

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



Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi

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Wednesday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule.

Prayer Lines:

SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127

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SE: 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.



Congratulations to this year's First Communion Class of 2026!

Front row: Kienna Bertram, Isaiah Barthel, Khloe Kaiser, Tristan
Hellmann, Bryson Fuchs, Ashton Bartkowicz

Back row: Fr. Jimmy Joseph, Kendra Goebel, Lexi Ley, Dakota Reece,
Jaxson Oldakowski, Skylar Kingston

Thank you!

We've had another successful year of Faith Formation.

Thank you to:

K-6 coordinators: Beth Lange & Reba Leither

7-10 gr coordinator: Randi Klasen

Confirmation: Bob Vouk & Jenny Revermann

Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski

Thank you, also, for the teachers and assistants, for the parents who
encouraged their students to grow in their faith and the students for
supporting each other.


Special Thank you to Fr. Jimmy Joseph!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 5/9		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Janelle Roerick c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Sheldon & Karla Tschida, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
Sunday 5/10		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Toby & Karla Schneider Family	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gift Bearers: Brad & Crystal Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Jimmy ~Seven Sisters Apostolate	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Nathan Ripplinger

Monday, 5/11			<u>Adoration</u>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)		<u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm
Tuesday, 5/12	<i>Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr</i>		<u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Gerhard Boser		<u>First Fridays:</u> St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
Wednesday, 5/13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Kleve ~ St. Francis Men's Society		
Thursday, 5/14	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased Opatz & Molus Family members ~ Carol Molus		
Friday, 5/15	<i>St. Isidore</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Connie Harren		
"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"			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, Eleanor Tschida, Ken Welle, Leonard & Eileen Koroll

Saturday 5/16		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange	EM of HC: Bob Thiesen, Judy Theisen c, Syl Tschida c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Tom & Jeanette Gerads, Sacristan: Joyce Koopmeiners
Sunday 5/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Derek Biniek c, Lector: Karla Schneider, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scot Wensmann & Jim Bartkovicz, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Greg & Renee Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased relatives of Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Mike Klasen c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate".

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. To join us Contact Chelsea Fuchs fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST MAY 17, 2026

Menu:

Pancakes (w/ fruit toppings, syrup, whipped cream), sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet bread, beverages



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

Free Will Offering. Thank you for your support!

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Francis

Our Lady of Fatima: Feast Day May 13th

Between May 13th and October 13th in 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-fatima/>

Peter's Pence Collection: May 23-24

From his first appearance after his election, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace with the whole world by works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor. You will find an envelope in your packet for giving. Thank you! www.usccb.org/peter-pence/collection.

St. Francis News

Church Locking Schedule

Starting on May 4th the church will be unlocked until 8:00 p.m. It will go back to 6:00 p.m. in the fall.

Table & Chair Rental

Do you have a garage sale, graduation party or other celebration coming up? We have tables, \$5, chairs \$.50 and sections of tent \$20 (per section) for rent. Call Bob: 573-2933.

Farewell Party for Sr. Mary Pat

Everyone is invited to attend a celebration for Sr. Mary Pat on Saturday, June 6th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Francis (note Mass time change).



Graduation

Baccalaureate Service for all Upsala Churches

May 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

Graduation- May 22nd 7:00 p.m. at Upsala High School

Graduation Mass

May 24th 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

WEEKEND COLLECTION 5/3/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$1,897, Loose: \$163, Ascension: \$5, Fire Fund: \$20, Cemetery Fund: \$50, **Total: \$2,135**

St. Francis: Adult: \$605, Loose: \$179, **Total: \$784**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,556 Loose: \$431.75, Choir: \$150, Ascension: \$75, **Total: \$2,232.75**

Rise: An Evening of Faith, Hope &

Healing: Monday, May 11th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. Encounter the Holy Spirit in a new and personal way!

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's FUN-FOOD-FUND DAY: Turn Back Thyme

On Thursday, June 18th at Immaculate Conception Church, Rice MN we will have a Silent Auction & Bingo followed by Mass at 11 a.m. and lunch. \$25. Mail check to Carol Brunn (14267 Fairway Ln. S.E., Becker MN 55308. Call (320) 248-5976 for questions.

Catholic Young Adult Weekend at Camp Lebanon (August 27th-30th) for ages 18-35. Cost will be around \$200 per person. This weekend will provide opportunities for fellowship, activities, Mass, and Eucharistic adoration. Please call or text Marissa Throener for more details or to sign up (320)-630-2433.

Rural Life Awards

The Office of Social Concerns is now taking applications for the diocese's annual **Catholic Century Farm Awards** and nominations for the **Rural Business Award**. If your family, neighbors or members of your ACCs have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know a Catholic business-owner in the diocese who lives out their Catholic faith in how they run their business and treat their employees and customers, please visit the *Rural Life* section of the Social Concerns website for requirements and application/nomination forms: <https://stcdio.org/rural-life>. Or reach out to JoAnn.Braegelman@gw.stcdio.org with questions.

Save the Date: 2026 Rural Life Celebration

This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16th beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Moenkedick Family Farm in rural Perham. The event will include Mass on the farm with Bishop Neary, the annual Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards presentations, refreshments and family-friendly activities.

Save the Date-Ordinations:

Transitional and permanent diaconate ordination is on June 6th at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Choir for the Ordination to Diaconate – Youth and adult singers from across the Diocese of Saint Cloud are invited to join the diocesan choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass. The choir is open to middle and high school singers and adults. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on May 30, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Interested singers **must RSVP** by filling out this registration form <https://musicatstmaryscath.wixsite.com/stcloud/diocesanchoir>.

5 Ways to Pray to Mary

The Rosary is a powerful prayer that meditates on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. Even if you start with just a decade a day, regular recitation can draw you closer to her by understanding the major events of Christ's life through praying with her.

Do a Marian Consecration Consecrating yourself to Jesus through Mary is a profound way to dedicate your life to Christ with Mary's guidance. Consecration is a formal entrusting of your life into Mary's hands, trusting in her to guide and protect you on your journey with her Son.

Our recommendation? Try out Fr. Michael Gaitley's "**33 Days to Morning Glory**."

Celebrate Marian Feast Days Engage more deeply in the Church's liturgical year by celebrating Marian feast days. These feast days include feasts like: the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Assumption. First on the list? Head to Mass. Then take time to learn about each of these feast days and the different aspects of Mary that are revealed through them.

Read Marian Books and Scriptures Reading books about Mary, like the classic, "True Devotion to Mary" by St. Louis de Montfort, is an obvious, but necessary way to deepen our understanding of who the Mother of God is. Another simple idea: meditate on Marian passages in Scripture, such as the Annunciation (**Luke 1:26-38**) and the Visitation (**Luke 1:39-56**), using **Ignatian Contemplation** to guide your meditation.

Visit Marian Shrines and Statues Pilgrimage to Marian shrines, whether local or international, can be a powerful way to encounter Mary.

Praying at a statue or image of Mary can help create a space for you to look at and speak to her. Especially for those of us who are more visual, it's a great way to remember she is a real person that we can talk to. ~Focus.org