

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

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St. Edward's, Elmdale **St. Mary's, Upsala** **St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis**

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:30 pm - 3:45 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 Ascension

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you

will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away (Acts 6:1-12).


Reflection: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12). It is also alluded to in various other passages (John 6:62; Ephesians 4:7-10; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 3:21-22). ~<https://mycatholic.life/>

The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord		
Saturday 5/31		The Ascension of the Lord
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
Sunday 6/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Scott Keppers ~Jane Keppers	EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners, Bob Theisen c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Rebecca Schmidt, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: John & Marsha Rakotz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Claude Yurczyk ~Janet Yurczyk	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Renee Scholz c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gifts: Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 6/2	<i>Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs</i>	 <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	
Tuesday, 6/3	<i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Anointing of the Sick	† Ken Hartung	<p>Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Dee Booth, Florence Kurowski, 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, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp & Shailyn Welinski</p>
Wednesday, 6/4		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Anointing of the Sick	† Lawrence & Loretta Friehammer ~ Roger & Kathy Thell	
Thursday, 6/5	<i>St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward *Anointing of the Sick	† George Casazza	
Friday, 6/6	<i>St. Norbert, Bishop</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Leo & Erma Blonigen	

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 6/7		Pentecost Sunday
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the Hartung Family	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Greg & Renee Wensmann
Sunday 6/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	Catherine & Leo Hartung ~Ervin & Kari Hartung	EM of HC: Chris Fuchs, Alice Westrich c, Rebecca Schmidt c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Gerry & Mary Jane Boecker-mann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Jan Kilian c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

If you would like to fill in one of the **Volunteer** spots next week, please call the Parish Office, Thank you!

All Cluster News

Mass Time Change

On July 5th the Saturday Mass will change to St. Francis and will be at 8:00 p.m. St. Edward's will be on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

All Things New

The St. Cloud Diocese is currently going through a process they are calling "All Things New" which invites the Church in our Diocese to walk together to make a plan for the future of our parishes. Each pastor has appointed a committee of lay people who will work closely with their pastors to discern next steps for their Area Catholic Community. Together, using data, prayerful discernment and communal consensus, they will propose recommendations for Bishop Neary's consideration. The individuals on our Mary and the Saints All Things New Committee are Bob Jarnot (AS), Bob Vouk (AS), Steve St. Marie (IC), Russ Wolter (IC), Jenny Revermann (SC), Greg Solarz (SC), Greg Larson (SE), Greg Wensmann (SE), Sylvester Tschida (SF), Alice Westrich (SF), Leonice Prokott (SM), and DJ Prom (SM). *When ever you see any of our representatives please give them encouragement and keep them in your prayers. We are very appreciative of their willingness to help our parishes through this process.*

National Eucharistic Revival Closing Mass

The diocese will observe the closing of the National Eucharistic Revival on June 22nd, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. A closing Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral with Father Scott Pogatchnik presiding. Visit: <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/> to learn more.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

In honor of Fr. Jimmy, the Seven Sisters will attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass on June 24th at St. Mary's with a reception to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

Central MN Catholic Magazine

Here's a new way to get the latest from the Central MN Catholic-You can sign up to receive free emails at <http://www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/FridayFeed/>

Peter's Pence Collection

June 7th & 8th we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See and the Pope. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 5/25/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$853, Loose: \$102, Cemetery: \$300, Fire Fund: \$20, **Total: \$1,275**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1195, Loose: \$106, Mission: \$20, Cemetery Fund: \$45 **Total: \$1,366**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,389, Loose: \$301.50, Mission: \$150, Easter: \$100, Cemetery Fund: \$102, Ascension: \$10 **Total: \$2052.50**



Totus Tuus~ Totally Yours

This, a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship will be the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact: Shanna Dobmeier (320) 733-0761 shannamaryd@gmail.com. You can find registration and T-Shirt order forms on our website and in the entry of churches.

Totally Yours was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. Through the teams' example of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with our faith!

St. Edward's News



Wedding BANNS II

Kendlyn Soltis & Carter Hartung

June 14, 2025

St. Edward's Elmdale

St. Mary's News



Wedding BANNS I

Helen Sumile & Norbert Bechtold

June 21, 2025

St. Mary's, Upsala



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

News and Events



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

Our next meeting will be at St. Edward's, Elmdale at 8:00 p.m. on June 3rd. If anyone has questions or items for the agenda, please contact Jeff (320) 630-2753

VA escorts needed on June 29th arrive at 7:45 a.m.

Please note: there will be no July meeting

Bowlus Days Parade is on July 6th. We will need 6-8 Knights for our float. 2-4 for walking and handing out the Rosary cards and the balance on the float.

Call John Kokett 573-4239 with questions.



St. Cloud DCCW: Thursday, June 26th FUN, FOOD, & FUND DAY

Please join us at St. James Parish (403 E. Minn. Ave., Randall, MN) for this event sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Northwestern Deanery

8:30 a.m. Registration & Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Welcome Entertainment & Games

11:00 a.m. Mass

Noon Lunch Rosary & Musical Sing-A-Long

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Silent Auction

Send \$20 Registration to St. Cloud DCCW: 14267 Fairway Lane, Becker, MN 55308 (\$25 after 6/10). Contact: Linda Scepurek for questions: (320) 632-4805 or 630-2961.

Over 80 Blessings for June



**Clarence Maciej (SE) 6/29
Roger Gerads (SF) 6/30**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia! (Mt 28:20)

"Come and See": July 12th-13th

Women ages 19-30 interested in exploring the Poor Clare Sisters ministry of prayer, contemplation and sacrifice are welcome to join us at the St. Clare's Monastery (421 S. 4th St., Sauk Rapids). Please call (320) 251-3556 for more information and to sign-up.



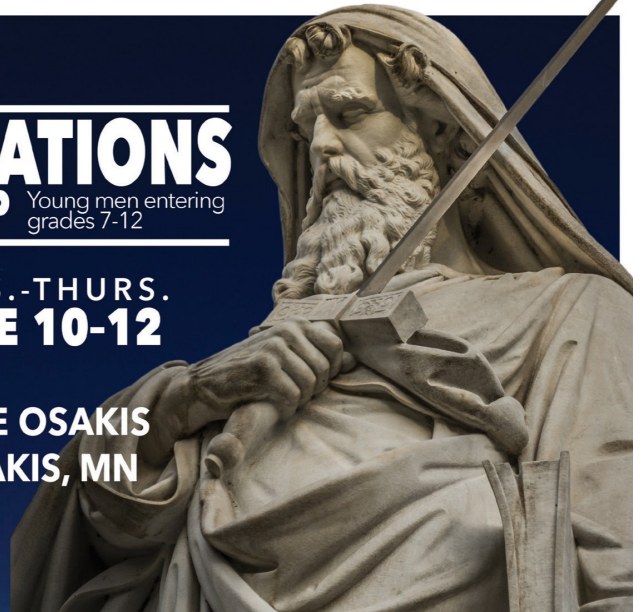
DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD

2025 VOCATIONS CAMP

Young men entering
grades 7-12

**TUES.-THURS.
JUNE 10-12**

**LAKE OSAKIS
OSAKIS, MN**



2025 Vocations Camp

Join Fr. Doug and seminarians for three days on a private residence on Lake Osakis packed with fishing, swimming, frisbee, kickball, confession, Mass, Adoration, lots of bacon and more. Draw closer to Jesus and learn to live a new life. Tuesday-Thursday on June 10-12th in Osakis, MN for young men entering grades 7th-12th. To learn more visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025VocationCamp>.

Ordinations: June 7th

Deacon Nathaniel Daubner & Deacon Joseph VanDenheuvel will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Permanent Diaconate ordination will take place on June 15th at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Natural Family Planning Alexandria on Monday, June 16th & July 21st at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 290-8751.

Little Falls on Tuesday, June 3rd & July 1st 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, June 19th & July 17th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Thursday, June 26th and Monday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at omf@gw.stedio.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!

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Visit: www.stedio.org/annualappeal.