

News and Events



Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
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Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 1st

8:00 p.m. St. Edward's, Elmdale

Ditch Clean-up: Saturday, Oct. 5th

Meet at the St. Stanislaus parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Family Picnic: Sunday, Oct. 6th

Meeting at the Bowlus Community Center. Knights will supply the meat and beverages. Also, it is a Pot-Luck, bring your favorite dish to share. We will be eating at 12:30 p.m. Cards & games inside. Playground for kids. Family and friends of Knights welcome to attend.

Rosary for Life

Pray the Rosary with us on Tuesdays in October (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) from 4-5:00 p.m. inside or outside at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford. If you can't be with us pray with us during that hour at home.

World Mission Rosary: Friday, Oct. 4th

Begun in 1951 by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the World Mission Rosary includes 5 different colored decades, each representing a different region of the world. Join the thousands embracing the world in prayer. Visit: www.stcloudmissionoffice.com

Rosary Coast to Coast: Sunday, Oct. 6th

Please join in praying for our nation at 3:00 pm at St Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. The Rosary will be prayed *simultaneously* with Rosary Rallies across the United States being led by the National Rosary Rally at the nation's capital. The Divine Mercy Chaplet for our nation will follow, as well as time for silent prayer. This is a great time to come together to pray with our brothers and sisters across our country asking for God's mercy upon us and the conversion of our country!

All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality Pancake Breakfast, Quilt and Cash Raffle: Sun., Oct. 6th

Serving: Pancakes/toppings, sausage, potatoes, scrambled eggs, fresh baked caramel rolls, juice, milk and coffee. FREE WILL OFFERING. All Saints-St. Mary's Church Basement serving from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Marriage Encounter: Oct. 12-13th

For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. Visit: wwme.org or call (507) 227-8229.

Stewardship Day— Thursday, Oct 17th:

Our speaker is Bernie Evans, professor emeritus from Saint John's University, where he served as associate dean for faculty in the School of Theology and taught courses on Christian social ethics, environmental theology, and ministry in rural communities. His presentation will draw from his book "Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call." Contact Anna Kampa if there is any topic or information your parish/ACC would find helpful: anna.kampa@gw.stcdio.org or 258-7654. To Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKTYHKB>.

All Saints Annual Rummage Sale

Oct. 17th 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Oct. 18th 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Oct. 19th 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Oct. 20th 9:00 a.m. – noon

at All Saints-St. Hedwig's. For questions contact Corrine Hadrich (320) 310-1260. with questions.

Reboot: A life Changing Event: Sun., Oct. 20th Inspirational Catholic speaker and author, Chris Stefanick will give you inspiring and practical ways to apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Alexandria Tickets \$33 on RealLifeCatholic.com.

Are You Ready?

A Day with PJ Anderson Our diocese is offering three events aimed at engaging adults in their faith on Oct. 26th. PJ Anderson is a worship artist and storyteller who has traveled the world sharing his music and stories for millions of Catholics. Check out his website: <https://pjandersonmusic.com>

1. **Are You Ready?...for Surprise, Newness, Letting Go, Healing and Grace:** 9-11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in St. Joseph. Register by Oct. 21st. Cost: Adults \$10. This is a morning reflection as we explore the story of Bartimaeus (Mk 10: 46-52).

2. **The Lord has Done Great Things for us ...Are You Ready?** 2-4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in St. Joseph. Cost: Adults \$10, (children are free). This is an afternoon for Parents and Families as we dive into the great things God has done for us (Psalm 126).

3. **Are You Ready?...for a Free Concert** 7-8:30 p.m. at Bad Habit Brewery in St. Joseph. Join us for glorious praise with PJ Anderson.

4. High School Youth Day with PJ Anderson

On October 27th from noon to 7:30 p.m. in Alexandria. Grades 9-12. Cost is \$40 before Oct. 17th.

Register for any of these events on this website. <https://stcdio.org/event/are-you-ready-for-pj-anderson/>.

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: 7:30 pm - 7:45 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.



Walk with One

We are called to be a Eucharistic people! And with that, we are called to spread the Good News!

Many of us have family or friends we pray will come back to our Catholic faith. We offer Mass, Rosaries or other prayers for this intention. While we are praying for others it's important to keep growing closer to Jesus in our own personal relationship with Him. This third year of the Eucharistic Revival, called the year of Mission, (July 2024-Jun 2025) is about us—us as Catholics being "healed, converted, formed, unified and then sent out on Eucharistic mission for the life of the world." Our first step is to seek Jesus.

The National Eucharistic Revival offers suggestions for how to accept your personal invitation to seek Jesus in Eucharistic Encounter.

- Be open to Christ in Mass, in prayer, and in worship.
- Rediscover "the sense of adoration in silence."
- Open your heart and mind daily to Christ in his Word.
- Be open to encountering Christ in all people, especially in the least, the last, and the lost.
- Ask Jesus if the apostolic activity you are about to undertake—or have already begun—is truly what He called you to do, being receptive to His voice, and embracing His call with a humble and joyful spirit.
- Embrace your relationship with Jesus as the foundation of your identity and mission.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

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Saturday 9/28		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Molus	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Volunteer, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Gifts: Doug & Jackie Wolbeck
Sunday 9/29		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Ron Leners ~Marion Leners	EM of HC: Chris Fuchs, Bob Theisen c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Tom & Jeanette Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Amanda Lampert c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, Gifts: Andy & Linda Langner, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9/30	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
<p>“It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord’s great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.</p> <p>I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost.” ~ Pope Francis</p>	



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

Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Binek, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Jim Koczur, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Rosemary Pundsack & Kevin Lampert

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10/5		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	Living & deceased members of the St. Edward Rosary Society	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czech, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Mark & Kaye Nienaber
Sunday 10/6		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Bob Theisen c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Tom & Jeanette Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Sunny & Betty Zwill-ing ~ Ervin & Kari Hartung	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
10:00 St. Francis	Thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage for Gerry and Mary Jane Boeckermann	Minsters provided by family

September 29th is Priesthood Sunday.
 Keep Fr. Jimmy and all our priests in your prayers!

All Cluster News

Religious Education
 K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
 7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624
Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939
 Assistant: Katie Urbanski confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com
October 2nd St. Mary’s, Upsala
Grades 7-10: No Class
Grades K-6: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class **2nd Grade:** Lesson 4
Confirmation: 6:15 p.m. GIFFT Night at All Saints-St. Mary’s, Holdingford.

Children’s Liturgy
 We will be Children’s Liturgy after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s. If you have questions contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com

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.

Bible Study on the Book of Revelation
 The Catechetical Institute invites you to a Bible study on the Book of Revelation taught by Jeff Cavins in person. This seven-week course shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. **Dates:** Tuesday evenings, Oct. 1 – Nov. 26 at Saint Andrew Catholic Church, (566 4th St NW, Elk River) 7-8:30pm. **Cost:** \$100 per person. To register call: (651) 962-5072.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: Oct. 4th While praying one day before the crucifix in the ruined Church of San Damiano, the figure of Jesus came to life and spoke to him saying, “Francis, rebuild my church, which, as you see, is falling down.” St. Francis went on to found the Order of St. Clare, the Order of the Friars Minor, the 3rd Order of St. Francis and obtain the custody of the Holy Land.

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” ~St. Francis of Assisi

Over 80 Blessings for October

- Connie Harren (SM) 10/2
- Alvina Buchheit (SM) 10/10
- Werner Forster (SF) 10/11
- Gene Lashinski (SF) 10/12
- Rose Burg (SM) 10/14
- Franck Gerads (SF) 10/19

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/15/2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$410, Loose: \$174, Human Development: \$15, Religious Ed: \$5 **Total: \$604**
St. Francis: Adult: \$980, Loose: \$113, Church Bazaar Dinner: \$25, Human Development: \$73 **Total: \$1,191**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,978, Loose: \$414, Human Development: \$65 **Total: \$2,557**

40 Days for Life is a simple program of *Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Peaceful Vigil* to end abortion in the world. Fall Campaign: Sept. 25th-Nov. 3rd Monday –Friday 7:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m.
 To sign up or get more info. please call/text Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838. Our parishes are going on Thursdays from 1-7:00 p.m. Sign up with a friend for an hour. If Thursday doesn’t work for you, you can stop by any time M-F from 7am-7pm or call Campaign Coordinator: Judy Haag 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net

50th Wedding Anniversary
 Gerry and Mary Jane Boeckermann will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 6th, starting with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Mass will be followed by an open house at the Pelican Lake Ballroom in St. Anna until 4:00 p.m., with a 12:30 p.m. meal being served.
 *Please note: There are two 10 a.m. Masses on Oct. 6th: St. Mary’s & St. Francis. You are welcome to attend either.

St. Edward’s Feast Day Celebration
 On Saturday, October 12th, we will have a 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward’s instead of the 8:00 p.m. After Mass, everyone is welcome to join in for a pot-luck celebration. If able, bring a dish to share.

Public Square Rosary
 On October 12th at noon, everyone is welcome to meet in the St. Mary’s, Upsala parking lot to say the Rosary together.

October Mass Counts
 Twice a year, in July and October, the diocese collects data on the number of people attending Mass. Come to church and bring a friend:) Ushers please count the number of attendees at each Mass and fill out the Mass Count Form found in the sacristy for the month of October. The form can be turned into the Parish Office after the last October Mass. Thank you!

St. Mary’s News
May Eternal Rest be granted to:
Elizabeth Mae Melaas
 Passed to Eternal Life: Sept 16, 2024
 Funeral: Oct. 3, 2024 St. Mary’, Upsala
 Burial: Immaculate Conception, St. Anna