

News and Events



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

A Thanksgiving Mass and Service will be held at the St. Cloud V.A. on Thursday, Nov. 28th. Knights are welcome to attend and be escorts if able. Please arrive by 8:15-8:30 a.m. in the Chapel area.

Mass for the Knights of Columbus

Deceased members has been changed from Nov. 21, 2024 to Jan. 9, 2025

Women's Group: Monday, Nov. 18th

We would like to extend a welcome to all women in our parishes to join our vibrant and uplifting group meeting at 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at All Saints- St. Mary's in Holdingford. We meet in the first and third Mondays and all are welcome to join us!

Men's Group

Join in on any Saturday for men's group at 8:30 a.m. in the All Saints-St. Mary's Basement, Holdingford.

WHY GROW AS A CATHOLIC DAD?

<https://ablaze.us/the-catholic-dad-show>

FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Word of Life Church, Upsala
Thursday, November 28th, 2024
Serving from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Come join us for Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings and for some great fellowship. Meals “to go” are available.

Anyone available to help serve at this meal can contact: 573-4450

Book Club: Nov. 28th

Men and women from our area are invited to a group discussion. We will meet in the basement of All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10 -11:00 a.m. Please call or text Susan Heroux at (320) 224 -6052 if you are interested or for questions.

Jubilee 2025 begins in December

Pope Francis has proclaimed Jubilee 2025 in his papal bull “Spes Non Confundit” (“Hope does not disappoint”). It begins in Rome on Dec. 24th with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. In local dioceses it will begin on Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 29th. A Jubilee is a holy year focused on the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. Passing through holy doors symbolizes a pilgrim's journey of conversion.

All are encouraged to obtain a jubilee indulgence through participating in a pilgrimage, by meeting the normal conditions — confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions and no attachment to sin — and by performing works of mercy and penance.

To participate in Jubilee 2025, some will make pilgrimages to Rome. For those unable to do so, the Diocese of St. Cloud will establish its own local celebrations. The faithful are further encouraged to perform spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance (such as abstaining from meat on Fridays). At sacred places, they are to engage in eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices. All are asked to pray for the pope, the Church and all who take part in the jubilee.

In Old Testament times jubilee years were honored every 50th year. In Christian times, the practice was begun with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300; jubilees were celebrated every 100 years to mark significant anniversaries, then shortened to every 50 years and then to every 25 years. Jubilee 2025 will conclude in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, May the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus, Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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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.

Praying for our Deceased!

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. Jesus has gone to “prepare a place” for us (Jn 14:2). If we have died in Christ, but aren't yet prepared for His place, then Jesus has to finish the job before He can take us into the heavenly feast. The Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has taught that these promises and other truths indicate the existence of a ‘place’ of purification (Mal 3:2-3) we call it Purgatory. In Purgatory, the souls of those who have not prepared themselves sufficiently in their time on earth are purified for the awesome privilege of seeing God face to face. Since they are fellow members of the body of Christ (Lk 20:38), we need them and they need us (1 Cor 12:21). Take some time to remember and pray for your loved ones by visiting the Cemetery. Let us help them with our prayers.

The Solemnity of “Christ the King” November 24

This feast day was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI who was concerned about the state of the world in the post-World War I period, a war in which over 9 million soldiers were killed and over 21 million wounded. People seemed to be lost about what had happened and the tension and distress that were in development. In the early 20s Mussolini marched on Rome and formed a Fascist government. Stalin ruled as the Soviet Dictator. We begin to hear of Adolf Hitler. There was fear, a lack of hope, and feelings of helplessness. So the Feast of Christ the King was established as a reminder to all about who is ultimately and eternally in charge.

This feast is very powerful and relevant these days. Jesus represents a kingship that turns our worldly idea of leadership upside down. His kingship is **nonviolent**; it is **Just** and **Peaceful**. His authority is based on the rule of **truth, love** and **mercy**. And his kingdom is present until the end of time. It is present now, even in the current midst of chaos and fear happening in the world around us. Let us not focus on the chaos and terror tactics that are trying to separate us from the love of God, but to God and His Kingdom. Jesus will lead us to the everlasting kingdom of life. Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 11/16		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Julie Wensmann, Joan Theisen c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Jerry Theisen Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Dean & Jackie Wolbeck
Sunday 11/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack ~ St. Francis Men's Society	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Janelle Roerick c, Rebecca Schmidt c, Lector: Barb Moorman Servers: Owen & Lily Fuchs Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: John & Marsha Rakotz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Darwin Biniek	EM of HC: Christine Weber, Cindy Koehn c, Amanda Lampert Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Randy & Donna Roske, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday, 11/18		
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy	<p><u>Adoration</u> 2nd Tuesdays: Nov. 12th St. Francis 8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Thursdays: <u>No Adoration on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28th</u> St. Mary's 12 noon - 9:00 p.m. First Fridays St. Edward's 12 noon -9:00 p.m.</p>  <p>Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Biniek, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schummer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Jim Koczur, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert & Pat Harren</p>
Tuesday, 11/19		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	Fr. Jimmy	
Wednesday, 11/20		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	is on Retreat	
Thursday, 11/21		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Please keep him	
Friday, 11/22		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Pete & Anne Michels ~ Pete & Judy Michels	

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 11/23		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Don Maciej ~ Jeanette Maciej	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Volunteer, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Mike Urbanski & Nick Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Kris & Robyn Bartkowicz
Sunday 11/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Arnold Voss	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Bob Theisen c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Lector: Jane Keppers, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren Ushers: Mark Moorman & Syl Tschida, Gifts: Isidore & Beverly Schmitz
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Dave Scholz, Renee Scholz c, volunteer c Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607
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 confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

November 20th

Grades 7-10: Class 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala
Grades K-6: Home Lesson, 2nd Grade: Lesson 10
Confirmation: Class All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford

Children's Liturgy

We will have Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Contact: Chelsea Fuchs at fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

The "Thanks" Giving Tree

Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as ourselves. What better way to do this than to share your generosity with local children in need! Once again, we 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. Help make Christmas Day a happy time for these children. Please see the sign-up book and follow the instructions given. Over the past years your help and generosity has been deeply appreciated by many. We should all take time to reflect on our blessing and reach out to help the less fortunate.

BOX OF JOY

Thank you for sharing God's love through the Box of Joy! Our parishes collected 60 boxes this year! Praise God! These gifts will bring smiles to many children who are experiencing poverty or natural disasters in Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Grenada & Honduras. Blessings to all who gave! Thank you very much!
 ~Tamara Lange

Handbook For Catholics by Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

In the entry of our churches you will find this book from Loyola Press for you to take home. From common Catholic prayers to Catholic Doctrine, the Liturgical Year Calendar to the Order of the Mass, this easy-to-read, easy to use book will help Catholics grow in their knowledge and love of the faith.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 11/10/2024

St. Edward: Adult: \$560, Loose: \$76, **Total: \$636**
St. Francis: Adult: \$547, Loose: \$266, Catholic Charities: \$50, **Total: \$863**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,801, Loose: \$399, **Total: \$2,200**

Upcoming Masses

Thanksgiving Mass Times:

6:30 p.m. Wed., Nov. 27th St. Mary's
 8:00 a.m. Thur. Nov. 28th St. Edward.
 Food Blessing after each Mass.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation)
 6:00 p.m. Mon., Dec. 9th
 6:30 p.m. Rosary

Advent Reconciliation Mass

Mark your calendars for December 8th at St. Mary's, Upsala from 2-5:00 p.m.

Holy Days Mass Schedule

Check our website for the Christmas, New Year's and Easter Mass Schedule.

The Paradox of Our Time:

I found this beautiful and realistic Paradox in a book I was reading: **"We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; more medicine, but less wellness. We read too little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. These are the times of tall men, and short character, steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce, of fancier houses, but more broken homes. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul."** Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

"You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever." Ps 16:10 - 11

St. Edward's News



Francis Louis Larson
 Son of Joseph & Andrea
 November 9, 2024
 St. Edward's, Elmdale

St. Mary's News

Adoration

We will not be having Adoration on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28th.