

News and Events

Rosary for Life

Pray the Rosary with us on Tuesdays in October (22nd & 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.

The Truth, Goodness and Beauty of the Catholic Faith: Oct 22nd

Join us to listen to Fred Blonigen who will speak about *St. Joseph: Guardian of the Redeemer and Model of Fatherhood* at St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Cloud from 7-8:30 p.m.

Mass of Hope & Healing

Thursday, October 24, 2024 there will be a Mass of Hope and Healing held at St. Mary's in Melrose at 7:00 p.m. This special Mass is for couples who are experiencing infertility & those who have suffered the loss of a child, miscarriage, SIDS, illness, accident, or abortion. We will have a candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Refreshments to follow.

For information: omf@gw.stcdio.org.

Elevate Evening for Life: Fri., Oct. 25th

Celebrate with us at 5:30 p.m. "Courageous" at The Regency (912 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud). Parking in the St. Mary's lot. Social Hour 5:30 p.m. Our Theme is: "Courageous" Visit: friendsofelevate.org or call (252-4150).

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!

Pot of Gold Raffle All Saints-St. Mary's, (Holdingford), raffle will be held on November 1st, our patron feast day. Tickets are now available for purchase and can be purchased from Judy Heitzman (320)746-2361 or Joan Frie (320) 241-3264.

Women's Group: Monday, Oct. 21st

We would like to extend a welcome to all women in our parishes to join our vibrant and uplifting group meeting at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 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: Every Saturday Join in any Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, in Holdingford.

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.

St. John Paul II~ Feast Day October 22nd

"All who commit themselves to following Christ are given the fullness of life: the divine image is restored, renewed and brought to perfection in them. God's plan for human beings is this, that they should "be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom 8:29). Only thus, in the splendor of this image, can man be freed from the slavery of idolatry, rebuild lost fellowship and rediscover his true identity."

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the 'creative action of God', and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being".

~Evangelium Vitae/St. Pope John Paul II

Mission Office Auction

We are pleased to share with you the link for our 4th Annual Online Auction which began Tuesday, October 1st and ends Thursday, October 31st at noon. Please take some time to check out the beautiful and unique Fair Trade Baskets and Jewelry as well as the outstanding array of Quilts created by a number of our Mission Groups. <http://scmo.betterworld.org/auctions/mission-month-fundraiser->

Are You Ready?

A Day with PJ Anderson Our diocese is offering three events aimed at engaging adults in their faith on Oct. 26th. PJ Anderson is a worship artist and storyteller who has traveled the world sharing his music and stories for millions of Catholics. Check out his website: <https://pjandersonmusic.com>

1. Are You Ready?...for Surprise, Newness, Letting Go, Healing and Grace: 9-11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in St. Joseph. Register by Oct. 21st. Cost: Adults \$10. This is a morning reflection as we explore the story of Bartimaeus (Mk 10: 46-52).

2. The Lord has Done Great Things for us ...Are You Ready? 2-4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in St. Joseph. Cost: Adults \$10, (children are free). This is an afternoon for Parents and Families as we dive into the great things God has done for us (Psalm 126).

3. Are You Ready?...for a Free Concert 7-8:30 p.m. at Bad Habit Brewery in St. Joseph. Join us for glorious praise with PJ Anderson.

4. High School Youth Day with PJ Anderson On October 27th from noon to 7:30 p.m. in Alexandria. Grades 9-12. Cost is \$40 before Oct. 17th.

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

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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.

World Mission Sunday

This weekend we join the Church around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday, a day set aside to remember the mission of the Church. St. Paul speaks about one of the immanent practices of the first Christian Communities to share their resources with those who are poor, in far away places (Rom 15:26). Thus, the fellowship experienced by the first Christians was not just localized. They made every effort to live in communion with humanity at large by way of sharing their blessings.

Mission is also sharing our Christ experience with one another. If we have a strong experience we can't help but share it. St. Paul says, "The love of God urges us." Pope St. John Paul II said, "Faith is complete when it is shared." That is what we see in the lives of the Apostles. When they experienced the power of the Risen Lord, they began to share it. When they were stopped from preaching, Peter and John said to the Sanhedrin, "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). We are the fruits of their sharing. Sharing our faith with others is our privilege and responsibility as Christians.

Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI says, "The love that we celebrate in the Sacrament is not something we can keep in ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all. What the world needs is God's love, it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him." As Christians and missionaries, our cooperation is a unique testimony of unity, fraternity and solidarity that makes us credible heralds of God's saving love.

October - the month of the Rosary

The best way to celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary is, of course, to pray the rosary daily. As Pope John Paul II said so well: through the Rosary, the meditative form of prayer, we see the mysteries of the life of Jesus through the eyes and memory of Mary and we learn to respond to the circumstances of life in faith as she said, "Let it be done according to Your Word." I do want to encourage each one of you to join us praying the Rosary before Mass on weekends, and every Monday at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's in Upsala. Blessings,
Fr. Jimmy

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 10/19		
8:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Mark Wensmann	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Volunteer c, Lector: Jerry Theisen Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ken & Deb Wensmann
Sunday 10/20		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Rosanne Voss, Janelle Roerick c, Rebecca Schmidt c, Lector: Barb Moorman Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, Gifts: Andy & Brittany Harren
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Special Intentions ~Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Lisa Zabinski c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Darren Lange & Mitch Lange, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday, 10/21			<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
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy <i>Everyone is welcome to attend</i>		
Tuesday, 10/22			
St. John Paul II, Pope			
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	For the Boeckermann Family ~ Gerry & Mary Jane Boeckermann		
Wednesday, 10/23			
St. John of Capistrano, Priest			
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Mike Schiller ~ Karen Schiller	Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Binek, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Jim Koczur, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Rosemary Pundsack, & Kevin Lampert	
Thursday, 10/24			
St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop			
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Peter Molus ~ Adeline Molus		
Friday, 10/25			
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Paul & Eleanor Solarz		

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Please note: St. Edward Saturday evening Mass time will change to 4:00 p.m. on November 9th.

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

October 23rd

Grades 7-10: 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Upsala
Grades K-6: Home Lesson 2nd Grade: Lesson 6
Confirmation: 6:15 p.m. Class, All Saints-St. Mary's

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

October Mass Counts

Twice a year, in July and October, the diocese collects data on the number of people attending Mass. Come to church and bring a friend!) Ushers please count the number of attendees at each Mass and fill out the Mass Count Form found in the sacristy for the month of October. The form can be turned into the Parish Office after the last October Mass. Thank you!

World Mission Sunday: Oct. 19th & 20th


We will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday, This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call saying, "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet." With our gifts and prayers, we help to build -up the church around the world where the witness of Christ and support of the poor is needed most. Envelopes are available in your monthly packets for donations or mail them to St. Cloud Mission Office: 11 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Hurricane Relief: Oct. 19th & 20th

Bishop Patrick Neary has asked that we take up a Special Collection to aid those affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina where homes and highways have been washed away. If you were unable to donate at Mass but would still like to help you can write out your check to "The Diocese of St. Cloud" and mark it "Hurricane Relief". You can drop your check in the Collection Basket, bring to the Parish Office or mail it to: St Cloud Diocese, 214 3rd Ave. S. P.O. Box St. Cloud, MN 56302. All Donations will go to provide critical relief -including shelter, food and humanitarian aid to those most in need.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 10/13/2024

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,655, Loose: \$63, World Mission: \$65, Fire Fund: \$50 **Total: \$1,833**
St. Francis: Adult: \$820, Loose: \$118, World Mission: \$ 35, Bazaar: \$25 **Total: \$998**
St. Mary: Adult: \$1,758, Loose: \$278.25, Votive: \$150, Funeral: \$20, World Mission: \$97, **Total: \$2,303.25**



40 Days for Life is a simple program of *Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Peaceful Vigil* to end abortion in the world. Fall Campaign: Sept. 25th-Nov. 3rd
Monday -Friday 7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Sign up: Marilou Sommers 247-9838.
Our parishes are going on Thursdays from 1-7:00 p.m. Or you can stop by any time M-F from 7am-7pm or call Campaign Coordinator: Judy Haag 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net

All Saints Day -Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be at St. Francis on Thursday, Oct. 31st at 8:00 p.m. or St. Mary's on Friday, Nov. 1st at 7:30 a.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 Schedule for Holy Days

The schedule is now on our website.


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.

Turkey Bingo: Oct. 27th

St. Mary's, 7:00 p.m., 20 games for \$10, Black Out \$1/card. A meal will be served.

St. Edward's News



May Eternal Rest be granted to:
Stanley Czech
Passed to Eternal Life: Oct. 15, 2024
Visitation: Oct. 22, 2024 4-7:00 p.m.
Funeral: Oct. 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Francis' News

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.