

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

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Confessions are 1/2 hour before all Masses.
Please see Mass Schedule on next page.

PRAYER LINES

SM- Karen Liebsch 573-4127

Kathy Koehn 573-2363

SF-Judy Theisen 573-2933

Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728

SE-Sally Schleper 573-2127

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 Retreat 2026



Middle School Winter Spectacular 2026



Please keep our Youth in your prayers and encourage them to grow in our Catholic Faith!

Confirmation:

March 1st, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwigs.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1/31		<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren , Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Dan & Sarah Roerick, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
Sunday 2/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Edward Jendro ~ Lone Brezinka	EM of HC: Karla Schneider, Derek Biniek c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czech, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased Members of the Don Wensmann Family ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann	EM of HC: Renee Scholz, Jon Leither c, Volunteer c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 2/2	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	 <p>Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 2/3	<i>St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Frank Gerads	
Wednesday, 2/4		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	
Thursday, 2/5	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Diane Magdziarz ~ Retka Family	
Friday, 2/6	<i>St. Paul Mike & Companions, Martyrs</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased Family of Gilbert & Carol Gerads	

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly Zep 2:3

Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Ken Welle, Jan Kilian & Sherry Schumer

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2/7		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Don Stiller	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Rosanne Voss C, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gift Bearers: Chad & Niki Koopmeiners, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
Sunday 2/8		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Special Intentions of Greg & Renee Wensmann	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Julie Weismann c, Jim Weismann c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gift Bearers: Dennis & Diana Trettel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
K-6: Beth Lange (bethlange83@gmail.com) (320) 630-8390
7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203 or confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com.

Upcoming Confirmation Dates (Holdingford)

Wed., Feb. 4th, 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's,

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Feb. 4th, at St. Mary's

6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Formation

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be at the St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in Upsala. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Youth Group Prayer Evening, this Sunday, February 1st, 5:00-6:30 p.m., at St. Mary's in the church. All 8-12th graders welcome for an evening to learn more about prayer, ways to pray, and to experience prayer together.

Super Bowl Watch Party

The Youth Group will be joining Covenant Church to watch the Super Bowl along with games and food. Sunday, Feb. 8th at Community Covenant Church.

Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22 near Detroit Lakes, MN. An energizing experience filled with prayer, skits, talks, music, and more faith-growing opportunities. Come together with 350 others to strengthen your relationship with God! If interested, text Jim at 320-229-2898 for more details and to be sent an Interest Form to be completed by Feb. 8th. Scan for more information and to watch the promo video.



12th Annual



Saturday, February 14th
5:30 p.m. Mass with a social hour to follow. Candlelit meal at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$70 per couple will be sold after Mass starting January 18th or call the office to reserve tickets.

There are 3 choices: prime rib, walleye or bone-in chicken breast along with potato, vegetable, salad, and dessert. Beverages available for purchase. Tips and proceeds will support youth activities in our parishes.

 Diocese of
SAINT CLOUD
2026 BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL



WEEKEND COLLECTION 1/25/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$920, Loose: \$47, Votive: \$60.25, Fire Fund: \$10, **Total: \$1,037.25**

St. Francis: Adult: \$375, Loose: \$123, **Total: \$498**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,246, Loose: \$286.75,

Total: \$1,532.75

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Over 80 Blessings for January & February



Gene Harren (SM) 1/8
Vi Wuebkers (SM) 1/16
Delores O'Hotto (SE) 1/19
Florence Kurowski (SE) 1/20
Janet Yurczyk (SM) 1/26
Judy Gerauds (SF) 1/28 Eileen
Koroll (SE) 2/23 Christine
Wuebkers (SM) 2/24

St. Mary's News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:
Connie Harren

Passed to Eternal Life: Jan. 20, 2026
Funeral: February 5, 2026
St. Mary's, Upsala

St. Edward's News

Valentine Celebration

All are welcome to come down for coffee & rolls after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on February 15th. Come & enjoy!

St. Francis' News

Matching Grant Breakfast: Sunday, Feb. 22nd St. Francis Catholic United Financial is sponsoring their annual Breakfast to benefit our Religious Ed. program in the St. Francis Church Basement. If anyone would like to donate towards the breakfast, please contact Chad 573-5667 or Bob: 573-2933. More Details to come.

Journey with Jesus

We are moving forward with this year's "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" performance. We will have a sign up sheet for the elementary students at their Religious Ed. Class on Feb. 4th and Mar. 4th. If anyone would like to be a part of this year's production as an actor, choir member or backstage call Bob at 573-2933. There are spots to fill. The first practice for the main speaking parts is on Sunday, Feb. 8th at 1:00 p.m. Practice schedule will be available at that practice or on the table on the back or church.

Performances are:

Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. and



**Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753**

Feb. 8th will be the District Level Free

Throw Contest Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. with contest at 1:00 p.m. All welcome to support! For questions call Mike Klasen (320) 248-3600 or just come to the school.

Mark your calendars

Annual Knights of Columbus Breakfast & Raffle on March 22nd.
Chili Cook-off in North Prairie on Feb. 15th.
More details to come.

Call for Artists

The Art of Conversation Gallery, Upsala is having an all Community show. All ages and all media around any theme. Email submissions to steve@upsalacov.org or text to (218) 428-8010. Gallery Hours: Friday: 4-6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to noon & Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m.

The 29th Annual KC Buffalo Raffle : Jan. 31st Join us at the Pierz Ballroom for a meal served from 4-8:00 p.m. \$10 for burger, beans, potato salad & bars. Raffle tickets are \$10 -drawing held at 8:15 p.m. Music by the Old Tyme Country Boys Band. Half the proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.



National Marriage Week: Feb. 7th-14th

Marriage is the bedrock of our society. When that crumbles, our homes and families crumble, our children then struggle, and our communities deal with the ripple effect. Please pray for marriages!

Seminary Visit for young men 10th grade through college Feb. 12th-14th.

Fr. Doug will be leading this is unique opportunity to be immersed in an environment where everyone around you seeks to give their life to Jesus and follow him wherever he leads. Sign up on the bottom of our vocations page: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/>.

Mardi Gras: Feb. 15th Come celebrate with us! The Old Tyme Country Boys will be playing at the Holdingford Legion from 2-5:00 p.m. Chicken strips, fries, lemonade, coffee and water provided. Bring a dish to share!

News and Events

The Upstage Players performances of *Death by Chocolate*

will be on January 30th and 31st at 7:00 p.m. (dinner-\$35) and an afternoon show (dessert-\$10) on February 1st at 2:00 p.m. Performances are at St. Mary's, Upsala. Call Lisa Hansen (320) 250-2676 for tickets. Matinee tickets will be sold at the door.



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Wadena Memorial Auditorium
Wadena, MN 56482

REBOOT
A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



SCAN QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1765324](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765324)



Festival of Families: Sunday, Feb. 22nd

Join other families from around the diocese to celebrate your Catholic faith. The day includes a carnival, sessions for children-teens-parents, lunch, service projects, Mass and more! 9:00 AM

- 3:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier, Sartell Cost per family: \$25 (no matter the size) <https://stcdio.org/event/2026-festival-of-families/>.

Central MN Catholic Magazine

Here's a new way to get the latest from the Central MN Catholic-You can sign up to receive free emails at <http://www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/FridayFeed/>