

**Come and join us for the 2024 Spring Mission Rally!**

Thursday, April 25th from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, (28905 Cty Rd. 17, Freeport) to hear the story of Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry, M.M. who has spent time in Nepal, Taiwan, and China, and now serves as the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Vocations Director in Houston, TX. Registration 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C. Cost is \$10. Call the Mission Office to register: (320) 251-1100. Members of mission groups, social ministry teams, ACC parish and diocesan staff, sister parish committees, returned missionaries and other mission-minded individuals and friends are all invited. All are welcome!

**Dominican Fathers and Brothers of Nigeria**

On the weekend of April 27th & 28th we will have a visit and appeal from the Dominican Fathers. "Dominicans in Africa are currently located in some 25 countries. Our Dominican Province of Nigeria & Ghana is the largest entity on the African continent. We are engaged in a diversity of ministries. Our efforts are very much concentrated in the areas of basic formation and training for the priesthood and religious life; primary evangelization in rural parts of Africa; on-going Christian formation in the faith through parish ministries; ministry among Muslims, social justice ministries, and health care deliver; chaplaincies and education ministries at all levels. We are committed to bringing Christ in a relevant way to all the people that we minister unto. In his presentation, our representative will be making references to these ministerial engagements of ours. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement for a successful appeal. Thank You! ~ Rev. Matthew Achunine, OP

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: May 3rd-5th**

For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Where: Christ the King Retreat Ctr, Buffalo, MN Register at: <https://wwme.org/>

**Central MN Koinonia** All are created in the image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) to register for retreats.

**Save the Dates for upcoming events:**

**Seven Sisters Apostolate Reflection & Renewal Gathering** Saturday, June 29th at the Church of St. Anthony (2405 1st Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56303). Seven Sisters and interested guests are welcome! 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$15. Checks payable to Carrie Ellis, 6272 County Road 8 S.E. St. Cloud MN 56304. For questions call: 253-1692.

**Mini Holy Family Fest, August 16-18** Holy Family Parish, Little Falls is hosting a fest for the whole family; camping, on site lodging, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Music, Food, Games, Children and Youth Programs. To register: <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>. For questions call: 632-5720 or email: [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org). Watch last year's video at: [havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest](http://havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest).

**Knights of Columbus  
St. Gregory Council**

**Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753**

Catholic Rural Life Conference: May 8th  
The Featured speaker will be Cardinal Dolan at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN beginning at 1:00 p.m. If interested in attending contact Jeff Czech.

**Thank you**

The Residents and staff at Upsala Senior Living would like to thank St. Mary's parishioners for gracing their home with wo many beautiful plants and flowers at this year's Easter time. Praise the Lord for Jesus' resurrection. ~Devota Nilson

**It is still the Easter Season**

The joy of the Resurrection! It is beautiful; it is life-changing. Death does not have the final word. But it is beyond our understanding. We are so familiar with grief and sadness, because they are part of ourselves. But Resurrection? Joy? Redemption?...we catch these in fleeting moments-not always for long.

So, Easter may be a celebration that is beyond our understanding – but that is okay. We celebrate it by accepting that it is something (wonderful!) but beyond us. All we need to do is adore.

~Catholic-link/Ruth Kennedy/excerpts



**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to active listen for His voice.

**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.



**Confirmation**

All Saints-St. Hedwig's in  
Holdingford at 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 21st

Keyona Carlson (Catherine)	Daughter of Mike & Tammy St. Mary's, Upsala
Dominic Eggert (Hubert)	Son of Joe & Joy St. Mary's, Upsala
Mitchell Harren (Isidore)	Son of Mike & Shelly St. Francis, St. Francis
Dylan Hartung (Isidore)	Son of Brad & Crystal St. Edward's, Elmdale
Madeline Hartung (Isidore)	Daughter of Brian & Tracey St. Edward's, Elmdale
Noah Hartung (Isidore)	Son of Fred & Kari St. Francis, St. Francis
James Jensen (Sebastian)	Son of Eric & Julie St. Mary's, Upsala
Hailie Luedtke (Christopher)	Mark & Lisa St. Edward, Elmdale
Kira Poppenhagen (Dymphna)	Daughter of Chad & Amy St. Mary's, Upsala
Jack Primus (Sebastian)	Son of Chad & Amy St. Mary's, Upsala
Beau Ripplinger (Sabastian)	Son of Nathan & Laura St. Mary's, Upsala
Isabel Ripplinger (Elizabeth)	Daughter of Myron & Kristy St. Mary's, Upsala
Eli Roerick (Genesius)	Son of Dan & Sarah St. Francis, St. Francis
Shailyn Welinski (Germaine)	Daughter of Andy & Bonita St. Mary's, Upsala

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Saturday 4/20		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Judy Theisen, MJ Boeckermann c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange <b>Gifts:</b> Bob & Sharon Thell
Sunday 4/21		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Janet Hartung	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, Ted Lewandowski c, Joan Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Adeline Molus, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brent & Sandy Prokott
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Rich Boeckermann ~ Gerry & Mary Jane	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chantelle Frie, Jon Leither c, Amanda Lampert c, <b>Lector:</b> Jan Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither <b>Ushers:</b> Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian
2:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's		<b>ACC Confirmation in Holdingford</b>

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, 4/22	
No Mass	
Tuesday, 4/23	<i>St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Janet Hartung
Wednesday, 4/24	<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Karen Gerads ~Judy Gerads
Thursday, 4/25	<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	Special Intention ~Jim Koczur Family
Friday, 4/26	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Eugene & Bernie Waldorf



Adoration  
2nd Tuesdays:  
St. Francis 8am -7pm  
Thursdays:  
St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.

**Pray for us:**  
Jim Negen, Matthew Hollermann, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Binek, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Don Stiller, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George & Jim Koczur.

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 4/27		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Rosie Bauer ~Roerick Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Janelle Roerick, Chris Fuchs c, Judy Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange <b>Gifts:</b> Gerry & MJ Boeckermann
Sunday 4/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Wensmann, Peggy Frieler c, Julie Wensmann c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Ron & Nancy Stewart
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ron Leners ~Marion Leners	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Gifts:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann

**All Cluster News**

**Faith Formation: April 24th**

K-6: Home Lesson– Sacramentals & Indulgences  
2nd Grade: Lesson 7-9 review  
7-10 & Conf: Class 7-8:30 p.m.  
First Communion will be on May 5th. Please keep our students in your prayers!

**Eucharistic Revival Local Pilgrimage**

Everyone is invited to the Eucharistic Procession on May 21st following a 6:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception in St. Anna. Following the Procession we will celebrate with a BBQ. Visit the website to view each day's activities: <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revivalpilgrimage>.

Wednesday, May 22: Mora to Gilman (activities all night), Thursday, May 23: Leave Gilman for several stops: Little Falls, Long Prairie, Sauk Centre, St. Mary's Cathedral (all day and all night activities).

Friday May 24: St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud to Clear Lake.

**Pilgrimage Tour**

Prayerfully consider a Pilgrimage Tour this Summer: June 4th - 6th. Fr. Jimmy will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage motor coach tour in Wisconsin to Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, in New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field in Green Bay. See the brochure in the entry of church or visit: [www.lavernestravel.com](http://www.lavernestravel.com).

**Totus Tuus**

Our parishes will have an opportunity once again to help our children grow in their faith at Totus Tuus on June 16th –22nd. Registration forms are now on the website and in the entry of Church. Shanna Dobmeier is our coordinator this year: [shannamary@gmail.com](mailto:shannamary@gmail.com) (320) 733-0761.

**PRAY for OUR COUNTRY**

Let us gather together every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to pray the rosary at St. Mary's for our country and for world peace. Contact: Darren 293-8985.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION April 14, 2024**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$452, Loose: \$63, Fire Fund: \$200, **Total: \$715**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$645, Loose: \$223, Easter: \$100, Votive: \$203.34, Easter Flowers: \$20

**Total: \$1,191.34**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,821, Loose: \$128, Votive: \$48.50, Easter: \$20, **Total: \$2,017.50**

**Vocation Camp**

Tuesday-Thursday, June 18th-20th. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake. We seek to provide an engaging environment where young Catholic men are able to listen to the voice of Jesus. We desire to instill in their lives the faith and trust to follow Him no matter where He may lead. Cost \$40 Scholarships available. Contact Julie Jacobs at (320) 251-5001 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp>.

**Paschal Challenge** Saturday, August 17th, Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection in a WHOLE new way! For young men grades 9th-12th. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024PaschalChallenge>.

**Thank you**

to all those who donated to the March Food Shelf. You have made life of others a little bit easier and brighter. God bless you for your thoughtful kindness.

**St. Edward's Church 17th Annual Spaghetti Supper**

Don't miss the chance to win the grand prize of \$2000 or one of the many other prizes. You can purchase your ticket in the Central Office. Items for the Silent Auction can be brought to the Office.

**Sign-up sheet**

If you can bring cake or bars to the supper please sign-up on the sheet in the church entry. We also need help in the kitchen, set-up and clean-up. Thank you!