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Join us for Prayer + Fasting + Peaceful Witness

Feb 14 - Mar 24, 2024



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Monday thru Friday 7 AM - 7 PM

at
Planned Parenthood
451 East St Germain St
St. Cloud

You can protect mothers & children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray & fast for an end to abortion!

Say yes! Get involved! Sign up for prayer by visiting

www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud or scan  to register

Contact: *Judy* judy4life@meltel.net or *Jan* hoelscherhorj@charter.net
320-453-7592 320-253-1779



Attention All Singers!

Sign-up now to sing for the Chrism Mass, which will be at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be on March 9th & 16th at St. Mary's Cathedral from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Contact Anne Cota at musicatmaryscathedral@gmail.com or call (320) 251-1840. Singers are also needed for ordinations in June (1st & 8th).

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Visit: www.MNCatholic.org/events or
Call: (651) 227-8777.

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. Application is on our website or Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024TotusTuus>.

There's Still Time to Sign-up for the Men's Conference

Sharing our Eucharistic Journey on Saturday, Feb. 24th at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell 8:30 a.m. -3:15 p.m. Sign-up at: <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2024/>.

Your ways, Oh Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

19th Annual Indoor Fishing Contest

The Holdingford Lions will be holding their annual Indoor Fishing Contest on February 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Pelican Lake Ballroom. Tickets are \$20 and need to be purchased before 1:00 p.m. Ask a Lion about tickets. Contact: Lloyd Rausch: 320-428-4602.

Women's Lenten Retreat

"Journey of a Woman's Life:

Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith"

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

Saint Martin Parish
119 Main Street
Saint Martin, MN

8:30 a.m. Registration &
Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Retreat Leader: *Deb Rudolph*

11:00 a.m. MASS

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Resume Retreat

Registration: \$20 before March 1-\$25 at the door.

Payable: Saint Cloud DCCW

Mail to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Lora Knafla: 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367

Questions: Contact Lora (320) 393-2701

stcloudccw.org

Hosted by: West Central Deanery



Handicapped accessible. Special diet? By Request only.

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

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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.

Creating a Family Altar Space for your Home



Holy Mass is beautiful and is truly the source and the summit, the foundation, and the high point, of our relationship with God-because at the Mass we receive Jesus.

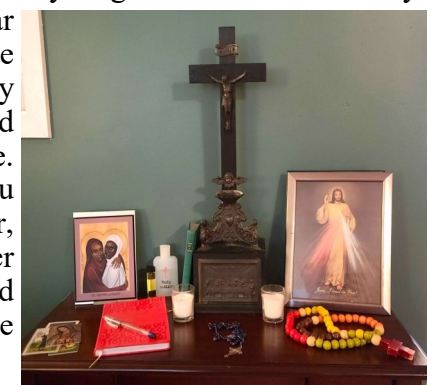
As Christians, we're called to live in the world while not being of the world. This means that when we leave Mass, we bring Jesus

with us. We live out our Faith in our daily lives.

One beautiful way to help you and your family live out the Faith every day is to create an altar space in your home. The Altar is the place of sacrifice, a symbol of Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross. Having a home altar serves as a constant reminder that your home and your family belong to the Lord, that Jesus is the center of it, and that you can offer everything to God.

There aren't any rules on how to build a home altar, simply find a suitable place such as a counter or small table, that you can adorn with holy objects and images. Here are some things you might include on your home altar: Family Bible, Prayer journal where everyone writes their prayer requests, A Crucifix, Candles (electric ones can make it interactive for little ones!), Holy cards and pictures of Saints, A Rosary & Faith based artwork from your kids.

This Lent take the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus by setting up your home altar together as a family. Invite each member of the family to contribute ideas and items to be placed there. Then, every day when you pass by your home altar, remember its deeper meaning: your home and your family belong to the Lord.



The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Weekend Masses: The First Sunday in Lent

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| Saturday 2/17 | <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> | |
| 4:00 p.m. St. Francis | For the People | (SF) EM of HC: Brittany Harren, MJ Boeckermann c, Collen Harren c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: bob & Sharon Thell, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger |
| Sunday 2/18 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Mary | †Don, Rita & Brian Wensmann | (SE) EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Ted Lewandowski c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Scott & Jen Wensmann |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | †Chester & Violet Westrich | (SM) EM of HC: Amanda Lampert, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank: Marvin Wensmann |

Weekday Masses

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| Monday 2/19 | |
| No Mass | |
| Tuesday 2/20 | |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Stations 6:30 p.m. | †Linus Lehner |
| Wednesday 2/21 | <i>St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis | †Doris Burggraff |
| Thursday 2/22 | <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Stations 8:30 a.m. | †Dennis Biniek |
| Friday 2/23 | <i>St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i> |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary *Stations 8:00 a.m. | †Steve & Doris Landowski ~Marvin & Shirley Wensmann |



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
St. Francis 8am -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 Second Sunday of Lent

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| Saturday 2/24 | | |
| 4:00 p.m. St. Francis | †Lloyd, Clarence, Rosemary and other deceased members of the Jarnot Family | (SF) EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Rosanne Voss c, Janelle Roerick c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Bob & Judy Theisen, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger |
| Sunday 2/25 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Mary | For the People | (SE) EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Peggy Frieler c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Mike Heisick, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Greg & Renee Wensmann |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | †Deceased parents of Dave & Renee Scholz | (SM) EM of HC: Mike Klase, Jon Leither c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Riley Klase & Wyatt Klase, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Mike & Randi Klase, Bank: Mike Klase |

WEEKEND COLLECTION February 11, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$631 Loose: \$77, Immaculate Conception: \$5, Churches in East & Central Europe: \$5, Central MN Catholic: \$20, Fire Fund: \$50 **Total: \$788**
St. Francis: Adult: \$656, Loose: \$165, Votive: \$256, Funeral Fund: \$10, Immaculate Conception: \$90 **Total: \$1,177**
St. Mary: Adult: \$2,936, Loose \$255.25, Votive: \$84.95, Solemnity of Mary: \$100, Immaculate Conception: \$25, Funeral Fund: \$20, Central MN Catholic: \$40, **Total: \$3,461.20**

All Cluster News

Faith Formation:
February 18th - 24th
K-6: Home Lesson:
God's Covenant with Noah
2nd gr: lesson 3
February 21st
7-10 & Conf. Class 7-8:30 p.m.

Matching Grant Fundraiser St. Francis Catholic United Council #296 Everyone is welcome on Sunday, February 25th. Serving 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Free will offering. Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes with choice of toppings, Hashbrowns, Sweet Bread & Beverages. All you can eat! St. Francis of Assisi Church Basement 44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport, MN Take out available. Proceeds go to the St. Francis Rel. Ed. program. Catholic United Financial will give a matching grant of up to \$1000.



Eucharistic Revival
Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. To learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!
www.eucharisticrevival.org

Job Opening for a Youth Director
You can fill out an application on our website: 238catholic.org.

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council

Questions on any of these events: Jeff Czech, Grand Knight (320) 630-2753
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. **Annual Knights of Columbus Breakfast and Raffle: March 24th** at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus. Serving from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Raffle at noon.
Winners of the Free Throw Contest
Boys: Cody Johnson
Girls: and Morgan Ripplinger
The Regional Contest will be on Feb. 25th in Aitkin, MN.

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Come Pray the Rosary! Pray for America and World Peace! All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary Monday nights at St. Mary's starting at 6:30 p.m. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
~Sister Lucia of Fatima.

The Resurrected Artists Present: Murder Gone Wrong. Our own Bob Theisen (SF) will be performing in this Dinner Theatre production at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna on March 1-3 and 8-10. Tickets are \$38. For more information and reservations call (320) 845-7738.


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, please contact Ted Lewandowski at (320) 293-1508.

St. Mary's News

Smelt & Fish Fry
It's time once again to prepare for our annual St. Mary's Fish Fry & Raffle! **SAVE THE DATE!** It's Friday, March 22nd 4-8pm (cash raffle drawing at 7:30pm). We are now selling raffle tickets! They will be available at the Parish Office, Nelson Insurance, and after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Sundays. Once again, we would like each parishioner to buy or sell at least one raffle ticket! Tickets are \$100 each. Thank you for your support!

St. Francis' News

 *May Eternal Rest be granted to:*
Donna Mae Scholz
Passed to Eternal Life:
2/12/2024
Funeral: 2/17/2024

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. Men & Boys of the parish are asked to help. 1st shift: M-Z 8-10:30 a.m., 2nd shift: A-L 10:30 until done.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary
There is still time to be a part of this year's performance. If you want to be on stage or in the choir call Bob 573-2933. The main actors are meeting on Sunday, Feb.18th at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 24th at 10:30 a.m. Costume fitting is on March 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
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.