

## News and Events

### Rosary for Life

Pray the Rosary with us on Tuesday, October 29th from 4-5:00 p.m. inside or outside at All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford. If you can't be with us pray with us during that hour at home.

### Novena for Life

Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena, Tuesday, October 22 – Wednesday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [respectlife.org/celebrate!](http://respectlife.org/celebrate!)

### Pot of Gold Raffle

All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford, Our raffle drawing will be held on November 1st, our patron feast day, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Pulled pork Sandwiches will be served.

### WATCH ON FORMED



Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.

### Have you ever befriended a saint?

The All Saints Novena on FORMED invites you to embark on a 9-day novena with some of the Church's most inspiring men and women. Each day, you'll receive the novena prayers, video & an audio designed to help you grow closer to the saints featured in the novena.



**40 Days for Life** is a simple program of *Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Peaceful Vigil* to end abortion in the world. Contact: Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838.

**Closing Rally:** Saturday,

**November 2nd** from 10:00 a.m.-Noon at the Vigil site then proceeds to St. Augustine Church, 422 2nd St S.E., St. Cloud.

### West Central Deanery Meeting: Tuesday October 29th

All women of the West Central Deanery are invited to join the Fall General Meeting. It will be held at Saint Louis Parish, Paynesville, MN beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. After Mass there will be a light supper, general business meeting, silent auction, news from the National convention and the Saint Cloud Diocesan Annual Fall Conference. Contact Jean Hopfer at (320) 837-5239.

### Make God's Love Visible

Thank you for supporting the local work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud throughout the year. Make God's Love Visible, the 2024 annual appeal of Catholic Charities, launches the weekend of **October 26-27** across the Diocese of St. Cloud. There is an envelope in your packet for a contribution or you can mail a check directly to: Catholic Charities, 911 18th Street N., St. Cloud, MN 56303 If you have any questions about our annual appeal, please contact Chad Johnson: [chad.johnson@ccstcloud.org](mailto:chad.johnson@ccstcloud.org) or 320-650-1642.



"There is a lot that is unsavory about the contemporary celebration of Halloween. What does the singular focus on violence, horror, and death have to say about our culture? The traditional, Catholic Halloween placed these realities within the context of Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil. The current secularized version

of the festival has no salvific content and has been loosed from its theological moorings. It looks very much like a festival of death for a culture of death, and for that reason I can see why parents might be concerned.

But what is the proper response to a culture of death? To lock the Church behind closed doors or to let her out into the world? I think it is time for Catholics to accept the religious liberties that this culture claims to afford them and go public with their own festivals—and to do so dramatically and with a great deal of public fervor. What is holding us back? What are we afraid will happen? The reticence and fear that characterizes Catholics is costing the Church its unique culture and it is allowing the culture of death to flourish. Halloween should not be a day when our churches go dark and Christians retreat into the shadows, but when we fill the darkness with Christ's light and go out into the culture, inviting everyone to the prepare for the festival of the saints with all the joy we can muster." ~Fr. Steve Grunow, Word on Fire

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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**Bookkeeper:** Randi Klasen  
Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8 am - 12 noon  
**Office Secretary:** Jessie Johnson  
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am - 4pm  
Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: St. Edward: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm  
Sunday: St. Francis: 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.

### Caring For Loved Ones At Life's End

*Surround them with love, support and companionship*

Invite God In: The dying process is a sacred time - ask God to accompany you.

Listen: Try to discover your loved one's values and how best to honor them. Allow them to speak openly.

Inform Yourself: Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort care. Seek to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.

Be Steadfast in Compassion: Your loved one will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as a part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support and companionship.

Help Them Achieve Closure: Help your loved one define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships or matters that occupy his or her mind in order to reframe them toward a sense of peace.

Provide Opportunities for Resolution: You can help ensure a peaceful transition by creating opportunities for reconciliation with others for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Offer to invite a priest for Confession and Anointing.

Reminisce: Provide favorite foods even as your loved one's need for food decreases. Think of small comforts that would spark meaningful memories like special photos or mementos.

Provide a Peaceful Presence: There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Reading aloud or playing music can be soothing.

Show Tenderness: Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

Bear Their Transition Patiently: Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one.


Visit: [uscgb.org/resources/caring-loved-ones-lifes-end](http://uscgb.org/resources/caring-loved-ones-lifes-end) to read the full article.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 27, 2024**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 10/26		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Volunteer c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Dennis & Diana Trettel
Sunday 10/27		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Gene Lange ~ Dan & Rita Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> Syl Tschida, Chris Fuchs c, Bob Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jane Keppers, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Barry & Colleen Harren
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Melvin Pundsack	<b>EM of HC:</b> Mike Klasen, Amanda Lampert c, Cindy Koehn c, <b>Lector:</b> Kim Koehn, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Tom & Jan Kilian, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Tom Kilian

### Weekday Masses

Monday, 10/28		 <p><u>Adoration</u> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm. Friday, Nov. 8th St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm</p> <p>Note: On Thursday, Oct. 31st, St. Mary's Adoration will be from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m.</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Tuesday, 10/29		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Dorothy Gerads ~SF Men's Society	
Wednesday, 10/30		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Julie Jensen	

### All Saints

Thursday 10/31		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Bernetta Czech	<b>All Saints</b>
8:00 p.m. St. Francis All Saints Vigil Mass	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Janelle Roerick c, Judy Theisen c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Jim & Tammy Lehner
Friday 11/1 <i>First Friday</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary All Saints' Day Mass	† Donna Scholz	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Mike Klasen c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Koczur, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Dave & Renee Scholz, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen

### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11/2 First Saturday		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward Mass of Remembrance	† George & Rose Opatz	<b>EM of HC:</b> Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Bartkowicz c, <b>Lector:</b> Jeff Czech, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann, <b>Gifts:</b> Pat & Kris Blonigen
Sunday 11/3		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis Mass of Remembrance	† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange	<b>EM of HC:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, Alice Westrich c, Brittany Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Rebecca Schmidt, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, <b>Gifts:</b> Dan & Sarah Roerick
10:00 a.m. St. Mary Mass of Remembrance	For the People	<b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Amanda Lampert c, Christine Weber c, <b>Lector:</b> Chantelle Frie, <b>Servers:</b> Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, <b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Gifts:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Marvin Wensmann

### All Cluster News

#### Religious Education

**K-6:** Reba Leither ([leitherreba@gmail.com](mailto:leitherreba@gmail.com)) (701) 426-1607  
**7-10:** Randi Klasen ([randiklasen@gmail.com](mailto:randiklasen@gmail.com)) (320) 493-5624  
**Confirmation:** Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski [confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com)

#### October 30th

**Grades 7-10:** 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Upsala

**Grades K-6:** Home Lesson 2nd Grade: Lesson 7

**Confirmation:** No Class, attend All Saints' Mass

#### Children's Liturgy

We will be Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. If you have questions contact: Chelsea Fuchs: [fuchschelsea92@gmail.com](mailto:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com).

#### October Mass Counts

This weekend is the last October Mass to be counted. Ushers please count the number of attendees at each Mass and fill out the Mass Count Form found in the sacristy. The form can be put in the collection basket or turned into the Parish Office.

#### Box Of Joy

Join the mission in giving a Box of Joy to a child in need! It's an opportunity for families to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor. Boxes are located in the entryway of each parish. The Knights of Columbus will once again be covering the shipping fee for the boxes!!! Drop off information is included in each box, but the final drop-off date is November 5th.

#### "Thanks" Giving Tree

Once again this year we will have the "Thanks" Giving Tree in the gathering space! The Social Justice committee is working with the Morrison County Human Services Dept. to provide gifts for children. There is a great need for educational books and toys/tools for infants, toddlers and elementary school age children. The Thanks Giving Tree will be displayed in the church from November 6th through December 6th. Please see the sign-up book and followed the instructions given.



#### Turkey Bingo

Bingo at St. Mary's, 7:00 p.m. on Sunday October 27th! 20 games for \$10, Black Out \$1/card. A meal will be served.

#### WEEKEND COLLECTION 10/20/2024

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$800, Loose: \$157, World Mission: \$40, Fire Fund: \$25, Catholic Charities: \$5, All Saints: \$5,

Hurricane: \$563.60 **Total: \$1,595.60**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$280, Loose: \$48, World Mission: \$10, Hurricane: \$938 **Total: \$1,276**

**St. Mary:** Adult: \$1,752, Loose: \$265.75, Building Fund: \$40, Funeral: \$20, World Mission: \$520, Hurricane: \$854 **Total: \$3,451.75**

### All Saints Day –Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be at St. Francis on Thursday, Oct. 31st at 8:00 p.m. and St. Mary's on Friday, Nov. 1st at 7:30 a.m. Please note: Adoration at St. Mary's will end at 7:00 p.m. so that everyone may attend Mass at St. Francis for the All Saints Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

#### Mass of Remembrance

We will be celebrating Mass for all those who have passed to Eternal Life on the weekend Mass Nov. 2nd & 3rd.

#### Mass time Change for Daylight Savings

The Saturday evening Mass at St. Edward's will change to 4:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. starting Nov. 9th until spring.

#### Deer Hunter's Mass

There will be two Masses on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Our regularly scheduled Mass at St. Edwards (4:00 p.m.) and an 8:00 p.m. Deer Hunters Mass at St. Mary's.


### St. Francis' News


**Church Locking:** Starting on Nov. 4th, St. Francis Church will start locking up at 6:00 p.m. It will go back to 8:00 p.m. next spring.

**A big thank you** to Alan for watering the flowers in the cemetery and Sr. Mary Pat for watering the outside flowers by the church this summer. They looked great all summer. Thank you to Joyce for supplying and helping to plant the flowers this spring.

#### St. Francis Bazaar Post Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement to review this year's Bazaar.

 *May Eternal Rest be granted to:*  
Dorothy Thell  
Passed to Eternal Life: Oct. 18, 2024  
Funeral: Oct. 25, 2024

 *May Eternal Rest be granted to:*  
Evelyn Locnikar  
Passed to Eternal Life: Oct. 18, 2024  
Funeral: Oct. 26, 2024

**All flowers** need to be removed from the cemetery by Nov. 12th. Any flowers left on the cemetery on Nov. 13th will be removed and discard. Just the flowers need to be remove. All statue, lights, chimes, etc. can remain.