

**Eucharistic Revival Event: May 21st**

We will have a Eucharistic Procession after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in St. Anna followed by a BBQ celebration.

Join us on the Marian route, May 22nd-24th the Northern arm of the pilgrimage. For details about each day's events (locations, Masses, activities, meals): <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage/> 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 in St. Cloud (all day and all-night activities) Friday, May 24: St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud to Clear Lake. \*Participants in the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage have the opportunity to receive plenary indulgences.

**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 17th-19th. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Visit: [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) to register. for retreats.



Please join us on Sunday, May 19th for a conversation led by the team from Terebinth Refuge. This local Christ-centered shelter and safe home brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women in our very own community. The leaders of Terebinth Refuge believe in forming a community of women empowering women, providing victims with healthcare, psychological support, personal coaching, employment coaching, and training of transferable skills. They need our support now more than ever. Date: Sunday, May 19th Time: 1-3pm Location: Church of St. Columbkille in St. Wendell, MN Please join us for a conversation followed by Q&A and Fellowship.

**Dominican Fathers and Brothers of Nigeria**

Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank You to all who contributed to support their mission bringing Jesus to others!

**Knights of Columbus  
St. Gregory Council**

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

**Annual Tootsie Roll Drive: May 5th**  
Knights will be available after Masses at St. Mary's. Proceeds go to Children with disabilities.  
**Meeting: May 7th**  
8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.  
**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.State  
**Free Throw Contest Winners**  
3rd Place: Morgan Ripplinger & 5th place Cody Johnson. Congratulations!  
**Eucharistic Procession**  
Contact Jeff if you are interested in helping with the procession on May 23rd.

**The 3rd Annual Mini Holy Family Fest August 16-18th** Holy Family Church, in Little Falls, MN. The Apostolate for Family Consecration® (AFC) offers retreats that challenges Catholic families to grow in holiness, grow in truth, and grow together so that they can become fully alive in Christ. <https://afc.org/>! The Mini Holy Family Fest is a weekend with activities planned for children of all ages. The guest speakers work with the middle and high school aged children in the mornings and evenings. The adults have morning sessions during which time activities are planned for elementary age children. All afternoon there are fun activities like volleyball, gaga ball, bouncy house, yard games for the whole family. There is a nursery and child-care area also available. Staff from the AFC will be present throughout the weekend. These events are offered as well as daily Mass, Adoration, Confession, Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet throughout the weekend. \$250/family of 4 or more (less for smaller families) for the full 3 day event and includes 2 suppers, continental breakfast, quality speakers and entertainment for the whole family with the opportunity to receive the sacraments and experience prayer throughout the day. Stay free in a non-electric camp site on the grounds or see website for other options. <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>.

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

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**Bookkeeper:** Randi Klasen  
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**Office Secretary:** Jessie Johnson  
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am.- 4pM  
Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 pm - 7:45 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.

**2024  
First Communion**

- Jackson Finken - son of Sara & Gary Jr.
- Clayton Fuchs - son of Joseph & Chelsey
- Lily Fuchs - daughter of Christopher & Abby
- Adam Gerads - son of Ryan & Samantha
- Chloe Goebel - daughter of Kurt & Jackie
- Maggie MacArthur - daughter of Mark & Sara
- Brea Rakotz - daughter of Todd & Emily
- James Ripplinger - son of Chris & Samantha
- Mason Roerick - son of Stephen & Amanda
- Aaron Throener - Adrian & Roseanne
- Lilyann Weber - daughter of Brock & Christine
- Ethan Welle - son of AJ & Pam

**First Holy Communion Student Opportunity**  
On Thursday, May 23rd, St. Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a Eucharistic procession around the downtown area followed by a family adoration hour (5-6 p.m.) and meal (6-7 p.m.). We would like our First Holy Communion students to have a special place in this Eucharistic procession. Students are highly encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits for the big day! If you have students that are interested, a group will be meeting at 4:15 p.m. on May 23 on the steps of the Cathedral (Hannah Shefveld will be there to direct), and the procession will start at 4:30pm. Sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849ABA72AA6FA7-48534766-eucharistic#/> If you have any questions regarding any of these events contact: Tricia Walz at [tricia.walz@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia.walz@yahoo.com).

The Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Saturday 5/4		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Alice Westrich c, Judy Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, <b>Gifts:</b> Jon & Marsha Rakotz
Sunday 5/5		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Jerry Biniek	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott, <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann, <b>Gifts:</b> Kris & Carrie Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Luke Jacobs	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jan Kilian, Cindy Koehn c, Peggy Frieler c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Ronda Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gifts:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 5/6		 <p><b>Adoration</b> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.</p> <p><b>Pray for us:</b> 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 &amp; Jim Koczur.</p>
No Mass		
Tuesday, 5/7		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Leroy Schmitz	
Wednesday, 5/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Donna Mae Scholz	
Thursday, 5/9		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	† Arnold Czech ~ Denis & Marlene Czech	
Friday, 5/10		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Darwin Binek	

The Ascension of the Lord		
Saturday 5/11		<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, Rosanne Voss c, Syl Tschida c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Frank &
Sunday 5/12		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	Living & Deceased members of the Wensmann Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Ted Lewandowski, Joan Theisen c, Christine Weber c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett,
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilly Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Andy & Linda Langner, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

### All Cluster News

**Faith Formation:**  
**May 5th**  
 First Communion-St Mary's at 10:00 a.m.  
**May 8th**  
 7-10 & Conf.: 7:00– 8:30 p.m. Final Class  
 Keep our Youth in your Prayers!

**Thank you**  
 Fr. Jimmy, Reba Leither, Randi Klassen, Chantelle Frie, teachers, parents and students who helped to make this a successful year for our Religious Education program. You are greatly appreciated.

**Totus Tuus: June 16th –22nd**  
 Our parishes will have an opportunity 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: shannamaryd@gmail.com (320) 733-0761. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “Totally Yours.” was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from the St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. It also expresses our effort to give our all to every young person we encounter. Through the team’s example of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with the Catholic Faith! The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people the longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion and an openness to their vocation by continually strengthening their prayer lives.

**Graduation Mass**  
 Please join us for a reception on May 19th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s to congratulate this year’s Graduating Class of 2024!

<b>WEEKEND COLLECTION April 28, 2024</b>
<b>St. Edward:</b> Adult: \$522, Loose: \$113, Fire Fund: \$20, Catholic Mission: \$12, Dominican Fathers Mission: \$567 <b>Total: \$1,234</b>
<b>Spaghetti Supper:</b> Fire Fund: \$110, Games: \$162, Silent Auction \$1,582, Free Will: \$317, Raffle: \$6,500, Meal & Food Free Will: \$ 6,853.85 <b>Total: \$15,524.85</b>
<b>St. Francis:</b> Adult: \$455, Loose: \$45, Catholic Home Mission: \$30, Dominican Fathers Mission: \$420 <b>Total: \$950</b>
<b>St. Mary:</b> Adult: \$1,827, Loose: \$113.64, Catholic Home Misson: \$262, Dominican Fathers Mission: \$1,194 <b>Total: \$3,396.64</b>

### 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.

**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>.

**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.

*Over 80 Blessings for May*

	Adeline Molus (SE) 5/12	
	Loretta Peterson (SE) 5/17	
	Sally Schleper (SE) 5/25	
	Melvin Gerads (SM) 5/28	

**Senior Scholarship Applications for our parishes are available in the church entry.**

**Letter from Bishop Neary: April 30, 2024**  
 Bishop Neary would like us to be aware of a new state law legalizing the recreational use of marijuana and establishing a retail industry for the drug and how this drug is harmful and considered to be morally wrong. Visit: <https://www.mncatholic.org/LivingInTheReal>.

**Peter’s Pence Collection: May 18th & 19th**  
 Please note there is an envelope in your Contribution Packet for the Peter’s Pence Collection to help the charitable works of Pope Francis and the Holy See. To learn more visit: [www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection).

### St. Francis’ News

**Fall Festival Meeting: May 9th**  
 Please join us at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Mothers Day Flowers: May 12th**  
 Long stem carnations will be available Mother’s Day before & after Mass for Free Will donation. Sign up sheet on table church entrance if you wish flower and/or flowers. Fund raiser for Elevate (formerly Birthline).

**Cemetery Clean-up: May 15th**  
 Young and old are invited to come help at 6:00 p.m. if someone can bring a skid loader to haul black dirt, give Bob a call: (320) 573-2933.