

News and Events



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

Mass for the Knights of Columbus Deceased members

Mass has been changed from Nov. 21, 2024 to Jan. 9, 2025

Christmas Potluck

The Knights Family Christmas Potluck will be on Dec. 15th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Upsala. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

VA Escorts

Knights will be assisting with escorts on Dec. 29th at the VA in St. Cloud.

Heavenly Queen and Earthly Mother:

Typologies of the Virgin Mary in Art from West to East Throughout history, Christian artists faced a special challenge of depicting the heavenly realm through the human language of visual communication. How could the unseen realm of divine become seen through the artistic product of human hands? Images of the Virgin Mary pose an interesting lens for thinking about this question because Mary, as a human being who has won God's special favor in heaven, lies at the heart of the mystery of Incarnation in which human beings could encounter the divine. Images of Mary in art depict this intimate correlation between heaven and earth.

December 13th, presentation from 9am - 1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event.

Registration: www.theologyday.com, 363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



2nd Tuesdays:
St. Francis 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays:
St. Mary's 12 noon - 9:00 p.m.
First Fridays
St. Edward's 12 noon - 9:00 p.m.



**GUIDING STAR
CYCLE SHOW**

Guiding Star

Today it is more important than ever for young girls to have high self-esteem regarding the changes in

their bodies. Research shows it is better to prepare girls for these changes before the onset of puberty not just when they are in the middle of it. Participation in the Guiding Star Cycle Show Workshop helps girls value and respect their bodies in healthy ways as they move into their teenage years.

Registration is now open for the Workshop on March 1st. Created for girls 9-12 years old. Cost \$50, Place: St. Mary's, Upsala, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There is a Parent Presentation the night before, Feb. 28th at St. Mary's 7-8:30 p.m.

To learn more and register visit:

GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show.

Contact: Roseanne Throener (320) 360-2196



Retirement Fund for Religious

Retirement Fund for the Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, Medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. This weekend is the Special

Collection for the Religious. There is an envelope in you Contribution packet or just drop your donation into the collection basket in an envelope marked "Retire Religious Fund. Thank you for your generosity

St. Cloud Mission Office Christmas Fair Trade Sale

Come in during regular business hours Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. from December 2nd -December 19th and shop all Fair Trade items, quilts, candy & more and receive 10% off your total purchase. This is the perfect opportunity to get Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers or just come in to treat yourself and support Fair Trade too! We look forward to seeing you! Mission Office: 11 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud

Thank you to Fr. Jimmy, the Mass server, the choir, luncheon volunteers, Jessie and all who helped us prepare for Rose Mary's Funeral in any way. It was greatly appreciated. The Rose Mary Binek Family

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

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

St. Edward: \$0

St. Francis: \$405

St. Mary: \$705

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. Edward: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Sunday: St. Francis: 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)

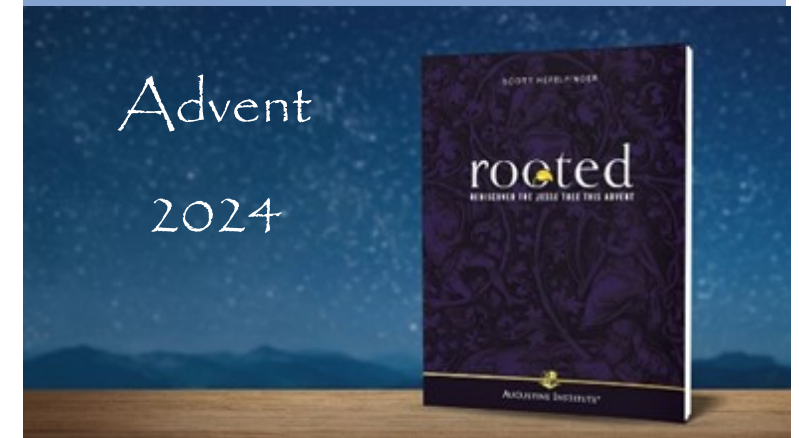
MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND
Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

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.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Advent on FORMED



Advent is meant to be a season of joyful reflection—a time to slow down and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is a time of preparation intended to direct the Church toward the Second Coming of Christ as we also remember the Nativity of our Lord. But in reality, many of us find ourselves caught up in the holiday rush. Between shopping, family visits, and holiday parties, it can feel like the peace of Advent is out of reach. Advent reflections are available on FORMED. Sign up for these reflections at <https://daily.formed.org/advent?> And when you do, sign up for the interactive Advent calendar and Jesse Tree coloring pages. The calendar includes activities for kids to watch and do as well as adult reflections.

Advent Wreath Candles

First Sunday of Advent: **Hope** - known as the Prophecy Candle, it representing the hope of Christ's coming and the anticipation of the Messiah.
Second Sunday of Advent: **Peace** - also known as the Bethlehem Candle, it represents the peace that Christ's birth brings and the journey of Mary & Joseph.
Third Sunday of Advent: **Joy** - known as the Shepherd's Candle, it represents the joy of Christ's birth and the joy of anticipating his return.
Fourth Sunday of Advent: **Love** - the love we have in Christ.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent		
Saturday 12/7		Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Volunteer c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Scott & Jen Wensmann
Sunday 12/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Deceased relatives and friends of Jane Keppers	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Ron & Rebecca Schmidt
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ty Poppenhagen ~ Chad & Amy Poppenhagen	EM of HC: Chantell Frie, Cindy Koehn c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann
Weekday Masses		
Monday 12/9		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	† Ramona Heurung	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Dave Scholz c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Tom & Jan Kilian, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
Tuesday, 12/10		<p>Keep us in your Prayers:</p> <p>Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Jim Koczur, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert & Pat Harren</p>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Donna Scholz ~ Sewing Circle	
Wednesday, 12/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	
Thursday, 12/12		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Don Stiller	
Friday, 12/13		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Pete & Anne Michels ~ Pete & Judy Michels	
Third Sunday of Advent		
Saturday 12/14		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward Youth Mass	For the People	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Joan Theisen c, Volunteer c, Lector: Bethany Hartung & youth volunteer, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokett & Lydia Kokett, Greeters: Youth Volunteers, Gifts: Jasmyn & Jaxson Oldakowski & Bentley Hartung
Sunday 12/15		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Audrey Pflueger ~ Susan Geise	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Chris Fuchs c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Owen & Lily Fuchs, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Mike & Melissa Tschida
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intention ~Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Dave Scholz, Renee Scholz c, LeAnn Beneke c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels
ACC Advent Penance Service: Sunday, December 8th from 2-5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala		
Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday –Friday Dec. 25th-27th Blessings to you!		

All Cluster News

Religious Education

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

December 9th –14th

Grades K-11: December 9th- Holy Day of Obligation

Grades K-6: Home Lesson

Grade 2: Dec.14th- Retreat & 1st Reconciliation, Lesson 13

Confirmation: Dec. 11th Class at All Saints-St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Contact Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com if interested in joining in. All children welcome.

Why are you pro-life?

The Morrison County MCCL Chapter invites teens to write a short essay about their pro-life convictions. The essay must answer this question: "Why are you pro-life?" The Essay Contest is offered to students in grades 7-12. Essays must be 300-500 words and are due by December 16, 2024. Winning essays will be presented at the annual Pro-Life Banquet at the Falls Ballroom on Sunday, January 26, 2025. For more information contact Laureen Witt at 320-632-3995.

Stuebenville-St. Paul for 9-12th graders: July 25-27

We are headed to the Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul on July 25-27, 2025! This is a weekend where high-schoolers are invited into a personal encounter of Jesus through the Sacraments, inspiring speakers, lively music, prayer, friends, fun, and more! It is a time for teens to deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in their Catholic faith. Check it out at www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJf8abg9UaA Limited spots available so reserve your spot before they are gone! For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Jim @ 320-229-2898. Scan QR code for the flyer.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 12/1/2024

St. Edward: Adult: \$2,052, Loose: \$65, Thanksgiving: \$228, Thanksgiving Loose: \$111.06, Christmas Flowers: \$200, Fire fund: \$50, Retired Religious: \$10, Immaculate Conception: \$10 **Total: \$2,851.06**

St. Francis: Adult: \$585, Loose: \$205, Thanksgiving: \$1170, Christmas Flowers: \$130, Immaculate Conception: \$10, Tables & Chairs rental: \$10, **Total: \$2,110**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,629, Loose: \$ 272.75, Votive: \$141, Thanksgiving: \$149, Flowers: \$285 **Total: \$2,476.75**

Upcoming Masses

Christmas Vigil

4:00 p.m. (Singing begins)

4:30 p.m., Tues., Dec. 24th at St. Edward's

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Wed., Dec. 25th at St. Francis

10:00 a.m. Wed., Dec. 25th St. Mary's

New Year's/The Solemnity of Mary Vigil

4:00 p.m. Tues., Dec. 31st at St. Edward's

New Year's/The Solemnity of Mary

8:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 1st at St. Francis

10:00 a.m., Wed., Jan. 1st at St. Mary's

Calendars are in!

The 2025 Calendars are here and in the entry of each church. These are beautiful Catholic calendars with all the Liturgical dates and colors. Available on a first come first serve bases until gone.

St. Mary's News

Sacristan Duties

Volunteers are needed at St. Mary's in Upsala for the following Sacristan and decorating duties: Wash and iron purificators and other cloths used during Mass, Change altar cloths as needed, Maintain candles in votive stands and on the altar, Set up items before Mass, Put away items after Mass, Seasonal decoration in the Gathering Space - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time, Water plants Please contact Kim Koehn (320) 232-3986 or Fr. Jimmy if interested in helping out.

Christmas Decorating

St. Mary's will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after the 10:00 Mass. Everyone is invited to stay and help decorate!

St. Francis' News

Baby Shower for Jesus

As Advent is here. The St Francis Christian Women will be hosting a Baby Shower for Jesus with a Basket in their church entry. All are welcome to donate to the shower in helping the Elevate Pregnancy Resource Center. Items currently needed are, baby hygiene kits, Clothes 9 -12 months, socks neutral colors, infant car seat covers, toys/teethers/books, diapers (NB to size 6), wipes, white onesies (long sleeve, neutral color muslin blankets, 8 oz bottles and gift cards (Target, Walmart, gas & grocery). Thank you!