday 3/28		Holy Thursday
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Marjorie Lehner	EM of HC: Christine Weber, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson Greeters: Shawn & Amanda Lampert, Gifts: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Luke Jacobs	EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: MJ Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Mike & Melissa Tschida
Friday 3/29		Good Friday
12 Noon St. Mary		EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Leonice Prokott & Tom Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian
3:00 p.m. St. Francis		EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, MJ Boeckermann c, Lector: Jim Scholz & Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida Gifts: Bob & Gail Wuebkers
Saturday 3/30		Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jon Leither, Joan Theisen c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Jim Bartkovicz & Chantelle Frie, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Pat & Kris Blonigen *This Schedule includes some ministers from both St. Mary & St. Edward.
Sunday 3/31		Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Donna Scholz	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Chris Fuchs c, Bob Theisen c, Lector: Jane Keppers Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida Gifts: Mike & Alice Westrich
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Rita Schiller	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Dave Scholz c, Amanda Lampert c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

All Cluster News

Faith Formation: March 24—30

K-6 Home Lesson:
Holy Week & Easter Activities
2nd Grade: Lesson 6

Speaker coming: Fr. Joe Herzing will speak on March 27th about the importance of Holy Week. This event is for all students, parents and parishioners. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.

Confirmation: April 21st, All Saints-St. Hedwig's, Holdingford.

Dominican Fathers and Brothers of Nigeria will visit on April 27th & 28th to speak about their mission. More information to come next week.



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.

Pray for us:

Jim Negen Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Binek Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Don Stiller, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick Geraldine George & Jim Koczur.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

March 17, 2024

St. Edward: Adult: \$485, Loose: \$74.30, Fire Fund: \$1,010, Easter Flowers: \$25, Catholic Relief: \$5
Total: \$1,599.30

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,115, Loose: \$202, Votive: \$ 401.02, Easter: \$40, Central MN Catholic: \$40, Rice Bowl: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$60, Holy Land: \$20, **Total: \$1,898.02**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,725, Loose: \$245, Funeral Lunch: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$20, Catholic Relief: \$45, **Total: \$2,055**

Summer Pilgrimage Tour

Prayerfully consider a Pilgrimage Tour this Summer: June 4th - 6th Fr. Jimmy will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage motor coach tour in Wisconsin to Our Lady of Guadalupe, LaCrosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field, Green Bay. See the brochure in the entry of church or visit Pilgrimage Tour, Wisconsin. For more information: www.lavernstravel.com.

Congratulations



Dylan Van Wienen & Decorah Meyer-Iverson
Married on March 16, 2024
St. Mary's, Upsala

Greetings from Africa

Father John says Hello, peace and good health to everyone. You are in our prayers here, please keep us in your prayers. Happy Easter! God Bless!

PRAY for OUR COUNTRY

Let us gather together every Monday at 6:30 pm to pray the rosary at St. Mary's for our country and for world peace. "The decades of the Rosary are like the belt of a machine gun: every bead is a shot, every affection of the soul is as an explosion of faith that frightens off Satan, and Mary once more crushes his head." -Servant of God, Dolindo Ruotol For questions contact: Darren 293-8985.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport MN 56331). The last performance dates are: Sat., March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Sun., March 24th at 1:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, March 25th and Friday, March 29th. Thank you!

Saturday Mass Time Change

St. Francis will be returning to the 8:00 p.m. Mass time on April 6th.

St. Mary's Choir practice will be Sunday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. St. Edward Choir members who would like to join us for Holy Week are invited to attend.

St. Edward's News

17th Annual Spaghetti Supper & Raffle

Join us on Friday, April 26th from 5-7:30p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. Raffle Tickets are now available in the Parish Office 573-2132, Fr. Jimmy 573-2975 or Ted Lewandowski at 293-1508 for \$20 each with a \$2000 Grand Prize. Items for the Silent Auction can be brought in to the Parish Office. Thank you!

St. Mary's News

Food Share Month

Through your generous donations we will be able to help provide nutritional needs for people within our communities. There will be boxes in the gathering space to donated food as well as personal hygiene items through March 24th. Please consider helping others in need. If you wish to make a financial donation, drop it in the collection baskets on Sunday or in the Parish Office. Please mark the envelope for Food Share. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to all of you who supported the St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle! Whether you bought a raffle ticket, worked a shift, brought bars, or ate the meal, it all helps us immensely! We really appreciate it. A HUGE thank you to the committee members for your devotion to this big event: DJ and JoAnne Prom, Dan and Julie Burgraff, Brock and Christy Weber, Paul and Kathy Koetter, Chris and Jeanna Kremers, Mikel and Julie Nelson, and Nathan and Laura Ripplinger-we thank you! Again this year, we served hundreds! It was another great success thanks to all of you. What a great evening of food, fellowship and fun!