

# 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: 3:30 pm - 3:45 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

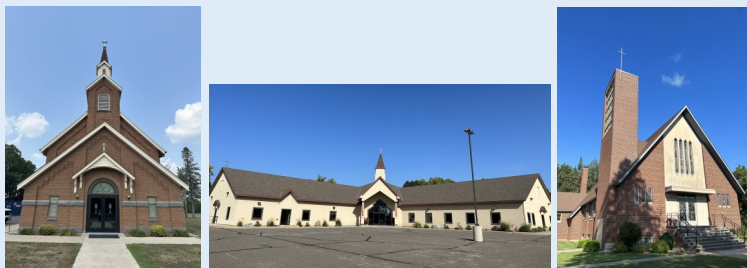
Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

#### 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.



#### Saints Peter & Paul

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was



privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles... But the Gospels prove their own trustworthiness by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus...

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus...

We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. He is perhaps a more striking example of the simple fact of holiness. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church." Paul's experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation, and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life.

Excerpts from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-peter-and-paul/>

| Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Saturday 6/28                 |                                               | <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4:00 p.m. St. Edward          | For the People                                | <b>EM of HC:</b> Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Colleen Harren c, <b>Lector:</b> Shari Biniek, <b>Servers:</b> Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, <b>Ushers:</b> Derek Biniek & Scott Biniek, <b>Greeters:</b> Volunteers, <b>Gifts:</b> Steve & Kathy Blonigen                                             |
| Sunday 6/29                   |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis         | † Alcuin Renneker                             | <b>EM of HC:</b> Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Joyce Koopmeiners c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Allen Herzog & Leroy Pflueger, <b>Gifts:</b> Mike & Alice Westrich                                                                                 |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary           | † Marcellus Arceneau<br>~ Pat & Lisa Zabinski | <b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Jan Kilian c, Mike Klasen c, <b>Lector:</b> Mary Hollenkamp, <b>Servers:</b> Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, <b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Randy & Jane Tretter, <b>Gifts:</b> Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Mike Klasen |

| Weekday Masses                                   |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Monday, 6/30                                     | <i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roam Church</i> |  <p><b>Adoration</b><br/> <b>2nd Tuesdays:</b><br/>           St. Francis 8am -7pm<br/> <b>Thursdays:</b><br/>           St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm<br/> <b>First Fridays:</b><br/>           St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm</p>                                                                                              |
| 6:30 p.m. St. Mary                               | Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tuesday, 7/1                                     | <i>St. Junipero Serra, Priest</i>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6:00 p.m. St. Mary<br>* Anointing of the Sick    | † Deceased members of the Kilian Family      | <b>Pray for us:</b> 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, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp & Shailyn Welinski |
| Wednesday, 7/2                                   |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Francis<br>* Anointing of the Sick | Special Intention ~G & M Boeckerman Family   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday, 7/3                                    | <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward<br>* Anointing of the Sick  | † Arnie Molus ~Carol Molus                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Friday, 7/4 1st Friday                           | <i>Independence Day (4th of July)</i>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7:30 a.m. St. Mary                               | † Catherine & Joe Maciej                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

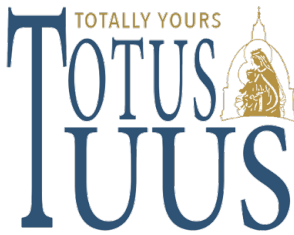
| The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Saturday 7/5                           | <i>1st Saturday</i>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:00 p.m. St. Francis                  | † Arnold Voss                                | <b>EM of HC:</b> Mary Jane Boeckermann, Chris Fuchs c, Rosanne Voss c, <b>Lector:</b> Jim Scholz <b>Servers:</b> Volunteers, <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Moor-man & Syl Tschida, <b>Gifts:</b> Chad & Niki Koopmeiners                                                                                                     |
| Sunday 7/6                             |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:00 a.m. St. Edward                   | For the People                               | <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> Donald Welinski & Jeff Czech, <b>Greeters:</b> Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, <b>Gifts:</b> Mark & Kaye Nienaber                                          |
| 10:00 a.m. St. Mary                    | † Deceased Relatives of Dave & Renee Scholtz | <b>EM of HC:</b> LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Jan Kilian c, <b>Lector:</b> Leonice Prokott, <b>Servers:</b> Anne Ripplinger & Emily Ripplinger <b>Ushers:</b> Nathan Ripplinger & Matt Ripplinger, <b>Greeters:</b> Mikel & Julie Nelson, <b>Gifts:</b> Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, <b>Bank Deposit:</b> Judy Michels |

\*Next week is Totus Tuus: all daily Masses will be at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary's. Please join us!

\*Due to the 4th of July Holiday, Adoration at St. Edward's will be on July 11th. Thank you!

\*Starting July 5th: St. Francis Mass will be Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. & St. Edward's Mass will be Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

\*If you would like to fill in one of the Volunteer spots next week, please call the Parish Office, Thank you!



### Totus Tuus~ Totally Yours

This, a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship is on July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact:

Shanna Dobmeier (320) 733-0761 shannamaryd@gmail.com. You can find registration and T-Shirt order forms on our website and in the entry of churches. Totally Yours was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. Through the teams' example of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with our faith! This year's leaders are the St. Maria Goretti Team:

*Thomas Dockendorf (Leader), Allison Grosser, David Guyse (co-leader), & Natalie Wensmann.*



**Holdingford Daze: July 12th** Tractor Blessing and Fun Run- 9:00 a.m. registration at the Holdingford High School parking lot- Run begins at 10:00 a.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m., Adoration at All Saints St. Mary's after the Holdingford

Daze parade until 9:00 p.m., Games in the All Saints-St. Mary's backyard after parade until fireworks. There's a great view of the fireworks from the backyard!



### Awesome Animals & Mini Me on FORMED

Learn with your little one about different animals and how they can teach us important values that are also talked about in the Bible; like patience, kindness

and peacefulness. Play games, enjoy a story, make a craft, and sing, roar, waddle and dance together—with *Awesome Animals & Mini Me!*

### 4th Annual All City Women's Mixer

All women are welcome to join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16th at Jordies Trail Side Café in Bowlus for a Chicken Buffet Style Meal (\$15). Call the Parish Office to RSVP.

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th. Thank you! May God bless you and have a safe 4th!

### Candles and Holders

Tall Votive Candles and Holders are available. Red or blue holders and a candle is \$7. Call the Parish Office to order.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTION 6/22/2025**

**St. Edward:** Adult: \$572, Loose: \$115, **Total: \$697**

**St. Francis:** Adult: \$990, Loose: \$90, Votive: \$101.90, Tent Rental: \$60 **Total: \$1,241.90**

**St. Mary:** Adults: \$1,429, Loose: \$294, **Total: \$1,723**

## SYMBOLS of the HEART of MARY



### **HER HEART**

Symbol of her maternal love



### **THE FIRE**

Her heart burns with love for Jesus and us



### **THE SWORD**

It symbolizes Mary's sorrows



### **THE ROSES**

They represent her purity



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday, June 28th:  
Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Tables and Chairs to Rent

Do you need tables or chairs for a party or garage sale. We have 6-white plastic and 10 composite tables and 180 chairs. Cost is \$5 a table, .50 cents a chair. Call Bob 573-2933.

## St. Francis' News

### Whirlwind

Two weeks ago, a whirlwind went through the cemetery. There were flowers everywhere, even in the trees and across the road. The groundskeeper did the best he could to put things back in their right place. Please do not be offended if your flowers are in front of the wrong headstone. Feel free to return them to the right spot.

### Donuts!

The St. Frances Men's Society will be serving donuts, milk and coffee after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on June 29th.

### St Francis Festival Auction

We will meet on Mon., July 1, at 6:30 p.m. in our church basement. Anyone interested in donating towards the silent auction please contact /leave message; Carol 290-9790, Kathy 293-2509, Rosanne 248-8910, Jane 232-3290.



### *Wedding BANNS III*

Grace Throener & Wyatt Allen

July 12, 2025

St. Francis, St. Francis



### *Congratulations*

Norbert & Helen Bechtold

June 21, 2025

St. Mary's, Upsala



## News and Events



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

**Please note:** there will be no July meeting.

**Bowlus Days Parade** is on July 6th. We will need 6-8 Knights for our float. 2-4 for walking and handing out the Rosary cards and the balance on the float. Call John Kokett 573-4239 with questions.

### All Things New Planning Update

This past week we received a press release from the Diocese reminding the Pastors and Planning Committees to make clear in our communications to our parishioners that at this point no decisions have been made regarding the Diocesan planning. ACCs will submit plans to the Diocese in December, and following that we will receive approval and direction from the Diocese to move forward with making any changes for the future of our parishes. The Lord holds all things in the palm of His hand, and regardless of what is to come, we must put our full trust in His goodness and provision for His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Please pray for all those on the ACC Planning Committees and pray for the future of our Diocese.

### Poor Clare's Visit

Is the Lord moving in your life, tugging at your heart or whispering in your ear something that just won't quit? Does the joyful fraternal life of Franciscans attract you?

*Come and See*

*July 12th-13th with the Poor Clares of  
Sauk Rapids*

*Ages 19-30, phone to register.*

*Saint Clare's Monastery*

*421 4th St. South Sauk Rapids, MN  
56379 (320-251-3556)*

### Hwy 238 Construction

Road Construction will on Hwy 238 between Upsala and Elmdale has begun. We are asked not to park on the sides of the section of road being worked on (pipes are going in). Those going to Mass at St. Edward's should park in the parking lot (maybe plan to ride share). Thank you!



ALL ARE  
WELCOME!

### Immaculate Conception Church Bazaar: Sunday June 29th in St. Anna

10 a.m. Mass-Fr. Gregory  
11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Kids games, Pull Tabs, Beer Garden, Silent Auction, Bingo, Food Court, Paddle Wheel, Live Music, Gun Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Cash Raffle (1st Prize \$1000). Music by 57 Chevy.

### Job Opening: Holdingford Parishes

**Parish Secretary Full Time:** 30-40 hours a week plus benefits. Are you being called to serve? Applications and a job description are available in the Holdingford Parish Office (320) 228-0105. Please let Fr. Gregory know if you are interested. Please share with friends. This position begins in July.



### Natural Family Planning

Alexandria on Monday, July 21st at St. Mary's Church.

Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751.

Little Falls on Tuesday July 1st at

7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary at [bontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 631-5660.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, July 17th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill & Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or (320) 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Monday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke at [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org) or (320) 258-7609.

All classes are approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



### Jubilee Passport Pilgrimage: August 7th

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is excited to lead pilgrims across the diocese to discover and explore beautiful sacred sites in honor of the Holy Father's Jubilee Year of Hope. This will be an opportunity to pray together, deepen faith and learn more about how we can all be "pilgrims of Hope." Tour begins at 7:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church in Sauk Centre with the Divine Mercy Chapel followed by Mass at 8:15 a.m. The bus will return to St. Paul's at 7:30 p.m. Pilgrimage stops include: St. John's Abby, Assumption (Grasshopper Chapel), St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Clare's Monastery & Crosier Priory. Cost: \$25 for bus and lunch. Make your check out to DCCW Pilgrimage and send it to Carol Brunn at: 14267 Fairway Lane, Becker, MN 55308. Pilgrimage Passports available in the entry of our churches. **Sign-up today if you want to ride the bus!**