

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

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## St. Edward's, Elmdale St. Mary's, Upsala St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

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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.



**GROW AS A  
DISCIPLE  
PRAY, STUDY,  
ENGAGE, SERVE**  
“Love your enemies”  
may be one of the most  
oft-quoted verses of  
Scripture. We tend to

think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because *God* loves his “enemies” – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him *while they were crucifying him*. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – “God loves and forgives *me*” – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father’s heart.

**GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT** If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God’s call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What’s required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even when it’s difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.


**PRACTICE:** This week, go out of your way to find opportunities to love even when it’s difficult. Do your best to be conscious of your intentions, even in the moment, by asking God for the grace to love generously and by offering your act of love to him.

<https://faithcatholicsubscriptions.com>The Faithful Disciple (1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 1 Cor 15:45-49, Lk 6:27-38)

**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 2/22		<i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Molus ~Adeline Molus	<b>EM of HC:</b> Neil Frieler, Jerry Theisen c, Joan Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokott & Raymond Kokott, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Pat & Kris Blonigen
Sunday 2/23		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dan & Rita Wensmann ~Jim & Julie Wensmann	<b>EM of HC:</b> Rosanne Voss, Rebecca Schmidt c, Janelle Roerick c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Allen & Renee Douvier
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased members of the Frie Family	<b>EM of HC:</b> Cindy Koehn, Jan Kilian c, LeAnn Beneke c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer, Mary, Lorraine Frie <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, 2/24			<u>Adoration</u>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy		<u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm
Tuesday, 2/25			<u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† David Heim ~Beth Lange		<u>First Fridays</u> St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm
Wednesday, 2/26			<b>Pray for us:</b> Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Alan Schumer, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Dee Booth, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Rose Burg Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Pat Harren, Ron Schmidt & Sherry Schumer
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Karen Gerads		
Thursday, 2/27	<i>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Czech		
Friday, 2/28			
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Marcellus Arceneau ~ Pat & Lisa Zabinski		
Love one another as I have loved you. (Jn 13:34)			

**The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 3/1		First Saturday	
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Don, Rita & Brian Wensmann		<b>EM of HC:</b> Neil Frieler, Peggy Frieler c, Jackie Oldakowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Gerald Oldakowski Jr., <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 3/2			
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gilbert Roerick ~ Allen & Janelle Roerick		<b>EM of HC:</b> Roseanne Voss, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moormann & Syl Tschida, <b>Gifts:</b> Jake & Judy Gerads
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People		<b>EM of HC:</b> Cindy Koehn, Chantelle Frie c, Jon Leither c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Greeters:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

## All Cluster News

### Religious Education

**K-6:** Reba Leither ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) (701) 426-1607  
**7-10:** Randi Klasen ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) (320) 493-5624  
**Confirmation:** Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski [confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com)

### Feb. 26th

**Grades K-6:** 6:30 pm Class, 2nd Grade: Lesson 3

**Grades 7-10:** No Class

**Confirmation:** 6:15 p.m. Class at All Saints-St. Mary's

### 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](mailto:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com).


### SIGN UP FOR CALLED AND GIFTED - Saturday, March

8th, 9am-3pm at St. Mary's Church. Have you ever wondered "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life in this time and place?" Come and discern the unique mission God has for you! Everyone has a charismatic gift that was given to them by the Holy Spirit. In this workshop, you will take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn

the signs and characteristics of 23 of the charisms. Discerning your spiritual gifts will support personal growth, development, service to the community, and identify new leaders. This workshop is being led by Barbara Sutton and is open to both men & women. There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided. We have several couples signed up, so ladies bring your husbands! Please contact Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688 or scan the QR Code for registration.

### Thank you

Catholic Community of St. Edward's, St. Francis & St. Mary's Our deepest gratitude for your generosity of 41 baby items and cash donation. With your help and support, ELEVATE (pregnancy resource center) can make a difference in so many women's lives. Because of you, we can educate, empower and encourage lives for future generations. ~Blessings from Team Elevate

 **Save the Date:** NCYC 2025 will be November 20th – November 22nd. You can register by clicking the link on our website or contact Mike Klasen: 248-3600 [mklasen486@gmail.com](mailto:mklasen486@gmail.com).

### ACC Penance Service March 23<sup>rd</sup>

from 2-4:30 p.m. 5 priests will be available. More info. soon.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION 2/16/2025

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,510, Loose: \$139.05, Central MN Catholic: \$120, Fire Fund: \$25, **Total: \$1,794.05**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$630, Loose: \$104, Votive: \$181.07, Funeral Lunch: \$310 **Total: \$1,225.07**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,213, Loose: \$293, Votive \$142, Central MN Catholic: \$100, **Total: \$2,748**



GUIDING STAR  
CYCLE SHOW

### Guiding Star

Today it is more important than ever for young

girls to have high self-esteem regarding the changes in their bodies. Research shows it is better to prepare girls for these changes before the onset of puberty not just when they are in the middle of it. Participation in the Guiding Star Cycle Show Workshop helps girls value and respect their bodies in healthy ways as they move into their teenage years. Registration is now open for the Workshop on March 1st. Created for girls 9-12 years old. Cost \$50, Place: St. Mary's, Upsala, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a Parent Presentation the night before, Feb. 29th at St. Mary's 7-8:30 p.m. To learn more and register visit:

[GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show](http://GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show).

Contact: Roseanne Throener 360-2196.

### Chrism Mass Choir

Singers from across the Diocese of Saint Cloud are invited to join the diocesan choir for the Chrism Mass. The choir is open to middle and high school singers and adults. There will be rehearsals on Feb. 25th at 7:00 p.m.; March 8th at 10:00 a.m.; and March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. Interested singers should RSVP by filling out this registration form <https://forms.gle/KdDVNp4JZsHVVRJ8>.

WATCH  
ON



Ash  
Wednesday  
is March 5th

### St. Francis' News

#### Journey with Jesus to Calvary

We are moving forward with this year's production. The dates are Wednesday, April 9th-7:00 p.m., Friday, April 11th-7:30 p.m., Sat., April 12th –7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 13th –1:00 p.m. The main actors will have their first rehearsal on Sat., March 1st at 11:00 a.m. Schedules of rehearsal dates & times are available in back of church and will be at the Feb. 26th Rel. Ed. class time. We can still use actors, choir members, little sheep and backstage help. If interested call Bob at 573-2933. People are already calling and asking about times and dates of the shows.

## News and Events



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

### **K of C Free Throw Contest Winners**

District 40 Contest Winners: Peyton Quirk, Levi Stuns, Chloe Goebel, Morgan Ripplinger, Gabe Barthel, Ben Ripplinger & Cody Johnson. Thank you to all who participated and assisted!

**Meeting** Our next meeting is on March 4th at 7:30 p.m., St. Edward's.

### **Exemplification**

On March 15th Our council is hosting our exemplification. Men interested in becoming a Knight are welcome to attend. 11:00 a.m. at St. Edward's

**Taize Prayer Service: Feb. 25th** Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Gathering space (116 8th Ave. SE, Little Falls. All are welcome! Contact Linda: 632-0680.

### **Totus Tuus Leaders**

We are Looking for college students who are ready to take their faith to the next level! Apply to be a Totus Tuus team member! Totus Tuus offers an intense summer of growing in and sharing your faith with the younger generation. Complete your application today! <https://stedio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>.

### **Ash Wednesday:**

March 5th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis,  
6:00 p.m., St. Mary  
8:00 p.m., St. Edward

### **Palm Sunday:**

Saturday, April 12th, 8:00 p.m., St. Edward  
Sunday, April 13th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis  
10:00 p.m., St. Mary

### **Holy Thursday:**

April 17th, 6:00 p.m., St. Mary  
8:00 p.m., St. Francis

### **Good Friday:**

April 18th, 12 noon, St. Mary  
3:00 p.m., St. Edward

### **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:**

April 19th, 8:30 p.m., St. Edward

### **Easter Sunday:**

April 20th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis  
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

### **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays after daily Mass beginning Thurs., March 6th though Wednesday, April 16th.

### **Matching Grant Breakfast sponsored by the St. Francis Catholic United Financial Council #296**

Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes with choice of Toppings, Hashbrowns, Sweet Bread, Beverages. **Sunday, Feb. 23rd** Serving 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! All you care to eat! St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 Hwy 238, Freeport). Free Will Offering. Proceeds go towards Rel. Ed.

### **The Resurrected Artists Present: Don't Mention My Name Dinner\*Theatre**

Come see our own Bob Theisen at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna! \*Evening Dinner Theatre: Fri. & Sat., Feb, 28th & March 1st. Dinner 5:30 p.m., performance 7:30 p.m. \*Afternoon Dinner Theater: **Sun., Feb. 23rd: Dinner, 12 noon, Performance 1:30 p.m.** Reservations required for all Dinner Theatre Performances. Call 845-7738 for tickets \$38 (non-refundable). Sunday Matinee: Sun., March 2nd. at 1:30 p.m. Regular Sunday chicken buffet available starts at noon. Performance 1:30 p.m. Show tickets \$8 at the door. (No reservation necessary).

**Catholic Mardi Gras Party: March 2nd** The Old Tyme Country Boys will be playing at the Holdingford Legion on Sunday from 2-5:00 p.m. Chicken strips, fries, lemonade, coffee & water provided. Bring a dish to share!

### **St. Cloud DCCW Lenten Retreat: The Secret of the Holy Face: March 8th**

All are welcome to attend this retreat in Buckman, MN from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 if you register before Feb. 28th. register by mailing a check to: St. Cloud DCCW to 14267 Fairway Lane, Becker MN 55308.

**Holdingford Firefighters Relief Association Breakfast: Sun., March 9th** Pancakes, sausage, ham, Hash browns & Caramel Rolls. 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Holdingford City Center. Free Will Donation.

### **Pro-Life Rosary**

Join us outside and inside of All Saints-St. Mary's to pray for Life. We will meet at 4-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in March 11th, 18th & 25th and in April 1st & 8th.

### **Upcoming Seminary Visit: March 15th-17th**

This visit will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, adoration, discernment talks, visits to a classroom, listening to seminarians, open gym and a night out with the seminarians of St. Cloud! When men meet real seminarians, all the stereotypes break down! It is a game-changer for their ongoing discernment.

Contact Father Doug. [dougliedsch@gmail.com](mailto:dougliedsch@gmail.com) or 533-0291.

### **Skywarn Spotting Weather Training: Sun., March 16th**

Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Mary's from 2-4pm to learn about the weather. Contact: Tom Kilian 232-5705.