



## Quilt Bingo

### Hand-stitched Quilts

Sunday February 4, 2024 1:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Upsala

20 games for \$10 Blackout extra Free Lunch served after

Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Group

All are welcome to attend!

#### Catholic Men's Conference: Feb. 24th March for Life: Jan. 22nd

This event will be held at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. The theme is "Sharing our Eucharistic Journey" with keynote speaker Fr. Tim Donovan from the Diocese of Orange, CA. Other speakers include Fr. Matthew Crane, Deacon Mike Benda, and Deacon Ed Shoener from Scranton, PA. Find more details and register at <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2024/>.

10:30 a.m. Prayer Service at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Noon-1:00 p.m. March to the Minnesota Capitol. Buses are being coordinated in several locations. To sign-up visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2024/>.

#### 9 Days for Life Novena: Jan. 16-24

Pray for the protection of human life. Each day's intention and a short reflection Visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

#### CHI Health at Home

Our Grief Support Group will be starting up again on Monday, Jan. 22nd. We will be meeting from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays through July 22nd. These meetings are part of our community outreach and are designed for those who have lost a loved one in the past year or two. Groups are led by Chaplain Blaine MacNeil. Call (320) 631-5588

#### College bound and serious about Sacred music?

The University of Mary in Bismarck, ND has a new choir, Cappella, made up of skilled student musicians who have a special devotion to sacred music. Students can apply for scholarships just like college athletes to come and sing sacred music at the University of Mary. Auditions are being accepted from students until February 19th. For more information visit [www.cappellaumary.com](http://www.cappellaumary.com).



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

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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.

#### Our family, God's family!

Pope Francis in his letter to the married couples said, "Dear spouses, know that your children – especially the younger ones – watch you attentively; in you they seek the signs of a strong and reliable love. How important it is for young people to see with their own eyes the love of Christ alive and present in the love of spouses, who testify by the reality of their lives that love for ever is possible! Children are always a gift; they change the history of every family. They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem and trust. Being parents calls you to pass on to your children the joy of realizing that they are God's children, children of a Father who has always loved them tenderly and who takes them by the hand each new day. As they come to know this, your children will grow in faith and trust in God."

To be sure, raising children is no easy task. But let us not forget that they also "raise" us. The family remains the primary environment where education takes place, through small gestures that are more eloquent than words. To educate is above all to accompany the growth process, to be present to children in many different ways, to help them realize that they can always count on their parents. An educator is someone who spiritually "gives birth" to others and, above all, becomes personally engaged in their growth. For parents, it is important to relate to children with an authority that grows day by day. Children need a sense of security that can enable them to have confidence in you and in the beauty of your life together, and in the certainty that they will never be alone, whatever may come their way" "Amoris Laetitia" [The Joy of Love].

Children are looking for loving parents and good role models. The gifts of life that God has sent into the world is getting scorched in the heat of hatred and anger. The growth of a child will be complete only in the warmth of the family, with both parents, God has established. It is only then that a prosperous and peaceful generation will emerge. The Paradise that was lost is to be regained in every family and for this the families need the power of prayer, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and the divine love of Jesus Christ. As we begin another year, let us keep all families in our daily prayer.

Fr. Jimmy

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

Weekend Masses: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 1/13	<i>St. Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Irene Lashinski ~SF Christian Mothers	(SF) <b>EM of HC:</b> Judy Theisen, Bob Thiesen c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> John & Marsha Rakotz, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida
Sunday 1/14		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SE) <b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brent & Sandy Prokott
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Linus Lehner	(SM) <b>EM of HC:</b> Amanda Lampert, Christine Weber c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange <b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Mary Hollenkamp <b>Gifts:</b> Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, <b>Bank:</b> Judy Michels

Weekday Masses		
Monday 1/15		
No Mass		
Tuesday 1/16		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Jack & Lue Zabinski ~Pat & Lisa Zabinski	
Wednesday 1/17	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	
Thursday 1/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Beverly Fosler ~Bob Folser	
Friday 1/19		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Ramona Heurung	

**Spend time with Jesus in Adoration!**



**2nd Tuesdays**  
St. Francis of Assisi 7am -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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 1/20	<i>St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	(SF) <b>EM of HC:</b> M J Boeckermann, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Gerald & Julie Roerick, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida
Sunday 1/21		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Don & Rita Wensmann	(SE) <b>EM of HC:</b> Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Peggy Frieler c, <b>Lector:</b> Mike Heisick, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett, <b>Gifts:</b> Ron and Nancy Stewart
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Pete Michels	(SM) <b>EM of HC:</b> Chantelle Frie, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, <b>Ushers:</b> Mary Frie, <b>Greeters:</b> Walt & LeAnn Beneke, <b>Gifts:</b> Mike & Randi Klasen, <b>Bank:</b> Mike Klasen

**WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan. 7, 2024**  
**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1162 Loose: \$138.01, Fire Fund: \$220, Solemnity of Mary: \$95, Funeral Lunch: \$120, **Total: \$1,735.01**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$855, Loose: \$93.01, Solemnity of Mary: \$50, Funeral Fund: \$30 **Total: \$1,028.01**  
**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,250, Loose: \$152.01, Funeral lunch: \$585, Choir: \$125, **Total: \$2112.01**

**Prayer for St Mary's**  
The Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict have chosen January 15th as a special prayer day for St. Mary's Church. Thank you Sisters!  
*"God indeed is my salvation; I am confident and unafraid."* Is 12:2

**All Cluster News**

**Faith Formation: Jan. 17th**  
K-6: Home Lesson  
God's Call to Us.  
7-10 & Conf. Class 7-8:30 p.m.

**Faith Formation: Jan. 20th** 2nd Grade Retreat & 1st Reconciliation  
**Youth**

We have a job opening for a Youth Director. Fill out an application on the website, call the Parish Office or let Fr. Jimmy know.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

Sunday, January 14th  
Upsala Senior High Gym  
Registration: 12:30 p.m.  
Contest begins: 1:00 p.m.  
Open to Boys and Girls ages 9-14

**St. Monica Prayer Retreat: Feb. 17th**

*Retreat intention: For all our loved ones who have fallen away from their Catholic Faith. Meet at All Saints- St. Mary's Basement- (handicapped accessible) at 9:00-11:30 a.m. This is a free event and refreshments will be served.*

**Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Jan. 20th**

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement, Holdingford. Contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

**CPR Class: Jan. 18th**  
There will be a CPR Class at St. Francis' Church Basement at 5:00 p.m. Register to attend by calling Jeanette (320) 836-2966. All are welcome to participate.

**Vespers for Life: Jan. 21st**

Join Bishop Neary in remembering all children aborted since 1973 with this Service including music, prayer, scripture and reflection. Monetary donations will go to Mother Mary's Fund to assist pregnancy resource centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. Rosary 3:30 p.m. & Vespers 4:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St. N. St. Cloud.

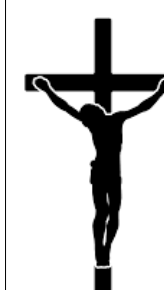
**Considering the Priesthood?**

Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God? Are you called to the priesthood? Call 251-5001 Vocations@gw.stcdio.org

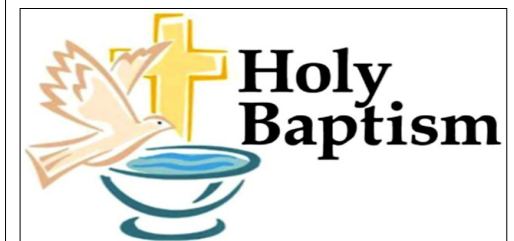
**Diocesan Festival of Families:**

Join other families February 11th, at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids Cost is \$20 per family (no matter the size). Free carnival, Family games and Mass with Bishop Neary, and much more! Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>.

**St. Mary's News**



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*  
**Rita Schiller**  
Passed to Eternal Life: 1/12/2024  
Funeral: 1/16/2024  
9-11:00 a.m. visitation  
11:00 a.m. Funeral



**Brooklyn Rose Notsch**  
Daughter of Russell & Katie  
January 7, 2024  
St. Mary's, Upsala

*Come and join us for the last performance!*

**Upstage Players** will perform a show and dessert presentation of Bingo Spells Murder by Robert Mattson on January 14th at St. Mary's in Upsala at 2:00. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Doors open at 1:30.

**St. Francis' News**



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*  
**Arnold Voss**  
Passed to Eternal Life: 1/11/2024  
Funeral: 1/15/2024  
9-11:00 a.m. visitation  
11:00 a.m. Funeral

**St. Francis Men's Society**

We will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church basement. If anyone is interested in joining please attend the meeting.

**Journey with Jesus to Calvary Meeting: Jan. 14th at 1:00 p.m.**

If you want a speaking part or want to be a part of this year's performance come to the planning meeting in the St. Francis Church basement. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help in any way-call Bob 573-2933.

**Baby Shower for Jesus**

All are welcome to donate wish list items at St. Francis Parish in the Bassinet through January. Proceeds will go to ELEVATE. Current needs are: baby hygiene kits, clothes 18 months and up, socks neutral colors, diapers sizes 3 thru 6, white onesies, car seat covers, bath towels and gift cards to Walmart and Target. A Blessed Thank You in advance from St. Francis Christian Women.