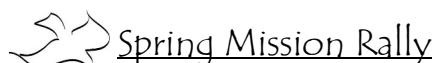


Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: April 20th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement, Holdingford. Contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.



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

Vocations

"Come and See" retreat for women, ages 18 and older, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19th – Sunday, April 21st, at Saint Benedict's Monastery, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph, MN. There will be time to reflect and experience life at the monastery, explore if God might be inviting you a Benedictine way of life. If interested, please contact Sr. Marilyn in the Vocation Office at 320-363-7180 or by email: osbvocations@csbsju.edu.

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/>



Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753

St. Otto's Nursing Home Bingo: April 16th at 1:30 p.m. in Little Falls. 8-9 Knights needed.

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.

Koinonia Weekend

Although I am weak, you O Lord, give me strength. Are you looking for your faith to be strengthened? 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 for more information and to register for retreats.

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only
but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)



What actually happens in a physician-assisted suicide?

A doctor prescribes a lethal drug cocktail that a person picks up at the local pharmacy. The person may not die for hours or even days. There are no requirements for a witness or notification of family. Assisted suicide isn't dignified; it's deadly.

The American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose physician-assisted suicide. The AMA says, "Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them. Tell your legislators: NO assisted suicide. Visit mncatholic.org/pas

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

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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

Please pray for our students who will be confirmed on April 21st at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's in Holdingford. Everyone is encouraged to attend to support our youth in their faith. If you are in choir and would like to sing at the Confirmation Mass the practice will be at 1:15 p.m. before Mass.

Prayer for Confirmation

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, Knowledge and Fear of the Lord to serve as disciples of Christ.

Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Fill them with the joy of your presence.

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit.

Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day.

Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come! (st-Teresa.com)

Confirmation Students: Did you know?

After you have been Confirmed you are considered to be a full adult member of our church. Consider helping with our Faith Formation program or for Totus Tuus this summer. Grow in your faith with your peers. Meet for a Holy Hour with friends. Stay close to Jesus and encourage others too!

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 4/13	St. Martin I, Pope &	Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Brittany Harren, Rebecca Schmidt c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: MJ Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange Gifts: Dan & Sara Roerick
Sunday 4/14		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Luann Tretter	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Mike Heisick, Servers: Isaac Harren, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ty Poppenhagen Chad & Amy Poppenhagen	EM of HC: Cindy Koehn, Christine Weber c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, Gifts: Tom & Theresa Lange, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 4/15	
No Mass	
Tuesday, 4/16	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Gerald Frericks ~Jim Scholz
Wednesday, 4/17	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Rita Schiller ~Sewing Circle
Thursday, 4/18	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	† David Koroll ~Mike & Mary Czech
Friday, 4/19	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Donna Mae Scholz



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

All Cluster News

Faith Formation: April 17th
K-6: Home Lesson- Keeping the Lord's Day Holy
2nd Grade: Lesson 9

Confirmation
Everyone is welcome to attend on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints- St. Hedwig's, Holdingford.

Singing Anyone who would like to is invited to sing with the choir at Confirmation. Practice is at 1:15 p.m. before Mass.

Job Opening for a Youth Director Please let Fr. Jimmy know if you are interested. You can fill out an application in the Parish Office or on our website: 238catholic.org.

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.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)
Join us on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala beginning with Mass followed by a light supper (\$6) and meeting. Please RSVP to Corrine Hadrich: (320) 310-1260 or Email: cmhadrich@gmail.com. Questions: Jean Hopfer

Summer 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.lavernstravel.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 (320) 733-0761.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 7, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$995, Loose: \$85.25, Easter: \$25, Fire Fund: \$30 **Total: \$1,135.25**
St. Francis: Adult: \$415, Loose: \$73, Easter: \$285 **Total: \$773**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,471, Loose 3/29: \$327, Loose 4/7: \$248.75, Votive: \$44.70, Rice Bowl: \$60, Easter: \$180, Holy Land: \$80, Food Shelf: \$50 **Total: \$2,461.45**

St. Francis' News

St. Francis Starting on April 15th, St. Francis Church will start staying open until 8:00 p.m. It will go back to 6:00 p.m. this fall. Thank you.



James Jay Herzog
Son of Matthew & Anna
April 14, 2024
St. Francis of Assisi

Summer Vocations Events
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 for questions or sign-up at :https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp.

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!



ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, ELMDALE
FIRE RESTORATION RAFFLE & DINNER

17th Annual - Free Will Offering

SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND RAFFLE DRAWING

Friday, April 26, 2024
At St. Mary's Church, Upsala

Dinner served from 5-7:30 pm
Raffle drawing at 7:30 pm
Tickets \$20 each with \$2000 Grand Prize and many more cash and other prizes

For tickets and more information: please call us at (320) 573-2975, (320) 573-2132, e-mail: 238catholic@sytekcom.com Central Office, 308 South Main St., Upsala, MN 56384