

February Ministry Schedule 2024

St. Francis 4:00 p.m. Saturday

February Ushers:

Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger

Saturday, February 3rd - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Rosanne Voss

Rebecca Schmidt c, Chris Fuchs c

Lector: Jim Scholz

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Gerry & MJ Boeckermann

Saturday, February 10th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Bob Theisen

Judy Theisen c, Alice Westrich c

Lector: Rebecca Schmidt

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Dan & Rita Lange

Saturday, February 17th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Brittany Harren

MJ Boeckermann c, Colleen Harren c

Lector: Jane Keppers

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Bob & Sharon Thell

Saturday, February 24th - 4:00 p.m.

EM of HC: Syl Tschida

Rosanne Voss c, Janelle Roerick c

Lector: Barb Moorman

Servers: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Bob & Judy Theisen

Andrew Dinner: Feb. 8th

The next Andrew Dinner will be held at the Marmion House. Do you have young men in grades 8-12 in your parish who have potential for a priestly calling? Fr. Doug would love to hear from you! This simple and powerful evening consists of evening prayer and dinner with Bishop Neary while priests share their vocation stories. Pastors are encouraged to join their young men. Call: Fr. Doug (320) 533-0291 or email: dougliedsch@gmail.com. Please pray for the discernment of more vocations to the priesthood.

Word of Life: Many People are unaware that someone they know is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion" <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" ~respectlife.org/culture-of-life.

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. Sunday (at St. Mary)

Monday, February 4th- 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Ted Lewandowski

Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c

Lector: Jim Bartkowicz

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech

Greeters: Megan Wensmann

Gift Bearers: Dennis & Diana Trettel

Sunday, February 11th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz

Joan Theisen c, Peggy Frieler c

Lector: Tracey Hartung

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper

Greeters: Raymond Kokett

Gift Bearers: Scott & Karla Van Wienen

Sunday, February 18th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Julie Wensmann

Jim Wensmann c, Ted Lewandowski c

Lector: Jeff Czech

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett

Greeters: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Scott & Jen Wensmann

Sunday, February 25th - 8:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Joan Theisen

Peggy Frieler c, Jim Bartkowicz c

Lector: Mike Heisick

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann

Greeters: Volunteers

Gift Bearers: Greg & Renee Wensmann

St. Mary 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Monday, February 4th- 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke

Jan Kilian c, Jon Leither c

Lector: Tom Kilian

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson

Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston

Gift Bearers: Randy & Donna Roske

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

St. Mary 10:00 a.m. Sunday Continued

Saturday, February 10th- 5:15 p.m.

EM of HC: Jan Kilian

Dave Scholz c, Renee Scholz c

Lector: Mary Hollenkamp

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Gift Bearers: Andy & Linda Langner

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Sunday, February 11th- 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Cindy Koehn

Chantelle Frie c, Amanda Lampert c

Lector: Leonice Prokott

Servers: Emily Ripplinger

Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger

Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter

Gift Bearers: Elmer, Mary & Lorraine Frie

Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Wednesday, February 14th-10:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke

Mike Klasen c, Christine Weber c

Lector: Chantelle Frie

Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber

Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange

Greeters: Shawn & Amanda Lampert

Gift Bearers: Tom & Theresa Lange

Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Sunday, February 18th 10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Amanda Lampert

Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c

Lector: Kim Koehn

Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger

Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger

Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp

Gift Bearers: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger

Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Sunday, February 25th-10:00 a.m.

EM of HC: Mike Klasen

Jon Leither c, Cindy Koehn c

Lector: Jan Kilian

Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen

Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie

Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson

Gift Bearers: Mike & Randi Klasen

Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen

Pray for Life!

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Saturday: St. Francis: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Sunday: St. Mary: 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.

Blessing of Throats Next Weekend

February 3rd is the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr in the 4th Century. Tradition tells us that on the way to his martyrdom, he paused to heal a boy who had illness of the throat, and the custom of asking his intercession for health has continued in the Church. The blessing of throats will be offered at each Mass next weekend (February 3-4). As liturgical law allows, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are commissioned by the Bishop to assist with this blessing. For those who like to receive this blessing, please remain at the Church and we will do this after the Mass.

Catholic Schools Week

This year the celebration of Catholic Schools Week is from January 28 - February 4, 2024. The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week. We remember and pray for all who have supported catholic education in forming faithful children. We do God's work together. We sow the seeds of faith, hope, and love. These are not for us to keep for ourselves. They are given to us to share. Jesus needed partners in his ministry and that is why he called the apostles. We now are those partners in proclaiming the Good News. We don't need to profess religious vows or be ordained a priest to continue the mission of Jesus. I want to thank you all, our CCD teachers, volunteers and DRE's, for your dedication and love for the Church. **Fr. Jimmy**



Congratulations! Our students received 1st Reconciliation Jan. 20th

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Weekend Masses: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 1/27	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	†Melvin Pundsack	(SF) EM of HC: Chris Fuchs, Judy Thiesen c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Isidore & Beverly Schmitz, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange
Sunday 1/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SE) EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Adeline Molus Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	†Anne Michels	(SM) EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Mike Klasen c, Christine Weber c, Lector: Chantelle Frie , Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses		
Monday 1/29		
No Mass		
Tuesday 1/30		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	†Arnold Voss	
Wednesday 1/31	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†Willie Boeckermann	
Thursday 2/1		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	†Arnold Carlson ~Bob Fosler	
Friday 2/2	<i>First Friday, The Presentation of the Lord</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	†William Pohlmann ~Pat & Lisa Zabinski	

Spend time with Jesus in Adoration!



2nd Tuesdays
St. Francis of Assisi 7am -7pm
Thursdays
St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.

Pray for us: Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Jim Negen, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Binek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, & Geraldine George

Weekend Masses: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 2/3	<i>St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>	
4:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Leo & Maryann Fuchs ~Dan & Rita Lange	(SF) EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Rebecca Schmidt c, Chris Fuchs c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Gifts: Gerry & MJ Boeckermann, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger
Sunday 2/4	<i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Norbert & Helen Dehn ~Jim & Julie Wensmann	(SE) EM of HC: Ted Lewandowski, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Dennis & Diana Trettel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	(SM) EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank: Tom Kilian

WEEKEND COLLECTION Jan. 21, 2024
St. Edward: Adult: \$1,622 Loose: \$137, Fire Fund: \$20, Funeral Fund: \$50, **Total: \$1,829**
St. Francis: Adult: \$580, Loose: \$69, Funeral Fund: \$50, Votive: \$ 297.98 **Total: \$996.98**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,471, Loose: \$188, Funeral lunch: \$120, Votive: \$79.75, **Total: \$1,858.75**

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Behold WHO YOU ARE.
Become WHAT YOU RECEIVE
 - St. Augustine
 Plan to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal!

All Cluster News

Faith Formation:

Week of Jan. 21st -27th
 K-6: Home Lesson-Saint Stories
 2nd gr. 1st Comm. book: lesson 1
 Jan. 31st
 7-10 & Conf. Class 7-8:30 p.m.



*Quilt Bingo Hand
 Stitched Quilts*

Sunday, February 4th at 1 p.m.
 St. Mary's Church, Upsala
 20 games for \$10 Blackout extra
 Free lunch afterwards
 Proceeds go to the St. Mary's
 Mission Group
 All are welcome to attend!

Pre-Lent Potluck & Dance: Feb.

11th Join in with All Saints, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille to celebrate with food and music from 2-5:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Holdingford. Music by the Gene Ostendorf Band. Chicken Strips, Fries, lemonade & coffee provided. Bring your favorite dish to share!

Join the party! Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Catholic United Financial Center and Credit Union in downtown St. Cloud on **Feb. 13th**. A ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 11:15 a.m. and will include a light lunch, prize drawings and special guest, Bishop Patrick Neary. Free parking is available. The Catholic United Financial Center and Credit Union is located on 120 10th Avenue North in St. Cloud. For more details or directions, visit www.catholicunitedcu.org or call 877-871-8313.

10th Annual
Valentine
Mass & Meal

Valentine's Mass and Dinner
 St. Mary's will be hosting the 10th annual Valentine's Mass and Meal on **February 10th**. Mass will be at 5:15 p.m. with a social gathering after and a candlelit dinner at 7:00 p.m. The main courses are Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Cost per couple is \$60 and the reservation deadline is February 4th. Please purchase your tickets at the St. Mary's Parish Office. All proceeds will support youth activities. Contact:

Brittany Harren (701) 989-5919,
 Randi Klasen (320) 493-5624,
 Christy Weber (320) 333-6139.

St. Monica Prayer Retreat: Feb.

17th *Retreat intention: For all our loved ones who have fallen away from their Catholic Faith.* Meet at All Saints- St. Mary's Basement (handicapped accessible) at 9:00-11:30 a.m. This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

Central Minnesota Koinonia

When you're in a dark place, you sometimes tend to think you've been buried. Perhaps you're where God has planted you. How are you going to bloom in God's garden? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held **March 1-3, 2024**, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Visit: www.centralmnkoinonia.org to register and learn more.

Diocesan Festival of Families:

There is still time to register. Get to know other families from the diocese and grow in faith as a family on **Feb. 11th**. Cost is \$20 for your entire family. Register at: <https://stedio.org/event/festival-of-families/>.

St. Francis' News

St Francis Bazaar Meeting

Please join us on Feb. 1st for a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Church Basement.

Mark Your Calendars

St. Francis CUF Matching Grant Breakfast is set for Sunday, **Feb. 24th**. If anyone would like to donate towards the breakfast please contact Chad (573-5667) or Bob (573-2933). Thank you.

Baby Shower for Jesus

All are welcome to donate wish list items at St. Francis Parish in the Bassinet until the end of January. Proceeds will go to ELEVATE. Current needs are: baby hygiene kits, clothes 18 months and up, socks neutral colors, diapers sizes 3 thru 6, white onesies, car seat covers, bath towels and gift cards to Walmart and Target. A Blessed Thank You in advance from St. Francis Christian Women.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

If you want to be a part of this year's performance either on stage or in the choir call Bob 573-2933. Practice for the main actors starts on Feb. 4th at 11:00 a.m. Practice schedules can be picked up in back of church. Performance dates are **Wed., March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** **Fri., March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.** **Sat., March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.** **Sun., March 24th at 1:00 p.m.**