

Elmdale, Upsala
and St. Francis:
Mary & the Saints
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Saint Edward

Saint Mary

Saint Francis of Assisi



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Contact the Parish Office if you need
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a loved one.

Marriage: Couples need to begin
preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine
months in advance.

Baptism & Marriage: Contact the
office before setting a date.

Silence speaks this Week...!

Why is God silent in the miseries of my life? A question we ask often. An example from the life of Jesus Himself can give us this answer. As far as the Scripture is concerned, Jesus prayed for Himself only once in His life. It was at the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to the Father to remove the cup of sorrow from him (Mt. 26: 39). But, God did not hear this prayer. But rather, I would say, Heavenly Father heard the prayer of Jesus three days after His death. But there was a long silence before that. Because the Father wanted Jesus to undergo that painful suffering so that the whole world could be saved.

Every silence of God is salvific. Make use of this "SILENCE" to save others and thus continue the salvific act of Christ. Jesus knew the meaning of that silence. That is why Jesus told his disciples, "the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the Scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him" (Mk 10:33,34). Jesus knew that He had to undergo pain and so he prayed much that He could be strengthened to face those events.

This is what prayer means. It is through our suffering that we are strengthened and shaped. But, do not be discouraged by suffering. Pray constantly so that we can be strengthened to overcome the sufferings in life. Prayers are like smoke, which always goes up. One day, it will reach the destination. We need to do only one thing. Cling to Jesus like the Canaanite woman till He comes and enters our lives. Be "stubborn" with Jesus. Jacob told God, "**I will not let you go, unless you bless me**" (Gen 32:26). And God blessed him.

This Holy Week, the identity of Jesus is being revealed again as we stay close to him and walk with him, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How do the Great Events speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?

Wish you all a Blessed Holy Week!
Fr. Jimmy



Blessed are you, who have
come in your abundant
mercy! O gates, lift high your
heads; grow higher, ancient
doors. Let him enter, the
king of glory! Who is this king
of glory? He, the Lord of
hosts, he is the king of glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Ps.24

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 3/28		
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Joyce Koopmeiners, Alice Westrich c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c, Lector: Jane Keppers & Mary Jane Boekermann, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gift Bearers: AJ & Pam Welle, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
Sunday 3/29		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†Raymond Jendro ~ Ione Brezinka	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Bill Boser & Karla Schneider, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski & Greg Larson, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Dan & Barb George
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	†Luke Jacobs ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Mike Klasen c, Renee Scholz, Lector: Chantelle Frie & Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
Monday, 3/30		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, Eleanor Tschida, Ken Welle, Leonard & Eileen Koroll
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 3/31		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary Stations of the Cross	†William Pohlmann	
Wednesday, 4/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Stations of the Cross	†Joan Breth	
Holy Thur. 4/2		
7:00 p.m. St. Francis	†Juleen Scegura	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gift Bearers: Mark & Barb Moorman, Sacristan: Sylvester Tschida
Good Fri. 4/3		
12 Noon St. Mary		EM of HC: Mike Klasen, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Walt & LeAnne Beneke, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
3:00 p.m. St. Edward		EM of HC: Jackie Oldakowski, Lector: Bill Boser & Karla Schneider, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski & Greg Larson, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gift Bearers: Jim & Julie Wensmann
Easter Vigil 4/4		
8:30 p.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Renee Scholz c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposits: Nathan Ripplinger
Easter 4/5		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	†Diane Magdziarz ~ The Retka Family	EM of HC: Derek Biniek, Jim Bartkowicz c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, Greeters: Raymond Kokett, Gift Bearers: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
10:00 a.m. St. Francis	†Scott, Paul & Ginger Keppers ~ Jane Keppers	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Alice Westrich c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gift Bearers: Ken & Lisa Dobmeier, Sacristan: Bob Theisen

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This Week's Classes: Wednesday, April 1st

Holy Week-Go to Masses

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. To join

Are you in college and considering what your summer plans will be? Consider being a Totus Tuus missionary for the Diocese of St. Cloud. You would be a "missionary to the youth" in central MN. The program is just two months long so you would still get some needed rest and family time; yet, it offers an opportunity for a summer of growing in your own faith and in deeper love of Jesus. We offer a stipend of \$500/week. Please check out this site for more info and to sign up: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>

Dinner Theater

Our own Bob Theisen will star in *Whose Wives Are They Anyway?* April 10th-12th, 17th-19th at Sandy's Sunset Bay in St. Anna. Call (320) 845-7738 for more information.

Friday & Saturday: 5:30 p.m. dinner \$30-reservations needed. Sunday: 1:30 p.m. \$8 at the door.

There is still a chance to see Journey with Jesus to Calvary St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 Hwy 238, Freeport). Saturday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 p.m.

St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper

A sign-up sheet to help with the Spaghetti Supper is on the table in the entry of church. We'll need kitchen help and clean-up. Bars, cookies and cakes can be brought to the basement that day. We have poster printed and on the entry table if you'd like to help deliver to businesses.



WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/22/2026

St. Edward: Adult: \$678, Loose: \$116, Easter Flowers: \$115, Catholic Relief: \$20, Central MN Mag: \$20

Total: \$949

St. Francis: Adult: \$240, Loose: \$150.35, Easter Flowers: \$50 **Total: \$440.35**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,466 Loose: \$394.76, Easter Flowers: \$25, **Total: \$1,885.76**



Holy Thursday Adoration

Noon-6:00 p.m. St. Mary's

Good Friday Chaplet of Divine

Mercy & Prayer after 3:00 p.m.

Service-SE

Palm Sunday

Fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey showing he is a humble, peaceful king rather than a warrior. Shouts of "Hosanna" greet him by crowds waving palm branches. This is the beginning of Holy Week.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Vera Michelle Lange
Child of Mitch & Brooke
March 28, 2026
St. Mary's Church



Graduation Scholarship Scholarship forms for all the parishes are available in the church entry or Upsala High School. The deadline is April 24th to have them returned to the Parish Office.

St. Francis Church The back door of the church is always open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come in & pray!



Over 80 Blessings for April

Ralph Schleper 4/1 SE
Werner Gerads 4/9 SM
Nita Roerick 4/13 SF
Doreen Gerads 4/15 SF
Kathleen Koehn 4/16 SM
Irene Schmitz 4/22 SF
Lorraine Frie 4/24 SM
Millie Gerads 4/30 SM

Good Friday

*Day of fasting and abstinence (no more than one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal).

*Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

*Be silent from noon to 3 p.m.

*Meditate on the 7 Last Words of Christ.

*Begin the Divine Mercy Novena.

*Pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

*Meditate on the Good Friday readings with Lectio Divina.

*Share the story of Good Friday with someone in your life and invite them to Easter Mass.



**Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight:
Jeff Czech**

**Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy
Chaplet Novena**

- 4/3 Elmdale following Good Friday Service
- 4/4 Bowlus at 3pm
- 4/5 North Prairie following Easter Mass
- 4/6 Upsala following the 6:30 p.m. Rosary
- 4/7 Elmdale, 7pm, meeting to follow
- 4/8 North Prairie at 7 pm.
- 4/9 Upsala at 7 p.m.
- 4/10 Bowlus at 7:30 p.m.
- 4/11 Elmdale at 3 p.m

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral: April 12th

Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her visions of Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

This year we are happy to announce two speakers at the event. Chris True will give his testimony on his Catholic Faith, and Fr. Jeremy Ploof will give a meditation.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, April 12, from 1:00- 3:00 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.

The seven "I AM" statements of Jesus

- "I am the true vine"
JOHN 15:1-5
- "I am the bread of life"
JOHN 6:35-48
- "I am the light of the world"
JOHN 8:12; 9:5
- "I am the good shepherd"
JOHN 10:11-14
- "I am the gate"
JOHN 10:7
- "I am the way, the truth and the life"
JOHN 14:6
- "I am the resurrection and the life"
JOHN 11:25

Healing the Whole Person

Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miraim James Heidland



Engage your story with honesty-accept His invitation to make you whole-live in His freedom and transform the world!

**Join us for this in person video series:
8 Talks/Community Reflections/Healing/Restoration**

Little Falls: Mondays-April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the JohnPaul II Center (108 3rd St. NW, Little Falls). Register by April 3rd-\$20/person.

Holdingford: 3 day weekend retreat April 17th -19th at the Gathering Barn (35204 County road 155, Avon). Friday: 3-8:30pm, Saturday: 9:30am-4pm and Sunday: 10am-4:30pm. Register by April 8th-\$50/person (includes meals).

St. Cloud: 4 Saturday mornings, 8am-12pm, April 25th, May 2nd, 16th, 30th at Christ Church Newman Center (396 1st Ave. S. St. Cloud). Register by April 15th- \$20/person.

Questions: Janice (320) 640-7623 healing@spiritandsaints.org

Registration: forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7

Or scan the QR code on posters in church entry or on our website.

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Please pray for Samuel Laliberte as he completes his preparation to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Sam is a junior at Upsala High School and is involved in football, basketball, and Student Council. He is the son of Joseph Laliberte and Emily Schultz. Sam has chosen to become Catholic and cites the reason as "all the amazing benefits Catholics receive in life". He finds the Eucharist as especially meaningful and says: although I haven't received Communion yet, I am looking forward to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Please greet Sam and welcome him into the Catholic Church.

The Shepherd is Calling: Sat., April 25th

A family event from 1-6:30 p.m. at Mike and Alice Westrich's Farm (1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum) All are welcome especially elementary age kids and their families! We invite you to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep! Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, Scripture, and hands-on time with lambs. Mass is at 4 p.m. with a hog roast to follow. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share. **RSVP by April 10th at: stedio.org/vocations.**