

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

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Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule.

Prayer Lines:

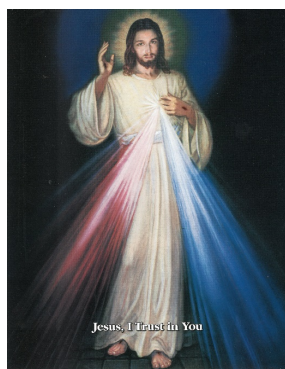
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Sick & Homebound Ministry:

Contact the Parish Office if you need
Holy Communion brought to you or
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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration with your family and friends. Wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season! On the second Sunday of Easter the Church celebrates the Divine Mercy of Jesus. The prayer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is very powerful, once we know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and we can say this prayer at any time but traditionally said at 3 p.m. as we

remember Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week. Join us this afternoon from 1:00-3:30 at St. Mary's in Upsala to celebrate the great Mercy of Jesus.

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In celebrating the Eucharist together we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.


On behalf of our parish communities, I want to thank everyone for your great support, prayers and kindness. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to prepare for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies: decorating our churches and organizing the Holy Week liturgies, and to all of you who participated in these graceful celebrations. I am so grateful for your generous contribution, both Spiritual and Financial. May the Risen Lord be with you and with your family.

During this Easter season, please find some time to read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles or from the diary of St. Faustina, each day and immerse yourself in the Divine Grace. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

Ministry Schedule

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| Saturday 4/11 | | |
| 8:00 p.m. St. Francis | For the People | EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Janelle Roerick c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gift Bearers: Brian & Jessica Donabauer, Sacristan: Judy Theisen |
| Sunday 4/12 | Divine Mercy Sunday | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | † Raymond Kurowski | EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Joan Theisen, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Jim & Lora Bartkowicz |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | † Virgil Burg ~ Marvin & Shirley Wensmann | EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jon Leither c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Lilli Leither, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann |

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| Monday, 4/13 | <i>St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr</i> |  | <u>Adoration</u> |
| 6:30 p.m. St. Mary | Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass) | | <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm |
| Tuesday, 4/14 | | | <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary | † Marcellu Arceneau ~ Pat & Lisa Zabinski | | <u>First Fridays:</u> St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm |
| Wednesday, 4/15 | | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis | † Jerome Young | 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 | |
| Thursday, 4/16 | | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | † Ken Heisick ~ Jerry & Joan Theisen | | |
| Friday, 4/17 | | | |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | † Deceased members of Matt & Rosemary Mehr | | |

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th

Come celebrate His Divine Mercy together from 1:00- 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Upsala!

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| Saturday 4/18 | | |
| 8:00 p.m. St. Francis | † Rich Boeckermann | EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Syl Tschida c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gift Bearers: Allen & Renee Douvier, Sacristan: Syl Tschida |
| Sunday 4/19 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward | Living & deceased members of the Hartung & Wensmann Families ~Greg & Renee | EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Steve & Kathy Blonigen |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary | For the People | EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Lisa Zabinski, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gift Bearers: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels |

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This Week's Classes: Wednesday, April 15th

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class - Holdingford -ASSM

7 p.m. 7-10th grade -Upsala-SM

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. To join us Contact Chelsea Fuchs fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Samuel "Sebastian" Laliberte as he became a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church! He received first Reconciliation during Holy Week, and was Confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. Welcome to the Catholic Church, Sam!

Youth Group Sunday, April 12th from 5-6:30 p.m., St. Mary's. All in grades 8-12 are welcome!

Stuebenville gathering after Youth Group on April 12th 6:30-7:00pm.

First Communion

Please pray for our students who will receive First Communion on Sunday, May 3rd at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.

St. Francis

There will be a **Men's Society/Catholic United Financial Meeting** on Monday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement.

St. Mary

Kitchen Spring Cleaning will be on April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Everyone welcome to come help.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 4/5/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$156, Holy Land-Good Friday: \$455, Good Friday Loose: \$311, Easter: \$4,570, Easter Loose: \$451.32, Easter Flowers: \$50, Fire Fund: \$20, Spaghetti Supper: \$100, Rice Bowl: \$98, **Total: \$6,211.32**

St. Francis: Adult: \$410, Easter \$1,525, Easter Loose: \$321 Votive: \$347,51, Rice Bowl: \$75, Holy Land: \$91, **Total: \$2,769.51**

St. Mary: Adults: \$110, Easter: \$3,263, Good Friday: \$261, Easter Vigil: \$468, Rice Bowl: \$198, Holy Land: \$178, **Total: \$4,478**

St. Mary's Fish Fry

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle. Whether you purchased a raffle ticket, volunteered for a shift, donated baked goods, or attended the meal, your support is invaluable. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the committee members for their tireless efforts in organizing this significant event. This year, we served 392 people. The evening was once again a huge success, thanks to the collective efforts of everyone involved. It was a fantastic evening of food, fellowship and fun!

Winners of the Cash Raffle are:

\$5000-Peggy Frieler, \$3,000-Jayne Lange, \$1,000-Derek M. Welinski, \$500-Isy & Bev Schmitz, \$500-Kevin Jonas, \$200-Elmer Frie, \$200-Adam Ripplinger, \$200-Tom Kilian, \$200-Jamie & Becky Gerads, \$200-Sterling Heiller, \$200-Diane Brezinka, \$200-Chuck Frank, \$200-Arnie Blommel, \$200-Marvin Wensmann, & \$200-Emily Kurtz

Sky Warn Training: Sunday, April 19th

Would you like to learn how to be a weather spotter? Come for training from 2-4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

Wedding BANNERS !!



Jaden Hanfler & Raymond Kokett

April 18, 2026
St. Edward's, Elmdale

Dinner Theater

Whose Wives Are They Anyway? Dinner Theatre at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna starring our own Bob Theisen will be on April 10th & 11th, April 17th & 18th. Dinner at 5:30, performance at 7:30 p.m. \$30 non-refundable. Serving grilled chicken breast and roast beef, California medley veggies, roasted baby red potatoes and dinner rolls. Reservations required call (320) 845-7738 There will be a 1:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 12th & Sunday April 19th. Cost is \$8 (Sunday buffet available). Tickets available at the door starting at noon.

4 Key Points to Understand Divine Mercy



1 The FEAST of DIVINE MERCY

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received mystical revelations in which Jesus showed her his heart, **the source of mercy** and expressed his wish that this feast was celebrated. Therefore, she is known as **the messenger of Divine Mercy**.



The FEAST of DIVINE MERCY 2

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued on May 23, 2000 a decree (at the suggestion of St. John Paul II) in which the feast of Divine Mercy would be celebrated each year on the **second Sunday of Easter**.



3 The FEAST of DIVINE MERCY

In order to celebrate this day, it is recommended to **pray the Chaplet and the Novena of the Divine Mercy**, go to **confession** (after a deep examination of conscience), and to **receive Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast of Divine Mercy.



The FEAST of DIVINE MERCY 4

The main purpose of the Feast of Divine Mercy is to send the entire world an important message: **God is merciful and He loves us all.**



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

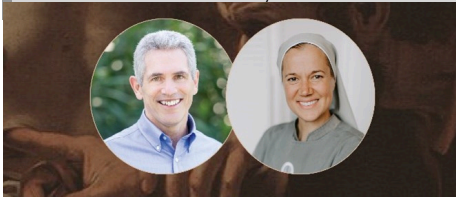
Raffle Tickets Knights, please return the State Raffle tickets by April 24th to the P.O. Box 112, Bowlus, MN 56314

Knights Spring Ditch Clean-up: April 25th Meet in the Bowlus Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Tootsie Roll Drive: Weekend of May 2nd & 3rd after Masses. It will go to support persons with disabilities

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

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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Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible. Not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead". Acts 10:40-41*

The first disciples were people who witnessed the risen Christ in the flesh. The author of Acts emphasizes that they ate and drank with the risen Christ. How we take care of each other "in this life" is an important part of our spiritual life. Stewardship is not about having pious thoughts, but about making life better of others in the flesh.

Honoring Marriage Day: May 2nd All married couples are welcome to join us at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, at 1 p.m. for married couples. Special acknowledgement for those celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60-plus years of marriage. Contact Jan at jan.zylla@gw.stcdio.org. to RSVP.

The Shepherd is Calling: Saturday, 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 at: stcdio.org/vocations.**