

### **Mini Holy Family Fest: Aug 16th-18th**

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in Faith together as a family! Mass Confession, Adoration, Talks for Adults, Teens & Kids, Games, Rosary and more! Pray together and create lasting memories! The first year there were 75 participants, last year 250 –there is a limit of 300 so register early! The cost for this event is \$250/family of 4 or more (smaller families less) for the full three day event and includes two suppers, continental breakfast, quality speakers and entertainment for the whole family with the opportunity to receive the sacraments and experience prayer throughout the day. Call (320) 632-5720 to register.

### **Annual Pro-Life Retreat Sat., August 17th**

Join us at Assumption Church in Eden Valley from 8:00 a.m. to Noon for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction; KC led Procession & Prayer Service at the Tomb of the Unborn in the Assumption Church Cemetery. There will be a speaker at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. Cost is Free Will offering with no pre-registration required. Contact Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net (32) 453-7592.

### **Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Aug. 17th**

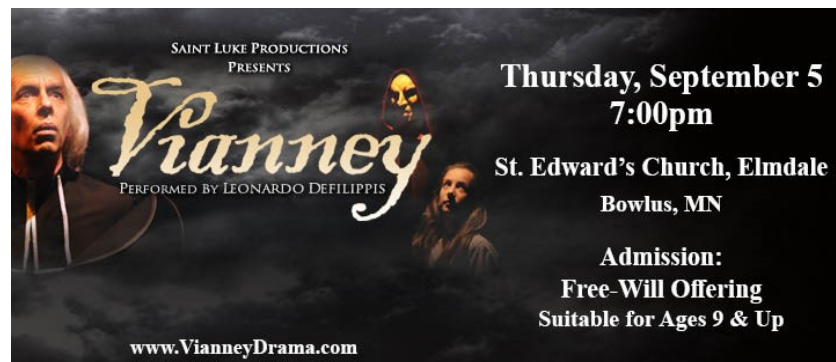
Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement, Holdingford. Contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

### **Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Feast day Celebration on Monday, August 26th at Holy Family Church, Little Falls we will have Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Rosary at 4:30 p.m. with the Honor Guard, Polish Hymns, and Blessing of religious items (all are welcome to bring items) Pot Luck meal with Polish Kapusta Hot Dish to follow. All are welcome. Many icons will be on display.

### **Five Star ACC Mass**

Sat., August 17th at St. John the Baptist Church, Swanville. Blessing of the new Bell Tower will be at 4:45 p.m. followed by a procession led by Bishop Neary from the church to the park (approx. 3 blocks) for Mass at 5:00 p.m. Meal following Mass-Free Will Offering.



**Thursday, September 5  
7:00pm**  
St. Edward's Church, Elmdale  
Bowls, MN

**Admission:  
Free-Will Offering  
Suitable for Ages 9 & Up**

### **Upcoming Event:**

Vianney, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo DeFilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Edward's Church, Elmdale on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. The event is coordinated by our Catholic Community of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi & St. Mary. Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up. Admission will be a free-will offering. For additional information, contact the Parish Office at (320) 573-2132 or 238catholic@sytekcom.com.

### **Rural Life Celebration: Sun., August 18th**

The annual Rural Life Celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with outdoor Mass with Bishop Patrick hosted by St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish in Long Prairie, in collaboration with the Five Star ACC. The event will take place on the Nathan and Samantha Middendorf farm in Long Prairie at 17655 Co. Rd. 36, Long Prairie. The event, which raises funds for the Rural Life Fund, will include the presentation of the Catholic Century Farm Awards and Catholic Rural Business Award.

### **Are you seeking the Holy Spirit in your life?**

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org) or by emailing [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com) for a paper copy.

### **Jesus came to tell you that you were Created**

You are not an accident. The God who created the universe, who set the moon and stars in place, loves YOU and chose YOU, even before the world was formed. He knows you better than you know yourself, and he loves you simply because you are YOU. There are no conditions on his love: at every moment you are infinitely loved by him. You are dear to him.

### **St. Rose Fall Festival**

Sunday, Sept. 1st 10:00 a.m. Polka Mass followed by games & food stand, Bean Bag Tournament, Quilt Auction, Music by the JMD3 band, and Grand Raffle at 7:00 p.m.

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

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**Bookkeeper:** Randi Klasen  
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**Office Secretary:** Jessie Johnson  
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am.- 4pm  
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.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

*Third year of the Revival:  
Our turn to tell others  
why Jesus came.*

We are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one.

There is someone in your life *right now* whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying “yes” to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the *Walk With One* initiative. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God's love.


Evangelization, or “bringing the Good News,” typically happens in one-on-one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event. As Pope Francis has noted, “Anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 120).

You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here's a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a “heart-to-heart” approach: 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her. ~National Eucharistic Revival/Walk with One

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Aug. 11, 2024**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/10		<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr</i>
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Dennis Biniek ~Shari Biniek	<b>EM of HC:</b> Ted Lewandowski, Jim Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett, <b>Gifts:</b> Steve & Kathy Blonigen
Sunday 8/11		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Audrey Pflueger ~Susan Geise	<b>EM of HC:</b> Brittany Harren, Janelle Roerick c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, <b>Gifts:</b> Syl & Ellie Tschida
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the people	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Tom Kilian, <b>Servers:</b> Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, <b>Ushers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Gifts:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

Weekday Masses		
Monday, 8/12	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	 <u>Adoration</u> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 8/13	<i>Sts. Pontian, Pope, &amp; Hippolytus, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Joe, Elaine & Mark Schumer	
<b>Wednesday 8/14</b>		<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>
<b>6:00 p.m. St. Mary</b>	† Izzy Hartung	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Jan Kilian c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Jan Kilian, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian
<b>Thursday 8/15</b>		<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>8:00 a.m. St. Edward</b>	† Arnold Molus	Volunteers
<b>6:00 p.m. St. Francis</b>	† Mike Schiller ~Karen Schiller	<b>EM of HC:</b> Judy Theisen, Alice Westrich c, Mary Jane Boeckermann c., <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, <b>Gifts:</b> Chris & Abby Fuchs
Friday, 8/16	<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	<i>I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Jn 6:51</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Marjorie Lehner	

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/17		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Don Maciej ~Jeanette Maciej	<b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Peggy Frieler c, Neil Frieler c, <b>Lector:</b> Tracey Hartung, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Brad & Crystal Hartung
Sunday 8/18		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Donna Scholz ~SF Christian	<b>EM of HC:</b> Chris Fuchs, Rebecca Schmidt c, Rosanne Voss c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Dan Lange, <b>Gifts:</b> Ken & Lisa Dobmeier
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jon Leither, Chantelle Frie c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Mitchell & Brooke Kingston <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Theresa Lange <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

## All Cluster News

### 24/25 Religious Education Registration



Sign-up for religious education is now open. We are excited to use Flocknote to register. Please use the QR code to register. For questions contact Randi ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) or Reba ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)).

### Religious Education Teacher Wanted

We are looking for teachers for various grade levels this fall. Please get in touch with Reba ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) for K-6 grade and Randi ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) for 7-11 grade.



### Youth Group

Last week, Youth enjoyed painting religious tote bags with Natalie.

Join us on Wednesdays, 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Indoor Crafts & Outdoor Games. Contact: Natalie Wensmann 630-1678 or Paige Gerads: 423-1710.

### Candles and Glass Holders

We have red and blue glass candle holders for sale. A holder with candle costs \$6. Please call the office if you'd like to purchase one.



**St. Francis of Assisi 68th Fall Festival**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024

Mass at 10:00am in air-conditioned church  
Music led by LaVerne and the Starlites

After Mass, join us for a homemade roast beef and ham dinner with all the fixings, serving indoors and outdoors, starting at 11am

Silent Auction throughout the day!  
Grand Raffle at 7 pm  
100+ Prizes

St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany or 25 miles SW of Little Falls on State Hwy. 238

*Fun for the whole family!!*

- Food stand
- Kids' games
- Bingo
- Straw stand
- Country store
- Cake walk
- Fried bread
- Fancy work
- Pull-tabs & more
- Live music by The Eagle Valley Playboys
- Sponsored by Freeport State Bank

**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

### WEEKEND COLLECTION 7/28/24

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,170, Loose: \$96, Fire Fund: \$20, **Total: \$1,286**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$492, Loose: \$255, Cemetery: \$100 **Total: \$847**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$2,184, Loose: \$249, **Total: \$2,433**

## Office Closed

Thursday, August 15th for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day

**To sign up for FORMED:** Visit our website, click the button for FORMED.org, Under 'Create a new account' type in the Upsala zip code: 56384, Click on St. Francis of Assisi, enter your name and email. You will receive an email to begin watching.

### 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. Contact: Darren 293-8985.

## St. Mary's News

### Pie & Ice Cream Social

St. Mary's will have a pie and ice cream social to celebrate the Assumption following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, August 14th. All will be welcome to stay and enjoy. We will need volunteers to bring pie and to help serve and clean up. Text or call Chantelle Frie at (320) 360-4796 if you will bring a pie or would be available after Mass to help.

## St. Francis' News

### Fall Festival

**Silent Auction:** Anyone interested donating items, please let us know by August 1st. Homemade items are always nice! Jane: 232-3290, Rosanne: 573-2068, Kathy: 573-2509 or Carol: 290-9790 Thank you!

**The raffle chances and work slips** are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available in the office or from Kelly Wiechman 241-8203 or Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728 **Posters** for the St. Francis Festival are printed and in the back of Church. Please take some to help distribute. Thank you!



### Wedding BANNERS I

Christopher Burg & Shaelle Tripp  
August 31, 2024  
St. Francis of Assisi



### Wedding BANNERS II

Christopher George & Gabriella Becker  
August 24, 2024  
St. Francis of Assisi