

HAND-CLEANER SMELT & FISH FRY

ST. Mary's Church, Upsala

Join us on Friday, March 22nd from 4-8:00 p.m. for the 'Best Smelt & Fish in Central MN. Adults \$15, Ages 5-12: \$8, 4 & under FREE. Cash Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m. Eat with us then go see Journey with Jesus to Calvary!

Journey of a Women's Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith

Join us in this Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9th at St. Martin Parish (119 Main Street, St. Martin MN). Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m. with Deb Rudolph speaking at 9:00 a.m. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Afternoon session begins at 1:00 p.m. Registration: \$20 before March 1st -\$25 at the door. Payable: Saint Cloud DCCW, Mail to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Lora Knafla: 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367 Questions: Contact Lora (320) 393-2701.

Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m. (coincides with the onset of daylight savings time). The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served in Holy Cross Center following the Mass. For further information call the Crosiers at: 320.532.3103. Reservations are not required. All are welcome!

The Resurrected Artists Present: *Murder Gone Wrong*. Our own Bob Theisen (SF) will be performing in this Dinner Theatre production at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna on March 1-3 and 8-10. Tickets are \$38. For more information and reservations call (320) 845-7738.

2024



SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

with Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR A SESSIONS



Bishop Patrick Neary would like us to engage in 'synodality' -a process of encountering, listening to, and walking with one another "that is rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus". Please take part and sign up for an in-person listening session on Sat., March 9th at Immaculate Conception, Rice or March 23rd at Our Lady of Victory, Fergus Falls. Both sessions (9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). Two Zoom sessions are also available: Mon, March 11th or Wed., March 13th from 7-9:30 p.m.



Lenten Campaign: Feb. 14th - Mar. 24th

Join us for prayer, fasting & peaceful witness! We come together at Planned Parenthood(451 E. St. Germain, St. Cloud) to pray for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers as well as for the conversion of all who participate in the abortion industry. Please consider spending an hour in prayer with your fellow parishioners on Thursday afternoons from 1-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838. We need your participation! We need 2 people every hour! Find more details here: <https://studio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>.



Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council

Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753

Meeting: Our next meeting is on March 5th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala.

40 Hour Devotion Adoration: March 14th - 16th

The Knights will be helping Holy Trinity, Royalton to fill in Adoration hours from 10:00 p.m. on March 14th through 6:00 a.m. on March 15th. If you can pray an hour contact Jeff.

Annual KC Breakfast/Raffle: March 24th

We are serving from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Raffle at noon. Tickets available from Jeff or Jim (320) 360-2798 Help is needed in the kitchen, dining, raffle tickets and free will table. Let Jeff know if you can help out and where.

St. Otto's Bingo Save the date for April 16th at 1:30 p.m. More to come.

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, LaCrosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field, Green Bay. See the brochure in the entry of church or visit Pilgrimage Tour, Wisconsin at www.lavernstravel.com for more information.

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. 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.

We can all insulate ourselves in our own little worlds. The Lord challenges us to enter the world of the other and let the other enter our world. That, in a sense, is what Jesus himself did. He entered our world and invites us to enter his world. We can do the same for each other. When we cross the threshold into the world of the other, into the world of those who are very different from us in all kinds of ways, we may discover that we not only have something to give the other but a great deal to receive as well.

One of our goals for Lent is to not just do the bare minimum but to surpass the minimum. Still, that isn't the real reason for the Holy Season of Lent. The purpose is the 'change of heart.' The purpose of ashes is not just to remind us of the beginning of Lent, but it is to remind us that we will die and reach eternity. The purpose of Mass on Sunday is not to dress up and have coffee and donuts after Mass. The purpose of Mass is to become the Eucharist after we receive it. The purpose of Reconciliation is to free us of any sin.

During weekdays of Lent, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist together with Stations of the Cross. In addition, we can go to confession before Mass during these days. Even if your schedule does not allow you to participate in these events at the churches, I encourage you to spend some extra times of prayer and reflection on God's inexhaustible mercy and forgiveness. Wish you a very grace filled Lent!
Fr. Jimmy



ACC Lenten Penance Service

Many priests will be available to hear Confessions
March 10th from 2-4:00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Upsala.

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

Weekend Masses: The Third Sunday in Lent		
Saturday 3/2	<i>First Saturday</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Joe & Rose Lange ~Dan & Rita Lange	EM of HC: Chris Fuchs, Judy Theisen c, Bob Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida Gifts: John & Marsha Rakotz,
Sunday 3/3		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Dennis Biniek	EM of HC: Peggy Frieler, Jim Bartkowicz c, Joan Theisen c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, LeAnn Beneke c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Mike & Randi Klasen, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses		
Monday 3/4	<i>St. Casimir</i>	
No Mass		
Tuesday 3/5		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary *Stations 6:30 p.m.	† Rita Schiller ~Helen Heisick	
Wednesday 3/6		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† David Voss	
Thursday 3/7	<i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis *Stations 8:30 a.m.	† David Koroll	
Friday 3/8	<i>St. John of God, Religious</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary *Stations 8:00 a.m.	† Leo & Erma Blonigen ~Bob & M.J. Blonigen	



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

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

Weekend Masses: The Fourth Sunday of Lent		
Saturday 3/9		<i>St. Francis of Rome, Religious</i>
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Alice Westrich c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Isidore & Beverly Schmitz
Sunday 3/10		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Len & Bea Fosler	EM of HC: Ted Lewandowki, Jim Wensmann c, Julie Wensmann c, Lector: Adeline Molus, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper, Greeters: Raymond Kokett Gifts: Jim & Dorene Czeck
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Virgil Burg	EM of HC: Christine Weber, Cindy Koehn c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit:

All Cluster News

Faith Formation:

March 6th
K-6: Class 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
Written in Stone
2nd gr: review lessons 3 & 4

Pray the Rosary!

St. Mary's, Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Over 80 Blessings for March

Marlene Carlson (SE) 3/8
Karen Liebsch (SM) 3/9 Don
Stiller (SF) 3/13 Lorene
Koopmeiners (SF) 3/16
Delores Gerads (SM) 3/22
Evelyn Locnikar (SF) 3/26
Don Biniek (SE) 3/27
Robert Brezinka (SE) 3/30
Richard O'Hotto (SE) 3/31

Thank you to all for your expressions of sympathy, kindness, and comfort on the recent loss of our mother, Donna Scholz. Special thanks to Fr. Jimmy for his wonderful ministry. Thank you also to the choir, organist, lunch workers, Christian Women, server, sacristan, and all others who assisted before, during, and after the services. We are sincerely grateful for the love and support shown through your attendance at the visitation and/or funeral, the many sympathy cards, generous gifts, kind words of comfort, and especially your prayers. You are a huge blessing in our lives and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! With Much Gratitude, the family of Donna Scholz.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

February 25, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$813 Loose: \$114, Fire Fund: \$500, Central MN Catholic: \$20, **Total: \$1,447**
St. Francis: Adult: \$380, Loose: \$98, Churches in East & Central Europe: \$20, Central MN Catholic: \$20 **Total: \$518**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,439, Loose: \$207, Votive \$126.50, Funeral Fund: \$30 **Total: \$1,802.50**



Need some direction in your life?

You are invited to attend our 'Journey with Jesus to Calvary' performance at St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport MN 56331). We invite you to meet, share, and perhaps cry with several "companions" that encountered Jesus along the road to Calvary. Place yourself in their shoes and experience Holy Week in a new light.

Performance dates are:

Wed., March 20th at 7:00 p.m.
Fri., March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
Sat., March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., March 24th at 1:00 p.m.

St. Francis' News

Journey with Jesus Rehearsal

There will be a full-dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. Please try to be there by 9:30 a.m. to get your costume on so we can start at 10:00 a.m. If you could not make the costume fitting on March 2nd call Bob 573-2933 to set a time to get fitted. There is time to still be a part of this year's performance.

St. Edward's News

Wedding BANNERS II

Dylan Van Wienen &
Decorah Meyer-Iverson
St. Edward's, March 16, 2024
(Wedding at St. Mary's, Upsala)

Spaghetti Supper & Raffle

We are seeking donations for the Fire Restoration Cash Raffle to be held on April 26th. If you are interested in making a donation towards the raffle as cash or other prizes, please contact Ted Lewandowski at (320) 293-1508 before March 5th. We are also seeking items for the Silent Auction which can be brought in to the Parish Office. Thank you!

St. Mary's News

Food Share Month

Through your generous donations we will be able to help provide nutritional needs for people within our communities. There will be boxes in the gathering space to donated food as well as personal hygiene items through March 24th. Please consider helping others in need. If you wish to make a financial donation, drop it in the collection baskets on Sunday or in the Parish Office. Please mark the envelope for Food Share. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kitchen Clean-up

Volunteers have been graciously cleaning and organizing the St. Mary's kitchen. Please stop by to pick up storage containers, dessert pans/trays, or other items you may have left behind from helping to support a dinner, luncheon or funeral. Help us keep the St. Mary's kitchen tidy.

St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle

St. Mary's Parishioners: We need your help! Preparation day for the fish fry is Thursday, March 21st, starting at 4:00 p.m. Take a shift on fish fry day! Shifts are 4-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m. To sign-up, please call or text Laura Ripplinger (320.333.9184) or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering area of our church. We would also like each family to bring a pan of bars or cookies (on that Thursday or Friday). The raffle tickets are going fast! To purchase one, please visit the parish office, Nelson Insurance, or buy one after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. \$100 each. Thank you!



Boden John Marshik
Son of Taylor & Abigail
March 3, 2024
St. Mary's, Upsala