

*Thank you  
for the Christmas Flower Donations!*



**St. Edward**

Deloris Booth ~Thank you

Michael & Mary Heisick ~In honor of: Ken Heisick, Steve Heisick, Ted Czech, Theresa Czech, Gerry Czech

Robert & Ione Brezinka ~In honor of: Deceased Family Members

James & Julie Wensmann ~In honor of: Jordan Wensmann, Don & Rita Wensmann, Norbert & Helen Dehn, Wayne Wensmann, Brian Wensmann

Ralph & Marcella Schleper ~In honor of: Deceased Family Members

Janet Kulla ~In honor of: Floyd Kulla, Karen Kulla

George & Karen Lashinski ~In honor of: Roman Koroll, MaryAnn Koroll, George Lashinski, Elizabeth Lashinski

Adeline Molus ~In honor of: Deceased Members of Peter & Elizabeth Molus Family

**St. Francis**

Jane Keppers ~In honor of: Scott Keppers, Paul & Ginger Keppers, Roman & Aurelia Sundermann, Jim Sundermann, Diane Yorek

Bob & Judy Theisen ~In honor of: Marcellus, Frances & James Theisen, Gilbert & Rita Ritter

Juanita Roerick ~In honor of: Gilbert Roerick

Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann ~In honor of: Tony & Ann Marie Hartung, Tony & Edna Boeckermann, Rich Boeckermann

Craig & Rosanne Voss ~In honor of: Arnold & Florence Voss, Clarence & Rosemary Jarnot

Fred & Rita Herbes ~In honor of: Hubert & Viola Herbes, Mike & Lucy Koroll

Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners ~Thank you

Allen & Janelle Roerick ~In honor of: Gilbert Roerick, Duane "Whitey" Herzog

Arnold Dobmeier ~In honor of: Lawrence & Regina Dobmeier, Doris Burggraff

**St. Mary**

Marlene Vornbrock ~In honor of: Family Members

Duane & Rose Harren ~In honor of: Alcuin Harren

Viola Wuebkers ~In honor of: Herman & Teckla Wuebkers, Jerome & Agnes Wuebkers and Clarence Wuebkers

Cynthia Koehn ~Thank you

Don & Leonice Kolo ~In honor of: Peter & Lorene Prokott and Walt Kolo

Janet Yurczyk ~In honor of: Claude Yurczyk

James & Mary Koczur ~In honor of: Koczur & Scholz Deceased Relatives

David & Renee Scholz ~Thank you

Marvin & Shirley Wensmann ~In honor of: Virgil Burg, Don & Rita Wensmann, Luke Jacobs

Peter & Judy Michels ~In honor of: Pete & Anne Michels, Walbert & Elizabeth Stueve

Shari Biniek ~In honor of: Dennis Biniek

Tom & Jan Kilian ~In honor of: Deceased Family Members

Elmer Frie ~In honor of: Ruthie Frie

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
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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. 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.



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**

**10th National Eucharistic Congress: July 17-21**  
There's something especially powerful about sharing profound experiences with those closest to us. It deepens our existing relationships and creates bonds stronger than anything we could develop through conversation alone. Not only will the National Eucharistic Congress strengthen our foundational belief that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, it will also strengthen us as the Body of Christ—as his Church. Imagine standing side-by-side with your friends and loved ones as you all encounter the living Jesus Christ, sharing intimate moments of personal conversion, healing, awe, and wonder. This isn't just an event; it's a transformative journey that you can all make **TOGETHER**, leaving with a deeper sense of purpose that you all share and a commitment to keep that flame alive when you return home from Indianapolis, IN.

**Who will you go with?**



JOIN US AT THE  
**10TH NATIONAL  
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**


**Will You Be There?**

Come join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world. Register at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 21, 2024**

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> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange
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

Weekday Masses		
Monday 1/22	<i>Day of Prayer for legal protection of Unborn Children</i>	Spend time with Jesus in Adoration!  <b>2nd Tuesdays</b> St. Francis of Assisi 7am -7pm <b>Thursdays</b> St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.
No Mass		
Tuesday 1/23	<i>St. Vincent, Deacon &amp; Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin</i>	<b>Pray for us:</b> 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
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Joe & Irene Langner	
Wednesday 1/24	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Lawrence & Regina Dobmeier ~ Arnie Dobmeier	
Thursday 1/25	<i>The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dennis Biniek	
Friday 1/26	<i>St. Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Rita Schiller	

Weekend Masses: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 1/27	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	(SF) <b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Judy Thiesen c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Isidore & Beverly Schmitz, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange
Sunday 1/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SE) <b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, <b>Lector:</b> Adeline Molus <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Anne Michels	(SM) <b>EM of HC:</b> Jan Kilian, LeAnn Beneke c, Christine Weber c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gifts:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Bank:</b> Marvin Wensmann

**WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan. 14, 2024**  
**St. Edward:** Adult: \$435 Loose: \$31, Fire Fund: \$150, Funeral Fund: \$50, **Total: \$666**  
**St. Francis:** Adult: \$425, Loose: \$208.13, Funeral Fund: \$31 **Total: \$664.13**  
**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,390, Loose: \$151, Funeral lunch: \$540, Solemnity: \$50, **Total: \$2131**

**Funeral-Lunch**  
Thank you for the food, money donations, setting up & decorating the tables for the Rita Schiller and Arnold Voss Funerals. Thanks for the excellent workers (women & men) who helped in the kitchen or with cleaning. It was greatly appreciated. Good Job! Remember to pick up your pans & containers.

**All Cluster News**

**Faith Formation: Jan. 20th**  
1st Reconciliation and Retreat  
9-11:00 a.m.

**Week of Jan. 21st -27th**  
K-6: Home Lesson  
God's Call to Us.

**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.

**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.

**Word of Life** "There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disable or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." ~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

**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.



**Quilt Bingo Hand Stitched Quilts**  
Sunday, February 4th at 1 p.m.  
St. Mary's Church, Upsala  
20 games for \$10 Blackout extra  
Free lunch afterwards  
Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Group  
All are welcome to attend!



*Valentine's Mass and Dinner*  
St. Mary's will be hosting the 10th annual Valentine's Mass and Meal on February 10th. Mass will be at 5:15 p.m. with a social gathering after and a candlelit dinner at 7:00 p.m. The main courses are Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Cost per couple is \$60 and the reservation deadline is February 4th. Please purchase your tickets at the St. Mary's office. All proceeds will support youth activities Contact: Brittany Harren (701) 989-5919, Randi Klasen (320) 493-5624, Christy Weber (320) 333-6139.

**Diocesan Festival of Families:**

Don't Miss out! Registration is filling fast. Join hundreds of others to celebrate the family and enjoy activities specifically designed for you! Get to know other families from the diocese and grow in faith as a family. Cost is \$20 for your entire family. Register at: <https://stcloud.org/event/festival-of-families/>.

**CHI Grief Support Group**  
starts on Monday, Jan. 22nd. Those who have lost a loved one recently can meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays through July 22nd. Call Chaplain Blaine MacNeil. Call (320) 631-5588.

**St. Francis' News**

**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.

**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**  
If you'd like to be a part of the performance or help in any way-call Bob 573-2933. Performance dates are: March, 20, 22, 23 & 24.