

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. 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.

1st Communion 2025



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Mary, the Mother of God, is our model of everything encompassed by motherhood. Her faithfulness, her humility, her purity, her love of Christ, and her sacrificial spirit are

all key aspects of motherhood that we should strive for daily. Mary is a mother to us all, gently offering us her help and mantle of protection as we grow in our understanding of what it means to be a mother, ourselves.

~ Catholic-link

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/10		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnie Molus ~Carol Molus	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, Gifts: Pat & Kris Blonigen
Sunday 5/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Alice Westrich c, Volunteer c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Isidore & Beverly Schmitz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Terry Theis ~Theis Family	EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Renee Scholz c, Jan Kilian c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5/12	<i>Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr</i>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, 5/13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Rose Mary Binek
Wednesday, 5/14	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Tony & Edna Boeckermann
Thursday, 5/15	<i>St. Isidore</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Emily (Klepaيدا) Troje
Friday, 5/16	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Dan Lange ~ Juanita Roerick



Adoration

2nd Tuesdays:

St. Francis 8am -7pm

Thursdays:

St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.

First Fridays

St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/17		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c Jim Barkowicz c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 5/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gilbert Roerick ~Allen & Janelle Roerick	EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt, Rosanne Voss c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Dan & Sarah Roerick
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Jerome & Mary Jane Stich 65th Wedding Anniversary	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Cindy Koehn, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" "Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (Jn 6:60-69)

All Cluster News

Religious Education

Thank you to Randi Klasen, Reba Leither, Bob Vouk, Jenny Revermann, Katie Urbanski, teachers and parents who led the way helping our students grow in their faith. Special thanks to Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Gregory for their ministry and inspiration for our youth!

Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Graduation Mass: Sunday, May 18th

This year's Mass is at 8:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi. Invitations have gone out to this year's graduating seniors. If you are graduating and from our parishes but didn't receive an invite, please call the Parish Office.

Youth Breakfast

Please join us for BREAKFAST on Sunday, **May 18th** at St. Francis. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sweet rolls, beverages! Free will offering. Serving 9:00am-12:30pm. Proceeds to benefit participants from the Elmdale, St. Francis, and Upsala parishes to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. Anyone interested in donation please call or text (320) 229-2898. Thank you for your support!

Seven Sisters Apostolate

A gathering for those who pray one Holy Hour for one priest each week and those who are interested. Saturday, May 17th at Holy Spirit Church (2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. Send check to Carrie Ellis 6272 County Road 8 S.E., St. Cloud, MN 56304. (320) 253-1692.

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).

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL

St. Edward: \$200	Sign-up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on our website or by contacting the Parish Office to have a form mailed or emailed to you.
St. Francis: \$405	
St. Mary: \$805	

WEEKEND COLLECTION 5/4/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,397, Loose: \$47, Easter: \$50, **Total: \$1,494**
St. Francis: Adult: \$770, Loose: \$158, **Total: \$928**
St. Mary: Adults: \$1,391, Loose: \$458, Votive: \$211.23, Easter: \$50, **Total: \$2,110.23**

Totus Tuus

This is 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. T-shirts are free for the students participating. Please indicate the sizes and **return the order form** to the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome to purchase a water bottle, bag, or additional T-shirt by filling out a form and return it, along with your check made to the Parish Office along with your check made to: St. Mary's Church.



Ordination choirs

Youth and adult singers from across the Diocese of St. Cloud are invited to join the diocesan choir for the ordination Masses on **June 7** and **June 14**. You do not need to sing at both Masses to be in the choir. Contact Abbey Dupuy: musicatstmaryscathedral@gmail.com.

Save the date!

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. More resources for how you can celebrate this special occasion in your parish/ACC will be shared at <https://stedio.org/eucharistic-revival/> as they develop.

Novena for St. Isidore: May 15th

Patron saint of farmers and rural life, novena: <https://catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/>;

St. Francis' News

Cemetery

We will have cemetery clean-up on Monday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

St. Edward's News



Wedding BANNERS I

Erin McCoy & Anthony Kane

May 31, 2025

St. Edward's Elmdale

News and Events

MISSION APPEAL FOR BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF ST. AGNES, TANZANIA

This weekend, Fr. Bill Vos, Sr. Grace Mbawala, OSB & Sister Gallusiana Mgaya, OSB will celebrate with us at all of our Masses. They will share the wonderful mission story of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Agnes, based in Tanzania. As this year's mission appeal, they represent a community of over 500 Nuns who serve in a wide variety of ministries and pastoral work in 20 dioceses in Tanzania. These include health care, education with schools from K- 12, technical training institutions, religious education programs, care for orphans and pastoral ministries. The sisters would greatly appreciate your generously assistance to this dedicated community who represent the face of Christ to those in most need. **Website: chipolebenedictines.org**

Journey to Eternity... Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? **Central Minnesota Koinonia** is a weekend Catholic retreat program for adults sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for **May 16-18, 2025**, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70.

Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Marriage Encounter

May 16-18 Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN <https://wwme.org/> Contact Brent & Tracy Chessen: (612) 234-7440.

Bishop's Charitable Golf Tournament

June 9th will be the annual Golf Tournament at Territory Golf Club with proceeds going to support our seminarians. \$100 per individual golfer or \$400 for a team of four. www.catholicfoundation.info

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.

Pray at the Poor Clare Monastery

Praying with the Poor Clare Sisters is one of the 24 practices promoted in the Jubilee Passport in this Jubilee Year of Hope. The next Mass will be celebrated on May 30th at 6:30 p.m. Call: 251-3556.

June 10th-12th

Vocation Camp

7th -12th grades

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, saying with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Check-in: 9:00-9:30 a.m.

NOTE: *Camp families are welcome to join for Mass on June 12 at 11 a.m. with a potluck lunch to follow.*

COST: \$50 - Scholarship available

Questions, please contact Julie Jacobs at Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org or call (320) 251-5001.

Deadline: June 4.

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

SCAN TO REGISTER



OUR MISSION

We seek to provide an engaging environment where young Catholic men are able to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ. We desire to instill in their lives the faith and trust to follow Him no matter where He may lead.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

Tent, sleeping bag, camp clothes, lawn chair, bug spray, flashlight, swimsuit, towel, shampoo, deodorant, tooth-brush, toothpaste, sunscreen, rosary. *(please label items, so owner can be found)*

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Cell phones.

(The vocations director and the seminarians helping with the camp will be giving out their cell phone number in case of emergency.)

This weekend is World Day of Prayer for Vocations!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

What happens in the Jubilee Year?

Every 25 years the church declares a year of Jubilee – what does this mean? In the Old Testament there were 4 different elements to the Jubilee Year: Slaves are set free, Debts are forgiven, Rest and play, and Everyone comes home. What could this mean to us?

Slaves are set free – none of us own slaves, but what areas of your hearts are enslaved? Enslaved to sin, unforgiveness, vice, anger? This year the Lord wants to set us free!

Debts are forgiven – how radically different would your life look if all of the sudden, all of your debts were forgiven? No mortgage, no credit card debt, no student loan debt... This year is a year where the Lord wants to forgive you radically! Make sure you are frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is also calling you to forgive radically.

Rest and play – In the Old Testament, during a Jubilee Year they even let the land lay fallow. How can you enter into a "Sabbath rest" this year? Be intentional about not working on Sundays, plan a day every month to do something together as a family or with friends, (a game night, a campfire, a movie night, day trips, etc.) or learn a new craft or skill (painting, woodworking, or gardening to name a few).

Everyone comes home—Plan extra time to be with family, visit your elderly parents or grandparents or relatives in the nursing home, extra time to come home to the Father in prayer.

Jubilee Year of Hope extends through January 6, 2026.