

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

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## **St. Edward's, Elmdale** **St. Mary's, Upsala** **St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis**

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Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am - 4pm

Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

### **RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday: St. Francis: 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.

## *Congratulations 2025 Graduates!*

### **St. Edward**

*Dylan Hartung son of Brad & Crystal*  
*Madeline Hartung daughter of Brian & Tracey*  
*Hailie Luedtke daughter of Mark & Lisa*  
*Logan Pappenfus son of Sherri & Kalus*

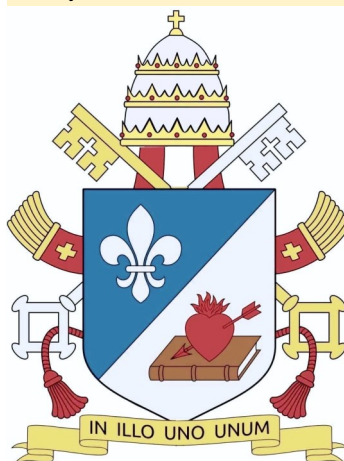
### **St. Francis**

*Mitchell Harren son of Michael & Shelly*  
*Noah Hartung son of Fred & Kari*  
*Eli Roerick son of Dan & Sarah*

### **St. Mary**

*Keyona Carlson daughter of Mike & Tammy*  
*Dominic Eggert son of Joe & Joy*  
*James Jensen son of Eric & Julie*  
*Kira Poppenhagen daughter of Chad & Amy*  
*Jack Primus son of Chad & Amy*  
*Beau Ripplinger son of Nathan & Laura*  
*Isabel Ripplinger daughter of Myron & Kristy*  
*Shailyn Welinski daughter of Andy & Bonita*

## **Pope Leo's Coat of Arms**



"In One, we are one."

The Upper half of Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms features a blue background with a white lily or fleur-de-lis, symbolizing the Virgin Mary and also his French heritage. The lower half of the shield displays the book of Scripture and a pierced heart, referring to the conversion experience of St. Augustine who wrote, "You have pierced my heart with your Word."


**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2025**

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/17		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c Jim Barkowicz c, <b>Lector:</b> Bill Boser, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 5/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gilbert Roerick ~Allen & Janelle Roerick	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, Rosanne Voss c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Dan & Sarah Roerick
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Jerome & Mary Jane Stich 65th Wedding Anniversary	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chantelle Frie, Cindy Koehn, Lisa Zabinski c, <b>Lector:</b> Jan Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann

## Weekday Masses

Monday, 5/19		 <p><u>Adoration</u> <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm. <u>First Fridays</u> St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 5/20	<i>St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Sadlowski Family	
Wednesday, 5/21	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melanie & William Feia ~ Russ & Gina Boeckermann	
Thursday, 5/22	<i>St. Rita Cascia, Religious</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Margaret Carlson ~ The Carlson Family	
Friday, 5/23		<p><b><u>Pray for us:</u></b> Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Dee Booth, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp &amp; Shailyn Welinski</p>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	In thanksgiving for Patricia Euteneuer ~ Charlotte Newman	

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/24		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Wensmann Family	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Jackie Oldakowski c,, <b>Lector:</b> Shari Biniek, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czek, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Scott & Jen Wensmann
Sunday 5/25		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the newly-elected Pope Leo	<b>EM of HC:</b> Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Janelle Roerick c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Bob & Sharon Thell
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Jack & Lue Zabinski ~Pat & Lisa Zabinski	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Leonice Prokott, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, <b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Gifts:</b> Randy & Donna Roske, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian

Anyone who feels called to help with Mass Ministries please let Father Jimmy know or call the office. If you are new at serving in Mass Ministry there will be training. This is a great way to learn more about your faith-dive in!

## All Cluster News

### Religious Education

Thank you to Randi Klasen, Reba Leither, Bob Vouk, Jenny Revermann, Katie Urbanski, teachers and parents who led the way helping our students grow in their faith. Special thanks to Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Gregory for their ministry and inspiration for our youth!

### Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

### Memorial Day: Monday, May 26th

We will have a 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Upsala. Thank you to all who served!

### Congratulations to our St. Mary's Scholarship Winner:

Beau Ripplinger

### All Things New

The St. Cloud Diocese is currently going through a process they are calling "All Things New" which invites the Church in our Diocese to walk together to make a plan for the future of our parishes. Each pastor has appointed a committee of lay people who will work closely with their pastors to discern next steps for their Area Catholic Community. Together, using data, prayerful discernment and communal consensus, they will propose recommendations for Bishop Neary's consideration. The individuals on our Mary and the Saints All Things New Committee are Bob Jarnot (AS), Bob Vouk (AS), Steve St. Marie (IC), Russ Wolter (IC), Jenny Revermann (SC), Greg Solarz (SC), Greg Larson (SE), Greg Wensmann (SE), Sylvester Tschida (SF), Alice Westrich (SF), Leonice Prokott (SM), and DJ Prom (SM).

### Annual Catholic Century Farm & Rural Business Awards

If your family, neighbors or members of your ACCs 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 and treat employees and customers, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for guidelines and application/nomination forms: <https://stcdio.org/rural-life>. Forms are due July 1st. Awards will be presented at a special celebration with Bishop Neary on Sunday, August 17th. Contact JoAnn Braegelman with questions: [joann.braegelman@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:joann.braegelman@gw.stcdio.org)

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw a holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Rev. 21:1-5a

### WEEKEND COLLECTION 5/11/2025

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$950, Loose: \$67, Mission: \$318, **Total: \$1,335**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$560, Loose: \$131, Mission: \$558 **Total: \$1,249**

**St. Mary:** Adults: \$1,296, Loose: \$322.75, Flowers: \$150, Mission: \$984, **Total: \$2,752.75**

Our Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day

### Totus Tuus

This, a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship will be the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact: Shanna Dobmeier (320) 733-0761 [shannamaryd@gmail.com](mailto:shannamaryd@gmail.com).

You can find registration and T-Shirt order forms on our website and in the entry of churches. T-shirts are free for the students participating. Please indicate the sizes and **return the order form** to the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome to purchase a water bottle, bag, or additional T-shirt by filling out a form and return it to the Parish Office along with your check made to: St. Mary's Church by May 29th. Thank you!



### Save the date!

The diocese will observe the closing of the National Eucharistic Revival on June 22nd, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. A closing Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral with Father Scott Pogatchnik presiding. More resources for how you can celebrate this special occasion in your parish/ACC will be shared at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/> as they develop.

**Tables** We have some extra 4x8 tables available for anyone who has a need. Please let Fr. Jimmy know.

### St. Mary's News



#### *Congratulations*

Taylor Marshik & Abigail Ripplinger  
May 10, 2025  
St. Mary's, Upsala

### St. Francis' News

#### Cemetery

We will have cemetery clean-up on Monday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

### St. Edward's News



#### *Wedding BANNES II*

Erin McCoy & Anthony Kane  
May 31, 2025  
St. Edward's Elmdale



## News and Events

### **Thank you on behalf of the Benedictine Sisters of St Agnes**

What an enjoyable experience! Sr. Gallusiana and I are so grateful for the weekend with you reflecting on the mission of Jesus, especially as carried out by the Benedictine Sisters of St. Agnes. We were so impressed by the strong sense of community at all 3 of your parishes. Special thanks to Fr Jimmy for the warm welcome, clearly a very fine Shepherd! If you wish to follow up with more information about our Benedictine Sisters just go to their website: [chipolebenedictines.org](http://chipolebenedictines.org) Blessings, Fr Bill Vos Sr. Gallusiana Mgaya, OSB

### **Diocesan Youth Council**

Every year the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office needs dedicated High School Youth to help plan and prepare our Diocesan Youth events. consider your High School Youth and share this application link: <https://forms.gle/YRNNLoLzJqwqCyhF8>. Kent Schmitz Director of Ministry with Youth and Young Adults. [kent.schmitz@gw.stedio.org](mailto:kent.schmitz@gw.stedio.org)

### **Bishop's Charitable Golf Tournament**

June 9th will be the annual Golf Tournament at Territory Golf Club with proceeds going to support our seminarians. \$100 per individual golfer or \$400 for a team of four. [www.catholicfoundation.info](http://www.catholicfoundation.info)

### **Ordinations: June 7th**

Deacon Nathaniel Daubner & Deacon Joseph VanDenheuvel will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Permanent Diaconate ordination will take place on June 15th at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

### **Ordination choirs**

Youth and adult singers from across the Diocese of St. Cloud are invited to join the diocesan choir for the ordination Masses on **June 7** and **June 14**. You do not need to sing at both Masses to be in the choir.

Contact Abbey Dupuy: [musicatstmaryscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:musicatstmaryscathedral@gmail.com).

### **Pray at the Poor Clare Monastery**

Praying with the Poor Clare Sisters is one of the 24 practices promoted in the Jubilee Passport in this Jubilee Year of Hope. The next Mass will be celebrated on May 30th at 6:30 p.m. Call: 251-3556.

**Holy Family Mini-Fest** Help bring Holiness Home this August 15-17th at the Holy Family Mini Fest in Little Falls, MN. Visit: [www.havenofmercy catholic.org/mini-family-fest](http://www.havenofmercy catholic.org/mini-family-fest).

### **2025 Vocations Camp**

Join Fr. Doug and seminarians for three days on a private residence on Lake Osakis packed with fishing, swimming, frisbee, kickball, confession, Mass, Adoration, lots of bacon and more. Draw closer to Jesus and learn to live a new life. Tuesday-Thursday on June 10-12th in Osakis, MN for young men entering grades 7th-12th. To learn more visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025VocationCamp>.

### **Natural Family Planning**

**Alexandria** on Monday, June 16th at St. Mary's Church. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751. **Little Falls** on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Mary Bontjes at [bontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660.

**Sauk Centre** on Thursday, June 19th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751.

**St. Cloud** on Thursday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. For more information, or to register, contact Sheila Reineke at [omf@gw.stedio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stedio.org) or 258-7609. Classes are approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Join us for

## Breakfast!



**May 18, 2025**



**9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



**St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Francis**



## Free Will Offering

**Proceeds to support youth from the Elmdale, St. Francis, and Upsala Parishes attending the Steubenville Youth Conference.**



**Menu:**

**pancakes (w/fruit toppings, syrup, whipped cream), Sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet bread, beverages**

**Thank you for  
your support!**