

Elmdale, Upsala
and St. Francis:
Mary & the Saints
ACC



Saint Edward

Saint Mary

Saint Francis of Assisi

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Tuesday & Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon
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Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule

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

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.

Confirmation 2026: March 1st 2:00 p.m. at All Saints-
St. Hedwig's- Everyone come Celebrate!

St. Edward, Elmdale

Trenton (Isidore) Hartung-son of Brian & Tracey

Lydia (Gianna) Kokett-daughter of John & Lori

St. Francis, St. Francis

Matthew (Matthew) Tschida-son of Michael & Melissa

St. Mary, Upsala

Vincent (Isidore) Eggert-son of Joseph & Joy

Lucas (John) Gerads-son of Jamie & Rebecca

Jack (Sebastian) Jensen-son of Eric & † Julie

Olivia (Monica) Klasen-daughter of Michael & Randi

Jacob (Martin) Kremers-son of Chris & Jeanna

Carson (Sebastian) Primus-son of Chad & Amy

Anne (Teresa) Ripplinger-daughter of Nathan & Laura

Noah (Sebastian) Ripplinger-son of Myron & Kristy

All Saints, Holdingford

Noah (Juan Diego) Perowitz-son of Anthony & Ada Pohlmann

Ella (Catherine) Pilarski-daughter of John & Amy

Kolton (James) Thompson-son of Lonnie & Amanda

Jonathan (John Paul) Vouk-son of Robert & Shelley

Bennett (Francis) Winkelman-son of Michael Winkelman & Katie Breth

Immaculate Conception

Kendra (Maria) Doll-daughter of John & Donna

Gage (Michael) Raden-son of Jesse & Michelle

St. Columbkille

No confirmands

May the Holy Spirit guide you!

Confirmation Choir Rehearsal

All choir members in our ACC are invited and welcome to sing for the
Confirmation Mass this Sunday, March 1st. Practice will be from 12:30
- 1:30 p.m. at All Saints - St. Hedwig's Church before Mass.

Any questions, please call: Lois Schmit (320) 746-2603.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 2/28		Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Brittany Harren c, Janelle Roerick, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Sheldon & Karla Tschida, Sacristan: Sylvester Tschida
Sunday 3/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Jerry Gohman ~ Jerry & Joan Theisen	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Karla Schneider c, Kerek Biniek, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Greg & Renee Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Joe, Elaine & Mark Schumer	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Renee Scholz c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski & Volunteer, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gift Bearers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Monday, 3/2	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)
Tuesday, 3/3	<i>St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross	† Sharon Heim ~ Beth Lange
Wednesday, 3/4	<i>St. Casimir</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Stations of the Cross	† Eileen Stiller
Thursday, 3/5	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward Stations of the Cross	† Raymond Kurowski
Friday, 3/6	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross	† Julie Scegura ~ Barry & Colleen Harren



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

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, Ken Welle, Sherry Schumer, Leonard & Eileen Koroll

Saturday 3/7		Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Philip Vossen	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gift Bearers: Gerald & Julie Roerick, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
Sunday 3/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Jerome Kiffmeyer ~ Ralph & Sally Schleper	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gift Bearers: Pat & Kris Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Mikel Nelson & Bob Blonigen, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. Ps 33:4-5

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither-leitherreba@gmail.com, (701) 426-1607

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Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398 Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203, confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

This Week's Classes: Wednesday, March 4th

Confirmation: No class-Congratulations!

Family Formation: 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Contact Chelsea Fuchs fuchschelsea92@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Next Youth Group We will meet on Sunday, March 8th at 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. All 8-12th graders welcome. Come and bring a friend!



St. Mary's Fish Fry & Raffle will be on Friday, March 27th from 4-8 p.m. with the Cash Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m. We will be selling raffle tickets (\$100 each) after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are also available at the Parish Office. We are asking each parishioner (St. Mary's) to sell at least one ticket. Thank you for your support.

St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper

A sign-up sheet to help with the Spaghetti Supper is on the table in the entry of church. We'll need kitchen help and clean-up. Bars, cookies and cakes can be brought to the basement that day. We have poster printed and on the entry table if you'd like to help deliver to businesses. Thank you!

A Big Thank You to everyone who made our Matching Grant Breakfast a big success. To all the workers who helped serve and clean up, to all the people who donated goods and money and to all the people who enjoyed the meal-Thank you! We served 391 people and so far have grossed of \$5,500. The final numbers will be in the bulletin after all the expenses come in.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 2/22/2026

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,300, Loose: \$112, Central MN Catholic: \$40, Candles: \$59.50, Easter Flowers: \$50, Churches in East: \$10, **Total: \$1,571.50**

St. Francis: Adult: \$445, Loose: \$155, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Easter Flowers: \$20 **Total: \$640**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,681, Loose: \$379, Churches East Central: \$22, Funeral Fund: \$40, **Total: \$2,122.30**



Lenten Penance Service:

Our ACC Penance Service will be at All Saints-St. Mary's on March 8th from 2-4:00 p.m. Many priests will be available.

Have you thought about how you can serve our church?

Everyone is welcome to become a Greeter, Usher, Sacristan, Gift Bearer, Server, Lector, Rosary Leader, Quilter, Social Justice Member, Knight of Columbus, Rel. Ed. Teacher, Chaperone for Youth, Choir Member or help at any event. Students who have completed 1st Communion can be servers. Those who have been Confirmed are considered adults in our parish and can join any ministry. Are you ready to join in the celebration? Call the Parish Office to let us know.

Spring Campaign for Life! Feb 18 - Mar 29, 2026

Opening Rally was on Saturday, Feb 21st. Please sign up for an hour to walk near Planned Parenthood on Monday-Friday through March 28th. Help us promote LIFE! Contact: judy4life@meltel.net

Rosary Walk for Life

Meet at 4:00 p.m. outside or inside All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford to pray for life! Tuesdays; March 10th, 17th and 24th.

St. Francis

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Upcoming Rehearsals:

March 1: 1:00 p.m. Main speaking parts

March 7: 11:00 a.m. Main speaking parts

March 7: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Costume fitting.

If you can't make it to the costume fitting, see Bob after Mass or call to arrange a time. Don't wait until rehearsal to be fit for your costume.

Full dress rehearsal for all actors & choir:

Sat., March 14th & 21st at 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Actors: Please arrive by 9-9:15 a.m. to get dressed and ready to begin at 10:00a.m. On March 14th we will have a reporter from *The Star Post* arriving at 10:00 a.m. so we need to start on time. If you want to be an actor, choir member or sheep-you can! Call Bob at 573-2933.



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

Annual Knights of Columbus Breakfast & Raffle will be on March 22nd.

Meeting: March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Elmdale.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection
 Please look for your envelope March 13th & 14th for this special collection that reveals Christ's love by helping those in the margins and victims of natural disasters.

Holdingsford Firefighters Relief Association Breakfast

Join us on Sunday March 8th at the Holdingsford City Center for Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free Will donation. Thank you!

Fish Fry:

March 6th at the Pelican Lake Ballroom from 5-8:00 p.m. Proceeds support the Holdingsford, St. Anna & St. Wendel Youth summer retreats.



Over 80 Blessings for March

- Marlene Carlson 3/8 SE
- Karen Liebsch 3/9 SM
- Lorene Koopmeiners 3/16 SF
- Delores Gerads 3/22 SM
- Don Biniek 3/27 SE
- Robert Brezinka 3/30 SE

Natural Family Planning

Alexandria on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus (320) 290-8751 or at uphus.nfp@gmail.com.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, March 19th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill & Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751.

St. Cloud Monday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at 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!



CRS Rice Bowl Feb 18th - April 3rd. Bowls are in the entry of our churches to take home. Learn more at crsricebowl.org/donate. Return to church by April 3rd so we can mail our donation together.

Central Minnesota Koinonia

Are you living the Be-Attitudes? Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 20-22, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org to sign-up.

ACC All Things New: We are in a special situation, dependent on the building of a new church in Holdingsford, with an extended timeline different than all the other ACC's. Our announcements haven't been made yet. We are waiting for the final decisions to be made by the Presbyteral (Priest) council & the Bishop's Decree, which sounds like it will be in April. There most likely will be some merges. When All Saints gets their new church built, the diocese says we will then go from 2 priests to 1 for the 6 parishes, and a priest can only say 3 Masses on a weekend. Our committee is working on a plan & will share as soon as we see the final.

A Big Thank You To everyone who helped with the St. Edward's Valentine's Celebration after Mass-Thank you! You are greatly appreciated! It was so nice to gather together!

Healing the Whole Person

Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miraim James Heidland



Engage your story with honestly-Accept His invitation to make you whole-Live in His freedom and transform the world!

Join us for this in person video series:

8 Talks/Community Reflections/Healing/Restoration

Little Falls: Mondays-April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the JohnPaul II Center (108 3rd St. NW, Little Falls). Register by April 3rd-\$20/person.

Holdingsford: * Only 50 spots available* 3 day weekend retreat at the Gathering Barn (35204 County road 155, Avon). Friday: 3-8:30pm, Saturday: 9:30 am-4 pm and Sunday: 10am-4:30 pm. Register by April 8th-\$50/person (includes meals).

St. Cloud: 4 Saturday mornings, 8am-12pm, April 25th, May 2nd, 16th, 30th at Christ Church Newman Center (396 1st Ave. S. St. Cloud). Register by April 15th- \$20/person.

Questions: Janice (320) 640-7623 healing@spiritandsaints.org

Registration: forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7

Or scan the QR code on posters.

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