

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.

We are Pro-Life from Beginning to End

Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

We Believe in Eternal Life

Preparing for Our Earthly Passing

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions. For example, through prayer and regular reception of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, we obtain grace to live in ever-deeper communion with God and with one another in lives of faith, charity, and justice." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"



Opening Rally: September. 24th

12:00 Noon Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral,
1:00 p.m. Speaker Ramona Trevino *light lunch provided. Ramona is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is the author of Redeemed by Grace: A Catholic Women's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back.

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 or visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

The Twenty –Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

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Saturday 9/20		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Irene Lashinski	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Syl Tschida c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Volunteer, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Allen & Renee Douvier, Sacristan: Judy Theisen
Sunday 9/21		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Ken Hartung	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Karla Schneider, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Gerard Oldakowski Jr. & Greg Larson, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Brad & Crystal Hartung
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Chantelle Frie c, Mike Klasen c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Volunteers, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9/22			<u>Adoration</u> <u>2nd Tuesdays:</u> St. Francis 8am -7pm <u>Thursdays:</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm <u>First Fridays:</u> St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)		
Tuesday, 9/23	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Frank Gerads		
Wednesday, 9/24			
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Ethan Gerads	<u>Pray for us:</u> 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 & MJ Boeckermann	
Thursday, 9/25			
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Stanley & Bernetta Czech		
Friday, 9/26	<i>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Donna Scholz		

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Oh God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. ~Give Us This Day/Sept.

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 on September 21st. If you have questions or would like to join in contact: Chelsea Fuchs: fushschelsea92@gmail.com.

Are you homeschooling your children?

We would like to invite you to the St. Cloud and surrounding area Home Educated Youth Catholic Group. We will be having get togethers and activities throughout the school year and would love to see you there. Our opening Mass is Tuesday September 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at St James Catholic Church Jacob's Prairie. For more information and/or to attend opening Mass please contact Roseanne Throener at (320) 360-2196 or arhoener@gmail.com or join our Facebook group HEY Catholic Small Group."

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.

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

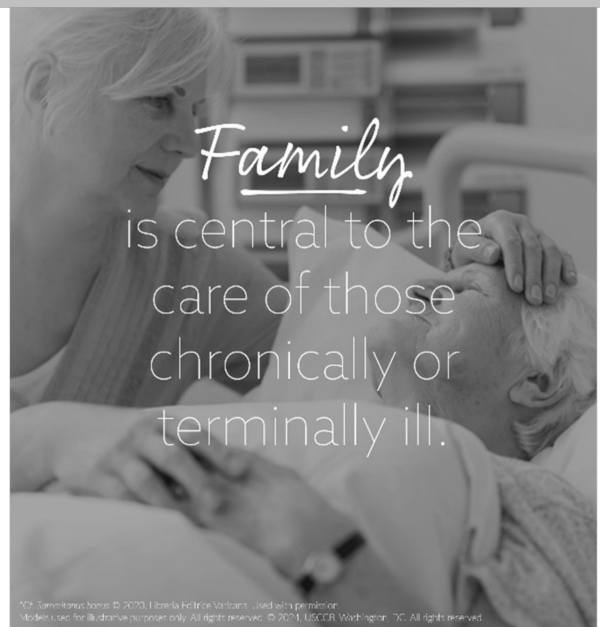
400 Limited Raffle Tickets to be sold. Prizes 1st-\$3000, 2nd \$2000, 3rd \$1000, 4th-7th -\$500. Event will be held on Saturday October 11th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lucky's Pub (24 3rd Street Swanville. Ron suffered a fall and has paralysis. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and 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!

WEEKEND COLLECTION 9/14/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,622, Loose: \$133, Building Fund: \$40, Campaign for Human Development: \$5, Fire Fund: \$30,
Total: \$1,830

St. Francis: Adult: \$1,304, Loose: \$123, Votive: \$269.54, Campaign for Human Development: \$100 **Total: \$1,796.54**

St. Mary: Adults: \$1,486, Loose: \$136, Votive: \$2
Total: \$1,624



Suicide Healing & Remembrance Week-end: 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 Mass the evening before at St. Mary's Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. everyone is welcome to attend.

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



Landon James Lampert
son of Shawn & Amanda
September 14, 2025 (SM)

St. Francis' News

St. Francis Sewing Circle Thank you all for your gifts of Masses and friendship to Eileen. We know she is praying for all of us!
~Neil & Joan Stiller

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Blake Loretta Gerads
daughter of Byron & Michelle
September 13, 2025 (SF)

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.

Ditch Clean-up: Sept. 27th at 10 a.m. Meet at Bowlus parking lot.

Beacon of Hope 14th Annual Kyes Benefit

Join us on Friday, September 26th at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell for a Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. and then a Program featuring Bishop Patrick Neary and our Key-note speaker Glen Lewerenz at 7:00 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Visit: kyesradio.com/2025-benefit-registration/.



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!

May all who fear
confessing involvement
in abortion be assured
of Christ's mercy
available in the
Sacrament of
Reconciliation.

Sr. Annella Zervas Celebration

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. Visit: sisterannella.org.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

Sept. 20th - 21st

CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty office of the U.S. Bishops, focusing on poverty, education, outreach, and grants to grass-roots organizations working to address poverty across the U.S. Funds collected are used for grants locally and nationally, with a minimum of 25% of all funds raised in our parishes remaining in our diocese to help local organization. Special collection envelopes are in your parish packets. For additional information contact: Kateri.Mancini@gw.stedio.org.

Finding Peace in Christ: A Catholic Virtual Retreat for Stress and Anxiety,

Sundays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 28th – Oct. 19th. Join Jim Otremba, M.Div, M.S., LICSW for a 4-week transformational journey – from surviving to thriving. These classes are designed to help you reclaim peace, deepen your trust in God, and develop practical tools for navigating stress with strength and grace. Cost is \$47 for the entire series. Please register online by September 19th. at <https://stedio.org/event/finding-peace-in-christ-a-catholic-virtual-retreat-for-stress-and-anxiety/2025-09-28/>.

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.

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.