

# 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**  
Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363 (SM)  
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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.

## **The Story of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

## **Reflection**

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>



## **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary Mass Times**  
**Thursday, August 14th**  
7:00 p.m. St. Francis  
**Friday August 15th**  
7:30 a.m. St. Mary  
7:00 p.m. St. Edward


My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Lk 1:46

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 10, 2025**

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 8/9		Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Evelyn Locnikar	<b>EM of HC:</b> Volunteer, Syl Tschida c, Judy Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Barb Moorman, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Mike & Melissa Tschida
Sunday 8/10		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Gerard Oldakowski & Greg Larson <b>Greeters:</b> Raymond Kokett & <b>Volunteer,</b> <b>Gifts:</b> Pat & Kris Blonigen
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Francis Lashinski	<b>EM of HC:</b> Volunteer, Lisa Zabinski c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann

### Weekday Masses

Monday, 8/11	<i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>	 <p><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</p> <p>My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  my spirit rejoices in God my savior for he has  looked with favor upon his lowly servant.  (Lk 1:39-56)</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 8/12	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Ralph Lange ~Beth Lange	
Wednesday, 8/13	<i>Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Donald, Betty, & Duane Herzog	
Thursday 8/14	<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Arnold Molus	

Thursday 8/14 Vigil		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack ~St. Francis Men's Society	<b>EM of HC:</b> Janelle Roerick, Alice Westrich c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Syl & Ellie Tschida
Friday 8/15		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Joe, Elaine, & Mark Schumer~ Rob Schumer	<b>EM of HC:</b> Renee Scholz, Mike Klasen c, Lisa Zabinski c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Koczur <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Darren Lange, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Volunteers, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen
7:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Bartkowicz, Volunteer c, Jackie Oldakowski c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Steve & Kathy Blonigen

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8/16		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Brittany Harren, Colleen Harren c, Alice Westrich c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, <b>Gifts:</b> Bob & Gail Wuebkers
Sunday 8/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Don Maciej	<b>EM of HC:</b> Julie Wensmann, Jim Wensmann c, Joan Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jerry Theisen, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Leo & Erma Blonigen ~ MJ & Bob Blonigen	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Greeters:</b> Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels

## All Cluster News

### Religious Education

Please help support our youth by becoming a teacher. We are looking for teachers for all ages K– 10th grade. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this important ministry!



## St. Francis of Assisi

### 69th Annual Fall Festival

# Sunday, August 24, 2025

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

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

Silent Auction throughout the day.

Grand Raffle at 7:00 pm  
100+ prizes!

Live Music all day by LaVerne and the Starlites  
*then Eagle Valley Playboys Polka*  
*sponsored by Freeport State Bank*

- Food Stand
- Kids Games
- Bingo
- Straw Stand
- Fancywork and more

- Country Store
- Cake Walk
- Fried Bread
- Pull Tabs

**Fun for the whole family!**

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

### St. Francis Bazaar Mass Time Change

Masses for the August 23rd-24th weekend will be Saturday, 8:00 p.m. St. Edward, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. St. Mary and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. St. Francis for the Polka Mass. There will also be a festival workers' Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd at St. Francis.

### ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY

**St. Edward:** \$200  
**St. Francis:** \$405  
**St. Mary:** \$1005

Sign-up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on our website or by contacting the Parish Office to have a form mailed/mailed to you.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION 8/3/2025

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$1,372, Loose: \$125, Fire Fund: \$20,  
**Total: \$1,517**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$660, Loose: \$64.05, Assumption: \$25,  
**Total: \$749.05**

**St. Mary:** Adults: \$1,663, Loose: \$500, **Total: \$2,163**

### Please note:

The Parish Office will be closed on August 15th for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Pray for us:

Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Dee Booth, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, 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,

### St. Francis' News



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*

**Joan Marie Gerads**

Passed to Eternal Life: July 31, 2025

Funeral: August 8, 2025



*May Eternal Rest be granted to:*

**Frank F. Gerads**

Passed to Eternal Life: August 4, 2025

Funeral: August 12, 2025

### St. Francis Festival

#### Meeting

We will meet about the Festival Silent Auction on Sun., Aug. 10th at 7:00 p.m.

#### Silent Auction

Anyone interested in donating items, please call Jane 232-3290, Rosanne 573-2068, Kathy 573-2509 or Carol 290-9790. Raffle Chances and work slips for our Fall festival are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Additional raffle chances are available at the Parish Office or contact Kelly Wiechman (320) 241-8203 or Brittany Harren (701) 989-5919.

#### The Fancywork Stand

is always accepting donations. You can leave them in the church basement with a note or call Rosie at (320) 260-8989. Thank you!

**Please note:** the cost of quilt chances for this year has gone up from \$2 to \$3 per chance. The cost was incorrect in the parishioner letters mailed out to you. Thank you to the quilting ladies for their hard work!

### Church Cleaning

The annual church cleaning for the Fall Festival will be on Wed. Aug. 13th starting at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to help.



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

**Family Outing in Belle Prairie: Aug. 15th –17th** The Knights are invited to help out at this event. Schedule was enclosed in the Newsletter. If willing to help out, contact Kim Zimmerman 320-247-2293 for details.

**VA Escorts: Aug. 31st.**

Arrive at 7:35 a.m. at the VA.

### **All Things New**

All members of the Mary and the Saints ACC are invited to join the All Things New planning committee for a listening session. We will share information we have and listen to your suggestions about vibrancy and the future of our church. Members from any of our 6 parishes can attend one or both of our sessions. The dates are:

**Sunday, August 17th**

2:00 p.m. in Upsala at the St. Mary's Church in the Assumption Hall

**Thursday, August 28th**

7:00 p.m. in Holdingford at All Saints St. Mary's church basement

**A Culture of Life Morning** Come join us for this Retreat in Eden Valley, August 16th from 8:00 a.m.-noon. This year is MORE than just the annual Pro-Life retreat—**It is a Family Retreat.** We are focusing on not only unborn babies, but also mom's, dad's, the entire family. There will be activities and presentations geared to your whole family, including youth & young children. AND of course Grandma & Grandpa—you too can learn amazing things you can do to spread the Culture of Life. Contact Judy Haag 320-453-7592 [judy4life@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net).

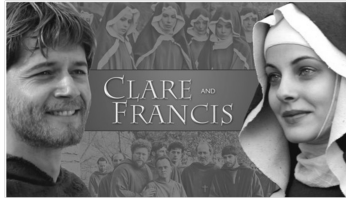
**Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: Aug. 16th**

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18-30 who are looking to socialized other young adults. We Typically meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. These meetings are subject to change so please contact Katie (423-2203) or Marissa (630-2433) if you would like to join us.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. Ps 33: 20-22)

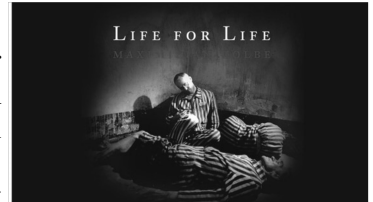
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## This Week on Formed



**Clare and Friends** This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspired may to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Feast Day: August 11th.

**Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe** (Feast Day, August 14<sup>th</sup>) After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentences by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



The Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory, highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. Learn about this great mystery in

Mysteries of the Rosary. Feast Day: August 15th.

Our Parish has a Formed subscription.

Visit: [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

### **Central MN Catholic Magazine**

Here's a new way to get the latest from the Central MN Catholic-You can sign up to receive free emails at <http://www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/FridayFeed/>

### **St. Stephen Parish Festival:**

**Monday, Sept. 1st -Labor Day**

Come for Mass at 10:00 a.m. then stay for the Chicken & Ham Dinner at 11:00 a.m. Festival Activities until 5:00 p.m. with Quilt and Grand Raffle to follow. Live music: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. -JJ's Band, & 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.- The Jolly Huntsman Polka Band. Activities include: Bingo Dice, Cake walk, Children's Games, Mouse Races, Pedal Tractor Pull, Train Rides, Bound Houses, Quilt Stand, Farmers Market, Grandma's Attic, Silent Auction, Country Store, Bake Sale, Goat Raffle, Pull Tabs and Food Stand. Come enjoy this family event!

### **SEEK**

Sign-up now for our Young Adult Group trip (18-40 yr.) to the SEEK conference in Columbus, Ohio with Fr. Gabriel Walz and other Young Adults from our area from December 31st - January 5th. Text or call Marissa Throener for more details (320) 630-2433. We have room for 21 youth and 8 are already signed up.