

SKYWARN

Spotter training will be held 2-4pm Sunday, March 17th, at St. Mary's, Upsala. Spotters are **not** 'storm chasers'; safety is a primary concern. Pre-registration is not necessary but preferred; Tom Kilian at MorrisonCoSkywarn@yahoo.com



Chrism Mass: Thursday, March 21st

Everyone is invited to participate in the Chrism Mass celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud.

Catholic Century Farm Awards and Rural Business Award

Social Concerns is now taking applications for the Catholic Century Farm Awards and nominations for the Catholic Rural Business Award. If your family, neighbors or members of your ACC have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know of a Catholic business owner in the diocese who lives out their faith in how they run their business, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for more information: <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>. Contact JoAnn.Braegelman@ccstcloud.org or Luke.Preussler@ccstcloud.org with questions. Recipients of both awards will be honored at the Rural Life Celebration Mass with Bishop Neary, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18th, at the Nate and Samantha Middendorf farm in Long Prairie.

Pack the Porches: March 22nd

Give back at our 14th Annual Food Drive to benefit Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf. Bring food items to Pioneer Place (22 5th Ave. S. St. Cloud or St. Cloud Financial Credit Union (1716 Pinecone Road S. Sartell Coborn's will match all food and fund donations up to \$13,000! Visit www.ccstcloud.org/packtheporches.

*** Please note: we are also collecting food and personal items at St. Mary's, Upsala to help others who are in need. A table is set up in the entry at St. Mary's.**

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://stodio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>. Contact Marilou Sommers for questions 247-9838.

Create a clean heart in me, Oh God. (Ps 51)

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. 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 Save the date for April 16th at 1:30 p.m. More to come.

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



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Feast Day: March 17th

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
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.

Season of Lent: Centered on the Eucharist

Serving others is not as easy as we think since we are living in a culture that emphasizes self-promotion and self-glorification. Service at its best is Eucharistic Service. In this we exercise our Christian identity. Christianity is not a self-oriented religion but an other oriented religion. Jesus' serving went to the extent of breaking and sharing his body. The Eucharist, the climax of Jesus' self-giving service, not only serves as a constant inspiration to give of ourselves, but also nourishes us on our spiritual journey. It is the food that strengthens us to reach out to others even to the point of sacrificing our life.

Jesus also wanted this spiritual food made available in the church until the end of time; therefore He instituted the Priesthood by authorizing his apostles to continue to do it in His memory (Luke 22:19). Christian service is not possible without the Eucharist. The Eucharist will not be made available without priests. So, we need to pray for our young people to listen to the Lord when they take life's decisions.

During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Around the world, Bishops and priests come together at their local Cathedrals on Holy Thursday or the Thursday before Holy Thursday evening to celebrate the institution of the priesthood. This is called the Chrism Mass. During the Mass, the bishop blesses the Oils that will be used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick. Our Chrism Mass will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud at 7 pm.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The National Eucharistic Revival is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it. Blessings of this Holy Season and prayers, Fr. Jimmy


The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Weekend Masses: The Fifth Sunday in Lent		
Saturday 3/16		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Joseph & Mary Gerads ~Evelyn Lochnikar	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Janelle Roerick c, Chris Fuchs c, Lector: MJ Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida Gifts: Herb & Sharon Wielenberg
Sunday 3/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	For the People	EM of HC: Peggy Frieler, Jim Bartkowicz c, JoanTheisen c, Lector: Mike Heisick, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Michael Zabinski ~Pat & Lixa Zabinski	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Emily Ripplinger Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Matt & Ronda Ripplinger, Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday 3/18	No Mass	Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: March 19th
Tuesday 3/19	6:00 p.m. St. Mary's & Stations of the Cross	For the Roelike Family ~Bob & MJ Blonigen
Wednesday 3/20	8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Living and deceased members of the St. Francis Men's Society
Thursday 3/21	8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE) & Stations of the Cross	†Kenny Heisick & Steve Heisick ~Helen Heisick
Friday 3/22	7:30 a.m. St. Mary's & Stations of the Cross	† Leo & Erma Blonigen ~Bob & MJ Blonigen



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

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

Weekend Masses: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 3/23		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Voss	Palm Sunday 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 Bartkowicz, 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

All Cluster News

Faith Formation:
March 20th
K-6 Home Lesson:
Intercessory Prayer
2nd Grade: Lesson 5
All: Attend Journey with Jesus

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.

Rosary Walk for Life
Everyone is welcome to join in at All Saints-St. Mary's to pray the Rosary outside and inside church for life. Tuesdays, March 19th from 4-5:00 p.m.

Feet Washing
We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday for both 6:00 p.m. at St. Marys & 8:00 p.m. St Francis. Call Kathy Thell 320-293-7485.

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION
March 10, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$510 Loose: \$108, Fire Fund: \$400, Easter Flowers: \$90, **Total: \$1,108**
St. Francis: Adult: \$1,196, Loose: \$172.25, Central MN Catholic: \$60, Easter Flowers: \$55, Catholic Relief: \$135 **Total: \$1,618.25**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,661, Loose: \$198.80, Votive: \$58, Funeral Lunch: \$40, Easter Flowers: \$105, Catholic Relief: \$166 **Total: \$2,228.80**

You are invited to attend our **'Journey with Jesus to Calvary'** performance at St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport MN 56331). We invite you to meet, share, and perhaps cry with several "companions" that encountered Jesus along the road to Calvary. Place yourself in their shoes and experience Holy Week in a new light.

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.

Smelt & Fish Fry
Join us on Friday, March 22nd for Hand - Cleaned Smelt and our World Famous Haluski & Potato Salad serving from 4-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. Eat with us then go see the play "Journey with Jesus" at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis! Adults &15, ages 5-12 \$8, 4 and under: Free.

Food Share
Going to the Fish Fry at St. Mary's on Friday, March 22nd? Please consider bringing a food item or a personal hygiene item to put in the boxes provided in the Gathering Space. Let's all help our neighbors in need!

Pray the Rosary!
St. Mary's, Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. The rosary should be said with faith-for our Blessed Lord said, 'Believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you.'
~St. Louis De Monforte

St. Francis' News

Journey with Jesus
The time has flown by and it is time for the performances of Journey with Jesus to Calvary. All Actors need to be at church 30 minutes before the start time so that everyone is ready to go. Choir members-20 minutes before. Thank you to everyone for your time, energy, effort and desire to be in this year's performances. I'm sure God will be well pleased with the results.

St. Francis' News (Cont.)

Saturday Mass Time Change
St. Francis will be returning to the 8:00 p.m. Mass time starting April 6th.

St. Edward's News

Spaghetti Supper & Raffle
We are seeking donations for the Fire Restoration Cash Raffle to be held on April 26th. If you are interested in making a donation towards the raffle as cash or other prizes, please contact Ted Lewandowski at (320) 293-1508 before March 5th. We are also seeking items for the Silent Auction which 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.

St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle

St. Mary's Parishioners: We need your help! Preparation day for the fish fry is Thursday, March 21st, starting at 4:00 p.m. Take a shift on fish fry day! Shifts are 4-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m. To sign-up, please call or text Laura Ripplinger (320) 333-9184) or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering area of our church. We would also like each family to bring a pan of bars or cookies (on that Thursday or Friday). The raffle tickets are going fast! To purchase one, please visit the parish office, Nelson Insurance, or buy one after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. \$100 each. Thank you!