

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

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**St. Edward's, Elmdale
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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.

Pope Leo asks everyone to pray the rosary for peace throughout October.

With Oct. 7th being the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the rosary. "I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month — for peace — personally, with your families and in your communities," he said. The pope also invited Vatican officials and employees to pray the rosary together every October evening at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Basilica. And he invited everyone to St. Peter's Square Oct. 11th to pray the rosary together "during the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also remembering the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council," which began Oct. 11, 1962.

Public Square Rosary-Pray with our Community

On Sunday, Oct. 11th, we will be gathering at 12 noon at St. Mary's parking lot to pray the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

15 Promises of the Virgin Mary for Those Who Pray the Rosary

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces. **2.** I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary. **3.** The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies. **4.** It will cause virtue and good works to flourish. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means. **5.** The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish. **6.** Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, shall never be conquered by misfortune, **7.** Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church. **8.** Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God. **9.** I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary. **10.** The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven. **11.** You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary. **12.** All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities. **13.** All the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death. **14.** All who recite the rosary for my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ. **15.** Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination. Catholic-link.org

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

The Twenty –Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 10/4	<i>First Saturday</i>	
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Bob Theisen c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Tom & Jeanette Gerads, Sacristan: Sylvester Tschida
Sunday 10/5		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Sunny & Betty Zwilling ~ Ervin & Kari Hartung	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Mike Klasen c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 10/6	<i>St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>	 Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 10/7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Joan Gerads	
Wednesday, 10/8		Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, 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 & Raymond Kurowski
No Mass	Fr. Jimmy will be at the Clery Conference	
Thursday, 10/9	<i>St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Opatz ~ Carol Molus	
Friday, 10/10	<i>First Friday</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Living & deceased members of the Charles & Loretta Gerads Family	

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 10/11		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Rosanne Voss c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Joe & Barb Fuchs, Sacristan: Alice Westrich
Sunday 10/12		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward * St. Edward Feast Celebration after Mass	† Stanley & Bernetta Czech	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensman c, Volunteer c, Lector: Tracey Hartung Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Raymond Kokett & Volunteer, Gifts: Mark & Kaye Nienaber
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz, Jon Leither c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Greeters: Elmer Frie & Jan Kilian, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Mass Counts Ushers will be counting the number of people attending weekend Masses in October. Please come celebrate with us and invite a friend:)

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 (Holdingford)

Wed., Oct. 8th at 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's,

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Oct. 8th, at St. Mary's

7-8:00 p.m. 7-10 Rel. Ed.

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.

Benefit for Ron Schmidt Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

400 Limited Raffle Tickets to be sold. Prizes 1st-\$3000, 2nd \$2000, 3rd \$1000, 4th-7th -\$500. Event will be held on Saturday October 11th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lucky's Pub (24 3rd Street Swanville). Ron suffered a fall and has paralysis. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. Ron has given so much to our community with sharing his love of music in playing the concertina. Please join us in helping out Ron and his family! Thank You!

The Rosary Connects Your Kids to Mary—and Helps Them Imitate Her Yes

When kids pray the Rosary, they're not just reciting prayers or learning theology. They're entering into a real relationship with Mary. And what a relationship that is. Mary is the perfect mother: gentle, strong, present, and always pointing us to Jesus. When your child prays, "Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death," they're learning that they are never alone. That Mary is with them. That Heaven is near. That Jesus gave her to us for a reason. Over time, this relationship becomes personal—and transformative. But even more than that, the Rosary teaches children to imitate Mary. Her obedience, her courage, her trust in God's plan—all of it becomes the quiet standard they carry in their hearts. They learn to say their own "yes" to God, just like she did. Make The Rosary Beautiful, Make It Joyful If you're new to praying the Rosary with your kids, don't worry about doing it perfectly. Start small. A decade a night. A mystery before bed. A Hail Mary in the car. Keep it light, joyful, and consistent. Use visuals, picture books, or children's guides such as Saint Dominic and the Rosary by Shaun McAfee—to light that spark of devotion in young hearts. The Rosary isn't just for adults. It's for families. It's for kids. It's for now. Because no matter what the world offers, the Rosary keeps us grounded in grace. And that's something every child deserves. Catholic-link.org

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/28/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$835, Loose: \$209, Votive: \$67.50, Rel. Ed: \$20, Fire Fund: \$20, **Total: \$1,151.50**

St. Francis: Adult: \$575, Loose: \$129, **Total: \$704**

St. Mary: Adults: \$2,026, Loose: \$176, **Total: \$2,202**

Box of Joy – For children who wish for just one gift! Once again, we will be participating in the Box of Joy program, a Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. This is a great opportunity for students, parishioners and families to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries. Boxes are located in the entryway of each parish. The Knights of Columbus will be covering the shipping fee of the boxes!!! Drop off information is included in each box. The final drop off date is Wednesday, October 29th. Please contact Tamara Lange at (320) 250-4688.

Over 80 Blessings for October



Connie Harren (SM) 10/2
Ken Lange (SM) 10/5
Werner Forster (SF) 10/11
Gene Lashinski (SF) 10/12
Rose Burg (SM) 10/14

St. Edward's News



St. Edward's Feast Day Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 12th

The St. Catherine's Corner Group will be serving rolls, milk and coffee after the

8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us!

Wedding BANNERS I



Lucia Bryce & Tyler Zehrer
October 25, 2025
St Edward, Elmdale

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Kohen John Koroll
Daughter of Aaron & Angela
September 28, 2025(SE)

St. Francis' News

St. Francis Men's Society

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, we will be serving donuts, milk & Coffee after Mass on Sat. Oct. 4th.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Church basement.

News and Events



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

Upcoming Event

Meeting: Oct. 7th at 8 p.m., St. Edward's, Elmdale



Peaceful, Prayerful Vigil at Planned Parenthood:

Sept 24th-Nov. 2nd Pray with us in front of Planned Parenthood for an end to abortion. We need volunteers to sign up for a one

hour time slot from 7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Email Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net to learn more visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

Sr. Annella Zervas, OSB:

Cause for Canonization

Bishop Andrew Cozzens and the Board of Directors of the Sister Annella Guild invite you to this historical celebration on Thursday, October 9th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (702 Summit Ave. N., Crookston, MN 56716). **4:00 p.m.** Exhibit on the Life of Sister Annella, **5:00 p.m.** Patrick Norton shares his story, **6:00 p.m.** Organ Recital, **6:30 p.m.** Opening Mass. Refreshments available for purchase. Sister Annella is buried in the St. Benedict Monastery Cemetery in St. Joseph MN. For more information visit: sisterannella.org.



Stamp Camp

Join us on Sunday, October 12th from 1-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Upsala for card making. Everyone is welcome!



St. Isidore Council #9307
Knights of Columbus,
Holdingford

CHICKEN & HAM DINNER

PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM, ST. ANNA, MN

Sunday, October 12th 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 at the door. Children ages 5-12

\$10, Under 4 FREE

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE



The St. Columbkille Christian Women

Turkey Bingo Sunday, Oct. 5th, 1:00 p.m. with the Raffle after. Raffle tickets are \$2 and available at the door. That day we will have door prizes, a bake sale and refreshments. Come join us in St. Wendel for a fun-filled afternoon!

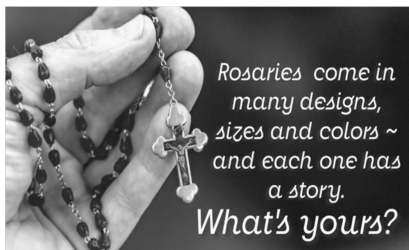
Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Oct. 11th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at 290-2877.

All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality Annual Rummage Sale

All Saints-St. Hedwig's Church basement. This is a FREE-WILL sale so "One person's unneeded item might be a treasure for another," All proceeds benefit our youth. Oct. 16th & 17th: 7:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Oct. 19th 10:00 a.m. - noon. Clean, gently used items may be dropped off at the All Saints- St. Hedwig's basement Oct. 12th thru 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Oct. 15th from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. No major appliances, electronics, exercise equipment, baby equipment, headboards or mattresses. Please do not drop off items outside the door. Corrine Hadrich (320) 310-1260.

The Apostle Games All 9th-12th grade youth, and those adults who are serving youth in your parish/ACC are invited to attend the Saint Cloud Diocesan's very first Apostle Games on Sunday, October 26th at St. Cloud State University. Our theme "Apostle Games," is about joining together the youth of our parishes and ACCs as the young diocesan church to celebrate being Catholic through team-building activities, friendly competition, learning about our faith, celebrating the Eucharist, and having fun through activity and prayer. It is hoped that as we seek Jesus, we embrace God's invitation to be ready to share that love with all those we encounter. Sign-up sheets are located in the entry of our churches.



Your Rosary

Show us your Rosary throughout the month of October, we will select your rosary stories to share. Take a photo of your rosary, write a caption in 100 words or less and email to: communications.office@gw.stedio.org.

Don't forget to include your name and ACC.

The St. Columbkille Christian Women Turkey Bingo

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Pro-Life Rosary Walk Join us in prayer at 4:00 p.m. in front of or inside All Saints-St. Mary's Church to pray the Rosary and be a witness for life. We will be praying on Tuesdays, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Can't join us? Pray with us at home!