

Elmdale, Upsala
and St. Francis:
Mary & the Saints
ACC



Saint Edward
Saint Mary
Saint Francis of Assisi



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Monday & Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Reconciliation: Confessions are 1/2
before all Masses. See Mass
Schedule.

Prayer Lines:

SM: Karen Liebsch 573-4127
Kathy Koehn 573-2363
SE: Judy Theisen 573-2933
Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
SE: Sally Schleper 573-2127

Sick & Homebound Ministry:

Contact the Parish Office if you need
Holy Communion brought to you or
a loved one.

Marriage: Couples need to begin
preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine
months in advance.

Baptism & Marriage: Contact the
office before setting a date.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST MAY 17, 2026

Menu:

Pancakes (w/ fruit
toppings, syrup, whipped
cream), sausage,
scrambled eggs, hash
browns, sweet bread,
beverages



Proceeds to support youth from the Elmdale, St. Francis, and
Upsala parishes attending the Steubenville Youth Conference

Free Will Offering. Thank you for your support!


9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Francis

Baccalaureate Service this Sunday, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church

Please come and celebrate with the 2026 graduates from our parishes
and surrounding Upsala area churches as we welcome everyone to St.
Mary's for this year's Baccalaureate Service. Students will be reading,
choir will be singing and there will be a reception following.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday 5/16		The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Hubert, Florence & Marvin Lange	EM of HC: Bob Thiesen, Judy Theisen c, Syl Tschida c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Tom & Jeanette Gerads, Sacristan: Joyce Koopmeiners
Sunday 5/17		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Derek Biniek c, Lector: Karla Schneider, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scot Wensmann & Jim Bartkowicz, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Greg & Renee Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased relatives of Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Mike Klasen c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Tom Kilian, Servers: Riley Klasen & Wyatt Klasen, Ushers: Patrick Zabinski, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gift Bearers: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Mike Klasen
Monday, 5/18	<i>St. John I, Pope & Martyr</i>	 <p>Adoration 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm First Fridays: St. Edward's 12 noon -9 pm</p> <p>Pray for us: Dee Booth, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Kristy Brezinka, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Kevin Lampert, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Pat Harren, Devota Nilson, Rosemary Pundsack, Ron Schmidt, Dave Hollenkamp, Shailyn Welinski, Bob Blonigen, Eleanor Tschida, Ken Welle, Leonard & Eileen Koroll and Andy Langner</p>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy (No Mass)	
Tuesday, 5/19		
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Eileen Stiller ~ Christian Mothers	
Wednesday, 5/20	<i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Melvin Pundsack	
Thursday, 5/21	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	Bob, Phyllis, Jeanette, & Elaine Yasgar ~Joyce Holtz	
Friday, 5/22	<i>St. Rita of Casia, Religious</i>	
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	Prayer for rain	
Saturday 5/23		Pentecost Sunday
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Tony & Edna Boeckermann	EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Janelle Roerick c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Barb Moorman, Servers: Evan Welle, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gift Bearers: Joe & Barb Fuchs, Sacristan: Bob Theisen
Sunday 5/24		
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Jordan Wensman	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Bethany Hartung & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Volunteers, Gift Bearers: Scott & Jen Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Jon Leither, Renee Scholz c, Chantelle Frie c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Lilli Leither, Ushers: Bob Blonigan & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gift Bearers: Elmer Frie & Mary Frie, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:4-5

Children's Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Children's ministry will not meet Sunday, May 24th due to the Graduation Mass. We will meet for the last time on May 31st until resuming again in the fall.



Jesus' ascension to Heaven depicted by John Singleton Copley in *Ascension* (1775)

The Catholic Feast of the Ascension is not simply a historical remembrance. It holds deep theological significance. The feast day of the Ascension marks the exaltation of Christ and the completion of his earthly ministry. Jesus ascends not to abandon us, but to intercede for us at the right hand of God, and to make way for the promised Holy Spirit—the advocate or “Counselor”, (John 14:16, 26; 15:26)—on Pentecost.

Through his Ascension, Jesus affirms his divine authority and points to our ultimate destiny. Where he has gone, we hope to follow (John 14:1-3). When we ask, “Where is Jesus?” or “When does Jesus come back to earth?” we are expressing our longing for the Second Coming and the fulfillment of his promise to return and take us to heaven (Matt. 25:31-34, 46).

The Ascension of the Lord 2026 is a time to lift our hearts to heaven and remember that Christ Jesus, our Lord, lives and reigns forever. It's a call to remain faithful and joyful, like the disciples who returned to Jerusalem with great joy. As we await the coming of the Holy Spirit, we hold fast to the hope that we, too, are called to share in his glory. ~catholic.com/The Ascension of the Lord.

Peter's Pence Collection: May 23-24

From his first appearance after his election, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace with the whole world by works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor. You will find an envelope in your packet for giving. Thank you! www.usccb.org/peter-pence/collection.

St. Francis News

Cemetery Clean-up

Come and help with cemetery clean-up on Monday, May 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Table & Chair Rental

Do you have a garage sale, graduation party or other celebration coming up? We have tables, \$5, chairs \$.50 and sections of tent \$20 (per section) for rent. Call Bob: 573-2933.

Farewell Party for Sr. Mary Pat

Everyone is invited to attend a celebration for Sr. Mary Pat on Saturday, June 6th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Francis (note Mass time change).



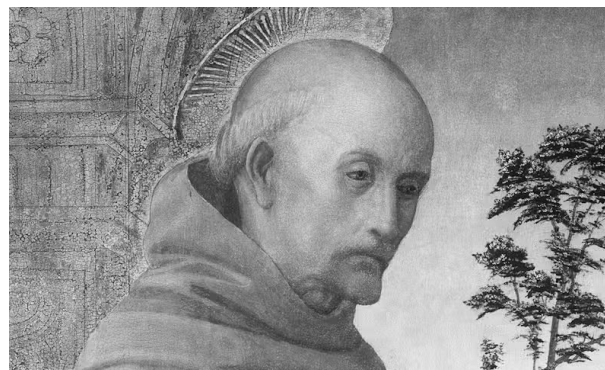
Graduation

Graduation- May 22nd
7:00 p.m. at Upsala High School

Graduation Mass
May 24th 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala

St. Bernardine of Siena (Feast Day May 20)

was such an effective and prolific preacher, the crowds who came to hear him speak would be moved to spontaneously exchange the sign of peace in Mass reconciliation. St. Bernardine, Pray for Us! ~faithND.edu



St. Bernardine of Siena/Vincenzo Foppa



Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight: Jeff Czech

St. Cloud VA Escorts: May 31st
Next Meeting: June 9th, 8 p.m. in
Elmdale.



Totus Tuus! Once again St. Mary's in Upsala will be hosting Totus Tuus, a week long program to help our youth grow in their faith. It will be on June 13-19th with Students entering grades 1-6 meeting Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and grades 7-12 meeting Sunday-Thursday from 7-9 p.m..

The creation of Totus Tuus was inspired by the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II who selected the Latin phrase totus tuus as his papal motto after reading St. Louis de Montfort's book, True Devotion to Mary. The English translation of totus tuus is "totally yours," communicating St. Louis de Montfort's and Pope St. John Paul II's radical devotion to Jesus through our Blessed Mother. John Paul's witness to Marian devotion sparked the creation of the Totus Tuus parish camps in Wichita, Kansas, in the late 1980s, and it has been spreading throughout the country ever since!

The Five Pillars of Totus Tuus

- 1.The Eucharist
- 2.Marian Devotion
- 3.Catechetical Instruction
- 4.Vocational Discernment
- 5.FUN!!!

Totus Tuus Registration Forms are available in the church entry. If you are interested in housing the Totus Tuus leaders or helping with meals, call Jamie at (320) 250-7332.

Open House for Pastor Steve

You are invited to a farewell party for Pastor Steve & Anne Weihsmann on Sunday, May 31st from 12:30-2 p.m. at Community Covenant Church, Upsala. Pastor Steve is retiring and moving to Mankato.

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's FUN-FOOD-FUND DAY: Turn Back Thyme

On Thursday, June 18th at Immaculate Conception Church, Rice MN we will have a Silent Auction & Bingo followed by Mass at 11 a.m. and lunch. \$25. Mail check to Carol Brunn (14267 Fairway Ln. S.E., Becker MN 55308. Call (320) 248-5976 for questions.

Rural Life Awards

The Office of Social Concerns is now taking applications for the diocese's annual **Catholic Century Farm Awards** and nominations for the **Rural Business Award**. If your family, neighbors or members of your ACCs have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know a Catholic business-owner in the diocese who lives out their Catholic faith in how they run their business and treat their employees and customers, please visit the *Rural Life* section of the Social Concerns website for requirements and application/nomination forms: <https://stcdio.org/rural-life>. Or reach out to JoAnn.Braegelman@gw.stcdio.org with questions.

Online Auction

Elevate Pregnancy & Family Resource Center, formally Birthline, invites you to participate in their Online Auction, May 17th-23rd. jBid on a variety of items while supporting local families through education, mentoring and compassionate care. Visit: onecau.se/auctiononline2026

Save the Date-Ordinations:

Transitional and permanent diaconate ordination is on June 6th at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

Choir for the Ordination to Diaconate – Youth and adult singers from across the Diocese of Saint Cloud are invited to join the diocesan choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass. The choir is open to middle and high school singers and adults. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on May 30, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Interested singers must RSVP by filling out this registration form <https://musicatstmaryscath.wixsite.com/stcloud/diocesanchoir>.

Catholic Young Adult Weekend at Camp Lebanon (August 27th-30th) for ages 18-35. Cost will be around \$200 per person. This weekend will provide opportunities for fellowship, activities, Mass, and Eucharistic adoration. Please call or text Marissa Throener for more details or to sign up (320)-630-2433.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 5/10/2026

St. Edward: Adults: \$1,429, Loose: \$173, Ascension: \$5, Fire Fund: \$50, **Total: \$1,657**

St. Francis: Adult: \$200, Loose: \$107, **Total: \$307**

St. Mary: Adults: \$986 Loose: \$249.75, Easter: \$160, **Total: \$1,395.75**