

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



Saint Edward  
Saint Mary  
Saint Francis of Assisi



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**Bookkeeper:** Randi Klasen  
Tuesday & Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon  
**Secretary:** Jessie Johnson  
Monday & Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. - Noon

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

### Prayer Lines:

**SM:** Karen Liebsch 573-4127  
Kathy Koehn 573-2363  
**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.

## St. Edward's Annual Spaghetti Supper 2026




Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

# Ministry Schedule

Saturday 4/18		<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Rich Boeckermann	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rosanne Voss, Syl Tschida c, Judy Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, <b>Servers:</b> Evan Welle, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Allen & Renee Douvier, <b>Sacristan:</b> Syl Tschida
Sunday 4/19		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Hartung & Wensmann Families ~Greg & Renee	<b>EM of HC:</b> Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Steve & Kathy Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Lisa Zabinski, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

Monday, 4/20		 <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 (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 4/21	<i>St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Jack & Lue Zabinski	
Wednesday, 4/22		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Janet Hartung	
Thursday, 4/23	<i>St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	<p><b>Pray for us:</b> 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 &amp; Eileen Koroll</p>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	
Friday, 4/24	<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intentions of Dave & Renee Scholz	
Lord, you will show us the path of life. Ps: 16:1		

Saturday 4/25		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	†Melvin Pundsack	<b>EM of HC:</b> Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Jake & Judy Gerads, <b>Sacristan:</b> Alice Westrich
Sunday 4/26		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Derek Biniek, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung, <b>Servers:</b> Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	†Ralph & Audrey Lange ~Beth Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> Cindy Koehn, Mike Klasen c, Jon Leither c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, <b>Greeters:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

Let us know, let us strive to know the Lord; as certain as the dawn is his coming.  
 He will come to us like the rain, like spring rain that waters the earth. Hosea 6:2-3.

## **Religious Education**

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

Beth Lange- bethlange 83@gmail.com (320) 630-8390

**7-10:** Randi Klasen randiklasen@gmail.com (320) 493-5624

**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, April 22nd**

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class - Holdingford -ASSM

7 p.m. 7-10th grade -Upsala-SM

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

## **First Communion**

Please pray for our students who will receive First Communion on Sunday, May 3rd at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

Breakfast Fundraiser for Steubenville is Sunday, May 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis.

## **St. Francis Church Bazaar (Fall Festival) Meeting**

Thursday, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Church Basement.

**Thank you** for helping to make March Food Share 2026 a success! Your recent donation of \$50 and 102 pounds of food means so much. Thanks to donations like yours the Food Shelf was able to continue our mission to address food insecurity in our community. These are our friends, neighbors and family. We are so grateful for your generosity.

**Thank you** to everyone who came to the Spaghetti Supper- we served 287 people! Thank you to those who donated food or volunteered. Special thanks to the Youth who volunteered. Please keep them in your prayers as they plan for Steubenville.

**Let Life Shine...Walk for Life!** Pregnancy Resource Center is excited to announce their Walk for Life 2026! Join us on Saturday, May 2nd at the Sartell Community Center ( 850 19th St. S.) There will be music, food, and a chance to connect with PRC friends; it's like a family reunion! Help to Shine the Light of Life by securing your pledges and walking at the annual Walk of Life. Registration and fundraising information can be found on: prehelpfriends.com/walkforlife.

## **WEEKEND COLLECTION 4/12/2026**

**St. Edward:** Adults: \$1306, Loose: \$58.25, **Total: \$1,364.25**  
Spaghetti Supper: \$4,459 (Before expenses)

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$685, Loose: \$128, Easter: \$100,  
**Total: \$913**

**St. Mary:** Adults: \$1,580, Loose: \$191.50, Easter: \$275,  
Choir: \$150, Rice Bowl: \$20.79, **Total: \$2,217.29**

## **Totus Tuus Leaders**

Are you in college and considering what your summer plans will be? Consider being a Totus Tuus missionary\_for the Diocese of St. Cloud. You would be a "missionary to the youth" in central MN. The program is just two months long so you would still get some needed rest and family time; yet, it offers an opportunity for a summer of growing in your own faith and in deeper love of Jesus. We offer a stipend of \$500/week. Please check out this site for more info and to sign up: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who helped make Journey with Jesus to Calvary a success: All the actors, the choir, the people who helped with the costumes and watch the children, the backstage people, Jane for writing it and the 368 people who came to see the performances. All of us involved in putting the play on hope that it made your Holy Week more meaningful for you.

## **Sky Warn Training: Sunday, April 19th**

Would you like to learn how to be a weather spotter? Come for training from 2-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.

## Congratulations



Jaden & Raymond Kokett

April 18, 2026

St. Edward's, Elmdale

## May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Cora Lynn Stock

Passed to Eternal Life: April 10, 2026

Funeral: April 16, 2026

St. Mary, Upsala

## May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Kathleen "Kay" Marie Carlson

Passed to Eternal Life: April 6, 2026

Mass: April 14, 2026 at St. Robert

Bellamine Catholic Church, St. Cloud

Burial: St. Edward, Elmdale



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

**Raffle Tickets** Knights, please return the State Raffle tickets by April 24th to P.O. Box 112, Bowlus, MN 56314.

**Knights Spring Ditch Clean-up:**

**April 25th** Meet in the Bowlus Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

**Tootsie Roll Drive:** Weekend of May 2nd & 3rd after Masses. It will go to support persons with disabilities.

**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.

**West Central Deanery Meeting**

**April 20th** All Catholic women are invited to our Spring Gathering at St. Boniface Parish, 501 Main Street, Cold Spring MN 56320. Registration begins at 5:30 Communion and Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a light supper (\$6.00) with friends old and new. Speakers, All Things New questions, information. Contact: Jean H o p f e r , 3 2 0 - 8 3 7 - 5 2 3 9 , [ecthull@albanytel.com](mailto:ecthull@albanytel.com).

**St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Chicken & Ham Dinner: Sunday,**

**April 26th** Serving from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the Pelican Lake Ballroom in St. Anna. Adults \$15, Children 5-12 \$10 and Under 4-Free. Take out orders available.

**We are Pro-Life!**

**Pro-Life Essentials with Cathy Blaeser -MCCL Co-Executive Director:** April 21st Learn about Minnesota's current abortion laws, the pressing threat of a Constitutional Amendment, and how to save lives through effective conversation at St. Francis Xavier Parish (219 2nd St., N, Sartell)

**The Shepherd is Calling: Saturday, April 25th**

A family event from 1-6:30 p.m. at Mike and Alice Westrich's Farm (1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum) All are welcome especially elementary age kids and their families! We invite you to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep! Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, Scripture, and hands-on time with lambs. Mass is at 4 p.m. with a hog roast to follow. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share. **RSVP at: [stcdio.org/vocations](http://stcdio.org/vocations).**

**Honoring Marriage Day: May 2nd** All married couples are welcome to join us at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, at 1 p.m. for married couples. Special acknowledgement for those celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60-plus years of marriage. Contact Jan at [jan.zylla@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:jan.zylla@gw.stcdio.org). to RSVP.

**Happy Easter! Happy Spring!**

This time of year we celebrate new life! And we are increasingly aware of God's plan for us. Consider learning Natural Family Planning. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

**Alexandria** on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751.

**Little Falls** on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary Bontjes at [bontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660.

**Rice** on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Contact Ann Marschel at [amarschel21@gmail.com](mailto:amarschel21@gmail.com) or (320) 290-6311.

**Sauk Centre** on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751.

**St. Cloud** on Thursday, April 30th & Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org) or (320) 258-7609.

**Nominations for the 2026 Humanae Vitae Award!**

Many in our diocese have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning (NFP) and the principles of Humanae Vitae. Submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). Tell us about a person(s) who has demonstrated courage to promote NFP, and to uphold the teachings of Humanae Vitae. For details, visit <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-2026/contact> or contact Sheila Reineke at [sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org) or 320-258-7609.

Send nominations before April 27, 2026 to: Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee  
305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303