

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.

Angel of God
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side, to light and guard,
to rule and guide. *Amen.*



By Raphael V. O'Connell/saintbenedict.com

Our Guardian Angel

The modern world values individuality. Self-sufficiency is considered a great virtue, priding ourselves on being able to handle and accomplish things on our own. It's a tendency, however, that takes us right back to the Garden when Satan tempted our first parents to trust their own judgment above God's command. They listened to the voice of a fallen angel, being drawn into his rebellion.

Ever since, life has become an arduous journey. God has given us a faithful companion in our guardian angel, who, though unseen, can guide us ever more if we open our minds and hearts to the movements of God's grace. We take the presence of the angels for granted, but, through faith, we are confident in their presence and should turn to them daily for help. ~catholic-link.org

For he commands his angels with regard to you,
to guard you wherever you go. With their hands
they shall support you, lest you strike your foot
against a stone. (Ps 91:11)

The Twenty –Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

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Saturday 9/27		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	Sylvester & Eleanor Tschida 50th Wedding Anniversary	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Judy Theisen c, Bob Theisen c,, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Jake & Judy Gerads, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
Sunday 9/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Jim Bartkowicz c, Joan Theisen, Lector: Bill Boser, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Dan & Barb George
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Brian Lange ~ Beth Lange	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9/29	<i>Sts. Michael, Gavriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)
Tuesday, 9/30	<i>St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
No Mass	
Wednesday, 10/1	<i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>
No Mass	
Thursday, 10/2	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
No Mass	
Friday, 10/3	<i>First Friday</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	The Holy Souls in Purgatory



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 & Raymond Kurowski

The Lord sets captives free.

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10/4	<i>First Saturday</i>	
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Bob Theisen c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Tom & Jeanette Gerads, Sacristan: Sylvester Tschida
Sunday 10/5		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Sunny & Betty Zwilling ~ Ervin & Kari Hartung	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Mike Klasen c, Cindy Koehn c, Lector: Leonice Prokott, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Mass Counts Ushers will be counting the number of people attending weekend Masses in October. Please come celebrate with us and invite a friend:)

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 Dates (Holdingford)

Wed., Sept. 24th at 6:15 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's,

Upcoming Faith Formation (Upsala)

Wed., Sept. 24th at St. Mary's

7-8:00 p.m. 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Children's Liturgy

We will be resuming Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, Upsala. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Rosary Walk

Join us in prayer at 4:00 p.m. in front of or inside All Saints-St. Mary's Church to pray the Rosary and be a witness for life. We will be praying on Tuesdays, Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Can't join us? Pray with us at home!

Benefit for Ron Schmidt Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

400 Limited Raffle Tickets to be sold. Prizes 1st-\$3000, 2nd \$2000, 3rd \$1000, 4th-7th -\$500. Event will be held on Saturday October 11th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lucky's Pub (24 3rd Street Swanville). Ron suffered a fall and has paralysis. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses. Ron has given so much to our community with sharing his love of music in playing the concertina. Please join us in helping out Ron and his family! Thank You!

Pope Leo's request: Pray the Rosary for peace in October

Public Square Rosary

On Sunday, Oct. 11th, we will be gathering at 12 noon at St. Mary's parking lot to pray the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Celebrate the Council of Catholic Women

Bishop Patrick M. Neary C.S.C. has proclaimed Sunday, October 12, 2025 as Council of Catholic Women Sunday in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is an organization of concerned women established by the Bishops of the United States (USCCB) in 1920 to offer women the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Church, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their spirituality through prayer and service.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/21/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,090, Loose: \$138, Campaign for Human Development: \$18, Fire Fund: \$30, **Total: \$1,246**

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,280, Loose: \$94, Campaign for Human Development: \$20, Festival: \$50, **Total: \$1,444**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,761, Loose: \$216, Campaign for Human Development: \$150, **Total: \$2,127**

Suicide Healing & Remembrance

Weekend: Sept. 27th & 28th.

The Mass Intention for the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's on Sept. 28th will be for Suicide Healing & Remembrance. Bishop Neary will be having a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sept. 27th at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)." respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life/
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Evening for Life: Saturday, October 4th

Freeport Event Center, Freeport Social Hour 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Gianna Jessen tells her story of surviving an abortion. Call (320) 351-4025.

St. Edward's News

St. Edward's Feast Day Celebration:

Sunday, Oct. 12th

The St. Catherine's Corner Group will be serving rolls, milk and coffee after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us!

St. Mary's News

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Kaleb Michael Gerads
son of Michael & Harley
September 20, 2025 (SF)

St. Francis' News

St. Francis Men's Society

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, we will be serving donuts, milk & Coffee after Mass on Sat. Oct. 4th.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Church basement.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Elizabeth Lynn Scholz
Daughter of Lance & Tammy
September 21, 2025 (SM)

News and Events



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

Upcoming Event

Our Council has been invited to join in the Newman Center Social and program coming up on Oct. 5th in Mankato. The Speaker will be Bishop Robert Barron. If interested contact Jeff.

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>.

Sr. Annella Zervas, OSB:

Cause for Canonization

Bishop Andrew Cozzens and the Board of Directors of the Sister Annella Guild invite you to this historical celebration on Thursday, October 9th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (702 Summit Ave. N., Crookston, MN 56716). **4:00 p.m.** Exhibit on the Life of Sister Annella, **5:00 p.m.** Patrick Norton shares his story, **6:00 p.m.** Organ Recital, **6:30 p.m.** Opening Mass. Refreshments available for purchase. Sister Annella is buried in the St. Benedict Monastery Cemetery in St. Joseph MN. For more information visit: sisterannella.org.



Stamp Camp

Join us on Sunday, October 12th from 1-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Upsala for card making. Everyone is welcome!



**St. Isidore Council #9307
Knights of Columbus,
Holdingford**

CHICKEN & HAM DINNER

PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM, ST. ANNA, MN
Sunday, October 12th 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 at the door. Children ages 5-12
\$10, Under 4 FREE
TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality Annual Rummage Sale

All Saints-St. Hedwig's Church basement. This is a FREE-WILL sale so "One person's unneeded item might be a treasure for another," All proceeds benefit our youth. Oct. 16th & 17th: 7:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Oct. 19th 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Clean, gently used items may be dropped off at the All Saints-St. Hedwig's basement Oct. 12th thru 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Oct. 15th from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

No major appliances, electronics, exercise equipment, baby equipment, headboards or mattresses. Please do not drop off items outside the door. Corrine Hadrich (320) 310-1260.

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.

The St. Columbkille Christian Women Turkey Bingo

Sunday, Oct. 5th, 1:00 p.m. with the Raffle after. Raffle tickets are \$2 and available at the door. That day we will have door prizes, a bake sale and refreshments. Come join us in St. Wendel for a fun-filled afternoon!



ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS "WHO IS AS GOD?"

He is one of the main angels. His name is a battle cry; both shield and weapon in the struggle against the enemy.



ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS "DIVINE HEALER"

He is friend of the walkers and doctor of the sick both physically and spiritually.



ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL

MEANS "STRENGTH OF GOD"

He had one of the most important missions: announcing Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Messiah.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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