

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

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Confessions are 1/2 hour before all Masses.
Please see Mass Schedule on next page.

PRAYER LINES
SM- Karen Liebsch 573-4127
Kathy Koehn 573-2363
SF-Judy Theisen 573-2933
Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
SE-Sally Schleper 573-2127

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sept. 7th

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Arriving at an older age is to be considered a privilege: not simply because not everyone has the good fortune to reach this stage in life, but also, and above all, because this period provides real possibilities for better evaluating the past, for knowing and living more deeply the Paschal Mystery, for becoming an example in the Church for the whole People of God. (Pope Saint John Paul II)

Our society is aging. Nevertheless, society still values youth over age, doing over being, individualism over the common good, and independence over interdependence.

Our first question should not be "How can the parish serve older people?" but instead "How can the parish receive and fully embrace the gifts of older persons?" Older people bring a wealth of spiritual resources, deep faith, skills, experience, and especially after retirement, time in which to offer them. Far from draining parish resources, older people are themselves a valuable resource. Even those who obviously need pastoral care—the homebound, the disabled, the seriously ill—are also able to give pastoral care, for example, by praying for their families, caregivers, and others, by sharing their own faith lives, or even through the simple yet powerful ministry of presence. By encouraging older persons to make their unique contribution, we affirm their dignity and value within the community of faith.

The current situation is unprecedented. The sheer number of older people as well as their vitality, their longevity, and their own desire to give something back to society and the Church impel us to develop new pastoral responses. Former responses that saw older people solely as the recipients of care are not adequate.

"The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age, always vigorous and sturdy, As they proclaim: "The Lord is just; our rock, in whom there is no wrong." (Psalm 92:13-16) ~uscbb.org

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9/6		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier
Sunday 9/7		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Sue Partch	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Greg & Renee Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Nick Stodolka	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9/8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	 Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 9/9	<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	Pray for us: Dee Booth, 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, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen & MJ Beockermann
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Donna Mae Scholz ~ Sewing Circle	
Wednesday, 9/10		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Loretta Gerads Family	
Thursday, 9/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	
Friday, 9/12	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Terry Theis	

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday 9/13		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Volunteer c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Brian & Jessica Donabauer
Sunday 9/14		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Sue Partch	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Jerry Theisen c, Joan Theisen c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, Gifts: Brian & Tracey Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intentions ~ Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Lisa Zabinski c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? (Lk 14:27-28)

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
K-6: Beth Lange (bethlange83@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 or confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Confirmation Dates (Holdingford)

Wed., Sept. 10th at 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's,
All Confirmation candidates and at least 1 parent should be in attendance. We will go through class schedule, expectations, requirements for Confirmation and answer question you may have. There is paperwork for a parent to sign that night so please again, at least 1 parent needs to attend.

Upcoming Faith Formation Dates (Upsala)

Wed., Sept. 17th First Class for All Religious Ed. Students
6:15 –6:45 p.m. K-6 Family Formation

7:00 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Wed., Sept. 24th

7:30 p.m. 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Children's Liturgy

We will be resuming Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, Upsala on September 21st. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fushschelsea92@gmail.com.

Benefit for Ron Schmidt Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

400 Limited Raffle Tickets to be sold. Prizes 1st-\$3000, 2nd \$2000, 3rd \$1000, 4th-7th -\$500. Event will be held on Saturday October 11th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lucky's Pub (24 3rd Street Swanville. Ron suffered a fall and has paralysis. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. Ron has given so much to our community with sharing his love of music in playing the concertina. Please join us in helping out Ron and his family! Thank You!

DCCW Meeting: Sept. 20th

The annual Fall Conference of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, September 20th, at the Church of St. Benedict, (212 1st Street SW, Avon) from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Registration of \$20 payable to St. Cloud DCCW due by September 10th. Mail to Sue Burg (39006 Co. Road #151, Avon, MN 56310); \$25 after 9/10 or at the door.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST

St. Edward: \$200

St. Francis: \$405

St. Mary: \$1025

Sign-up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on our website or by contacting the Parish Office to have a form mailed/mailed to you.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 8/31/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,125, Loose: \$158, Votive: \$122.25,

Total: \$1,410.25

St. Francis: Adult: \$270, Loose: \$127, Funeral Fund: \$10

Total: \$407

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,414, Loose: \$427, Total: \$1,841

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: September 8th



The Feast of The Most Holy Name of Mary: Sept. 12th

There are hundreds of titles for Mary and each one brings her honor in a different way. Why so many different names for one person? Each title reveals to us a different facet of Mary's character, allowing us to connect with her in a more personal way. How do you know by what name to address Mary? That can change over time depending on your life circumstances and many other variables. Now it's time to take our quiz in order to discover a new title for Mary to use during your prayer time and to grow deeper in your devotion to the Mother of God.

Go to this link to take the quiz: catholic-link.org/which-title-of-mary-will-you-identify-with-the-most-personality-quiz/

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Sept. 13th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at 290-2877.

Eileen Stiller

The Family of Eileen Stiller would like to extend their sincerest thanks to all who helped with her funeral in any way. Thank you to those that helped prepare the Mass and the Luncheon at St. Mary's. Thank you to those who helped with music, prayed the Rosary and a special thank you to Fr. Jimmy for Mass.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

News and Events



Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753

Meeting: Sept. 9th

8:00 p.m. at St. Edward's

Upcoming Event

Our Council has been invited to join in the Newman Center Social and program coming up on Oct. 5th in Mankato. The Speaker will be Bishop Robert Barron. Any Knight interested in attending, please contact Jeff.

Natural Family Planning

Alexandria on Monday, Sept. 15th & Oct. 20th at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at 290-8751 or uphus.nfp@gmail.com.

Little Falls on Tuesday Sept. 9 & Oct. 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 631-5660.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, Sept. 18th & Oct. 16th at St. Paul's Church or Centra-Care Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill & Isaac Uphus 290-8751 or uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 290-8751

St. Cloud on Monday, Sept. 22nd & Thurs. Oct. 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reincke at omf@gw.stcdio.org or 258-7609.

All classes are approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Central MN Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross. The next retreat is scheduled for September 19-21, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Beacon of Hope 14th Annual Kyes Benefit

Join us on Friday, September 26th at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell for a Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. and then a Program featuring Bishop Patrick Neary and our Keynote speaker Glen Lewerenz at 7:00 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Visit: kyesradio.com/2025-benefit-registration/.

Saint Cloud was born in 522 A.D. He was the grandson of Clovis, founder of the Kingdom of the Franks, and his wife Saint Clothilde. Following the death of his parents, Cloud and his two brothers were cared for by their grandmother, Saint Clothilde, the widowed queen. Upon his father's death, Cloud's uncles sought to seize his father's throne by plotting the murder of Cloud and his two brothers. They succeeded in killing his brothers, but Saint Cloud escaped and sought sanctuary with Saint Remigius, the Bishop of Rheims, located a short distance from Paris. During these formative years he drew closer to God through silence and solitude. Although this life-style was forced upon him by his uncles' plot to murder him, Cloud grew to appreciate his separation from the world and a life of silence. And so, Cloud grew from childhood into young manhood under the guidance and protection of the holy bishop and his sainted grandmother. At the age of twenty, Saint Cloud left his hermitage, appeared before the Bishop of Paris surrounded by religious and civic leaders and members of the royal family — his royal family. Remember, Cloud was a prince and heir to the throne! He clothed himself in royal robes and carried a scissors in one hand and a coarse garment in the other. He offered the coarse garment to the bishop who clothed him with it as a symbol of his preferred "spiritual" rather than "material" riches. With the scissors, the bishop cut Cloud's long hair, which was a symbol of his royalty. In the silence and solitude of his hermitage, Cloud had established priorities in his life. He had learned the difference between true and false pleasures. **Sept. 7th is a solemnity** in the parishes within the city of St. Cloud since he is the patron of the city. ~ stcdio.org



Over 80 Blessings for September



Jerome Stich (SM) 9/3
Edmund Eggert (SM) 9/4
Ione Brezinka (SE) 9/19
Janet Kulla (SE) 9/20
Elmer Frie (SM) 9/23
Ron Dingmann (SM) 9/25
Rosemary Pundsack (SF) 9/25
Jake Gerads (SF) 9/30



Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Sept. 20th & 21st

CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty office of the U.S. Bishops, focusing on poverty, education, outreach, and grants to grassroots organizations working to address poverty across the U.S. Funds collected are used for grants locally and nationally, with a minimum of 25% of all funds raised in our parishes remaining in our diocese to help local organization. Special collection envelopes are in your parish packets. For additional information contact: Kateri.Mancini@gw.stcdio.org.

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phil 1:15)