

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.

St. Edward's Feast Day Celebration, Oct. 12, 2025



World Mission Sunday Oct. 18-19th Special Collection

The theme for this 99th year is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples". Through the work of our Mission Office, we connect with the loving work of missionaries throughout the world as well as encounter taking place here in our own diocese. As Catholics, this is our opportunity to collectively combine our resources to carry out our baptismal call as missionary disciples. Visit: stcloudmissionoffice.com

The Twenty –Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

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Saturday 10/18		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Dorothy Thell	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Brittany Harren c, Colleen Harren c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Charlie & Sandy Boeckermann, Sacristan: Jeanette Gerads
Sunday 10/19		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Mark Wensmann	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Derek Biniek c, Lector: Shari Biniek, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Pat & Kris Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Cindy Koehn c, LeAnn Beneke c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Tom & Jan Kilian, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses

Monday, 10/20	<i>St. Paul of the Cross, Priest</i>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)
Tuesday, 10/21	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Ruthie Frie
Wednesday, 10/22	<i>St. John Paul II, Pope</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Don Stiller ~ St. Francis Men's Society
Thursday, 10/23	<i>St. John of Capistrano, Priest</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Peter Molus ~ Adeline Molus
Friday, 10/24	<i>St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Marjorie Lehner



Adoration

2nd Tuesdays:

St. Francis 8am -7pm

Thursdays:

St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm

First Fridays:

St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm

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 & Jan Kilian

St. Francis Saturday Night Mass will change from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 15th. Deer Hunter's Mass will be on Nov. 8th at 8pm –SF

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10/25		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	EM of HC: Syl Tschida, Judy Theisen c, Bob Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Russ & Gina Boeckermann, Sacristan: Joyce Koopmeiners
Sunday 10/26		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† George Casazza	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jon Leither, Renee Scholz c, Lisa Zabinski c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Lilli Leither & Volunteer, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Reminder: As per our ACC Calendar there will be a Vigil Mass on Oct. 31st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward's for All Saints Day. If you are able to serve at this Mass, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

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. 22nd, 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Oct. 22nd, 7-8:00 p.m. 7-10 gr. at St. Mary's

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.

Thank you

There was such an amazing turn out last Saturday at the benefit for Ron Schmidt! Thank you to all who attended to give and celebrate life with Ron. If you were unable to attend and would still like to give, please drop your donation in the Collection basket marked 'Ron Schmidt Benefit' Thank You!

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.



Turkey Bingo

Bingo at St. Mary's, Upsala on Sunday October 27th at 2:00 p.m.! 20 games for \$10, Black Out \$1/card. A meal will be served.

Respect Life Novena October 22-30 Get the daily prayers by email or text message Visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/>



Pot of Gold Raffle

All Saints Pot of Gold Annual Raffle will be held on November 2nd at All Saints-St. Mary's. Call Rosie Fedor (320) 492-6418 for tickets (\$100) and for information about this celebration!

WEEK-END COLLECTION 10/6/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,185 Loose: \$116.25, Fire Fund: \$20, World Mission: \$60 **Total: \$1,381.25**

St. Francis: Adult: \$480, Loose: \$157, Votive: \$96, World Mission: \$25, **Total: \$758**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,803, Loose: \$336, World Mission: \$142,

St. Mary's News

If you would like to donate money to buy turkeys for the Turkey Bingo please call the office. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Francis' News

Thank you to:

-Sr. Mary Pat and Alan for watering the flowers outside of church and in the cemetery all summer. They looked great.

-Joyce and Judy for supplying the flowers this spring.

-Thank you to Gerald & Julie for supplying the fall decorations.

Church Lock-up

St. Frances Church will start locking up at 6:00 p.m. on Nov. 3rd. It will go back to 8:00 p.m. in the spring.

Cemetery Clean-up

All flowers need to be removed from the cemetery by Nov. 12th. Any flowers left on the cemetery after then will be removed and discarded. Just the flowers need to be removed. Other decoration can remain in the cemetery.

Church Donation

Thank you to Roger & Kathy Thell and family for their gift of \$1022.64 in memory of Dorothy Thell. May God bless you!



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Eugene Lashinski

Passed to Eternal Life: Oct. 11, 2025

Funeral: Oct 16, 2025 (SM)

Burial: St. Francis's Cemetery

The Family of Gene Lashinski would like to thank all who helped at Gene's Funeral: the lunch servers, Highland Assisted Living, Emblom -Brenny, Mass servers, musicians, and Fr. Jimmy for his visits and Mass.

St. Edward's News



St. Edward Feast Day Celebration

Thank you to all who came to celebrate the Feast of St. Edward with us last Sunday. Thank you to the decorators, servers, planners and to Father Jimmy for Mass!

Wedding BANNERS III



Lucia Bryce & Tyler Zehrer

October 25, 2025

St Edward, Elmdale

News and Events

Parish Mission with Cross Rock ACC in Royaltown Join in on Oct. 26-29th at 6:30 p.m. to listen to speaker, Dcn. Ralph Poyo at Holy Trinity Church (216 2nd St.) who will speak about God's Saving Plan, Spiritual Warfare, the Holy Spirit and Discipleship. Adoration & Confessions begin at 5:30pm on M-T-W. Refreshments to follow talks at 8:30pm.



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

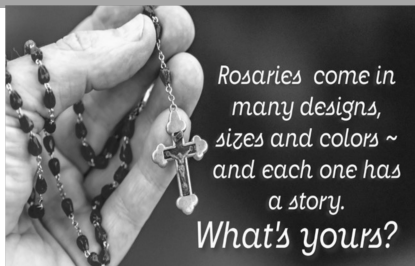
hour time slot from 7:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Email Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net to learn more visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

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

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.



Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



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.studio.org. Don't forget to include your name and ACC.

October, the month of the Rosary– When you pray the Rosary: You Become Less Selfish

Praying the rosary helps re-orientate ourselves to Christ, who can lift us out of ourselves and our sin, and teaches us again and again the discipline of refraining from indulging our selfishness.

You Become More Disciplined

The more you pray the rosary, the more you *want* to pray the rosary. The grace of discipline is forged in those times when you quiet your mind to concentrate, pray even when you are tired, or switch your phone for your rosary before bed. These acts of discipline affect *all* areas of your life. Sticking to the Rosary is a wonderful way to remain faithful, fulfill a duty to God and Our Lady, and follow a "little rule" in your day.

Our Lady Reveals Insights

in praying the rosary often, hidden depths are revealed. In mediating on each of the Mysteries regularly, *Our Lady, with Christ, has something to give you*. Perhaps it is an insight into an area of your life that you are struggling with. Perhaps it is an epiphany over a particular moment in Christ's life that will really help you.

You Have More Courage

When you start to place your trust and your life and even your heart into the hands of Mary through the rosary, you begin to understand how eminently practical, simple and full of solutions she is. She only wants to get us to Christ, and she loves us so much, with the true tenderness of a perfect mother, that we do her a great honor when we give her our problems. You can have huge amounts of courage when you know that Mary is by your side! St Maximilian Kolbe said: "I see Mary everywhere. I see problems nowhere."

You Get An Extra Awareness Before the Moment of Temptation

One of the 15 Promises of the Rosary is that: "it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies."

You Start to Live Out the Incarnation

The power of the rosary lies in its simplicity. We stare into the abyss of our issues and wonder how we will find the fix to such a gaping wound. We don't need to. God came to earth as a tiny, weak and helpless baby born into poverty. The rosary, so deceptively simple that it can be prayed in any circumstances, is the most powerful weapon of prayer that we have. ~Excerpts from Catholic-link.org

"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives." ~ St. John Paul II