

News and Events



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

All are welcome to these upcoming events
Chili Cook-Off: Feb. 9th will be in North Prairie following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Anyone is welcome to enter a chili and vote. A prize is given to the top 3 winners. Donations go to Elevate.

World Day of the Sick: Feb. 11th Knights are needed to assist. Fr. Sauer will be anointing the sick at St. Stanislaus, Bowlus.



K of C Free Throw Contest

Winners at the Local Level Competition on January 12th were: Girls: Morgan Ripplinger, Peyton Quirk, Chloe Goebel. Boys: Levi Stuns, Gabe Barthel, Ben Ripplinger, Cody Johnson. District Level Contest will be on February 16th in the Upsala High School Gym. Knights are needed to help.

Catholic Men's Conference: Feb. 22nd

Knights are encouraged to attend.

Life Awareness Retreat: Feb. 8th

the religious communities in the St. Cloud Diocese are hosting a Life Awareness Retreat for people ages 18 through 30 to help them discern the next steps God is asking of them.

What: Life Awareness Retreat

Who: Catholic singles between ages 18-30

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 8

Where: St Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph

Cost: A donation of \$20 is appreciated but not required.

To register or for more information, contact: Benedictine Sister Laura Suhr at lsuhr001@csbsju.edu or 320-363-7100.

Valentine's Banquet: Sat. Feb. 15th

Word of Life Church (3328 1st Ave. W.) invites you to share a relaxing evening with family and friends at 6:00 p.m. A Roast beef and chicken meal will be catered by Jordie's Café. Cost is \$20 payable at the door. RSVPs appreciated by Feb. 10th. Call (320) 573-4450.

Upstage Players Presents: The Play that Goes Wrong

by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer & Henry Shields. January 31st & February 1st at 7:00 p.m. and February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Upsala High School Auditorium. Adults \$8, Students & Seniors \$6.

Festival of Families

There is still time to join in with other families from around the diocese to celebrate your Catholic faith on Feb. 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell. Cost: \$25 per family (no matter the size). Visit: <https://www.stcdio.org/Festival-of-Families> to find out more and to register.

Catholic Men's Conference

Date: Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Bishop Patrick Neary will celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. and attend the conference **Location:** St. John's University in Collegeville **Keynote speaker:** Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Various Workshops will be available, including topics for young men ages 15 and up.

Cost: \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, includes morning refreshments and lunch. Cost for young men ages 15 – 22: \$10, scholarships available for the first 50 registrants

Registration: deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025 Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>

Questions: Janet 320-258-7616 or janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org. Visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/> for more information.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Feb. 8th

Join us for prayer, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement, Holdingford. Contact: Janel at 290-2877.

God's Plan for Marriage: Natural Family Planning!

NFP follows the natural cycle God has given each woman. It has no dangerous side effects, and no harmful soul effects. NFP allows you to give yourself to your spouse completely, freely and faithfully.

Alexandria on Monday, February 17th & March 17th at St. Mary's Church. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 2908751.

Little Falls on Tuesday, February 4th & March 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660.

Rice on Monday, February 3rd & March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. For more information, or to register, contact Ann Marschel at amarschel21@gmail.com or (320) 290-6311.

Sauk Centre on Thursday, February 20th & March 20th at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or (320) 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Thursday, February 20th & Monday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. For more information, or to register, contact Sheila Reineke at omf@gw.stcdio.org or (320) 258-7609.

Classes are 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP instruction and follow-up!

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

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Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 am - 4pm

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.



MINNESOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Catholic Advocacy Network

To stay informed about issues at the Capitol that are impacting life, dignity, and the common good, to receive regular newsletters and to engage with elected officials on key issues, become a member of the Catholic Advocacy Network. Call (651) 998-7322.

First Friday Adoration

On the first Friday of each month, from January to May, we invite Catholics from across the state to join us in Adoration at the Capitol, held in the Governor's dining room, which provides a unique opportunity for our faith community to come together in prayer, seeking guidance and grace for our leaders. Parishioners can RSVP for each Adoration date offered by visiting www.mncatholic.org/events.

Living a Joyful Life

"How necessary it is to cultivate a spirit of joy. It is a psychological truth that the physical acts of reverence and devotion make one feel devout. The courteous gesture increases one's respect for others. To act lovingly is to begin to feel loving, and certainly to act joyfully brings joy to others which in turn makes one feel joyful. I believe we are called to the duty of delight."

~Dorothy Day, *The Catholic Worker*

"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons...Whatever I am I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness will serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity will serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow will serve Him. He does nothing in vain, He knows what He is about".
~ John Henry Cardinal Newman

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 1/25		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Dennis Biniek ~ Shari Biniek	EM of HC: Jerry Theisen, Joan Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokott & Raymond Kokott, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Dan & Barb George
Sunday 1/26		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Janelle Roerick c, Alice Westrich c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Braden Harren, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Syl & Ellie Tschida
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	Intentions of the Koehn Family	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Dave Scholz c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Jan Kilian, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Tom Kilian & Mary Frie, Greeters: Walt & LeAnn Beneke, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Weekday Masses

Monday, 1/27	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder</i>
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, 1/28	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Leo & Catherine Hartung ~Pat & Lisa Zabinski
Wednesday, 1/29	
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Evelyn Locnikar
Thursday, 1/30	
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Ken Hesick
Friday, 1/31	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Herbert Gerads



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
 St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
 St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
First Fridays
 St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm

Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Alan Schumer, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Dee Booth, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Pat Harren, Ron Schmidt & Rose Burg

The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 2/1		
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	For the People	EM of HC: Peggy Frieler, Neil Frieler c, Jim Bartkowicz c, Lector: Jerry Theisen, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Scott Wensmann & Dennis Trettel, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Scott & Karla Van Wienen
Sunday 2/2		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Deceased members of the Gerads Family ~Gilbert & Carol	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Judy Theisen c, Chris Fuchs c, Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Owen & Lily Fuchs, Ushers: Allen Herzog & Craig Voss, Gifts: Allen & Janelle Roerick
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Deceased parents of Dave & Renee Scholz	EM of HC: Chantelle Frie, Cindy Koehn c, Jon Leither c, Lector: Kim Koehn, Servers: Emily Ripplinger & Lilli Leither, Ushers: Beau Ripplinger & Nathan Ripplinger, Greeters: Mitchell & Brooke Kingston, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, 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

January 29th

Grades K-6: Home Lesson, 2nd Grade: No lesson

Grades 7-10: 7:00 p.m. Class

Confirmation: 6:15 p.m. Class at All Saints-St. Mary's

Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com .

Castaway Retreat : 9-12 graders March 28-30

Castaway is a retreat put on by the St Cloud Diocese in Detroit Lakes where hundreds of area youth gather to learn about, and deepen their faith. There is a bus that will be leaving from Melrose. For more information visit the diocese website and search for Castaway or contact Mike Klasen at 320-248-3600 or email at mklasen486@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is Saturday February 1st.

Steubenville Youth Conference: 9-12th graders July 25-27

Come together with 2,000 other teens for a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ to ignite your prayer life, strength your faith, and empower you to live with courage and joy! Join with your friends for this transformative, energetic, and fun gathering. Reserve your spot by **Jan 29** by contacting Jim @ 320-229-2898. A short introductory and registration meeting for parents and teens will be Sun, Feb 2, 11:00-11:30am (after the 10:00am Mass) at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Mission Quilt Bingo

The Quilting Ladies have done it again! Please join us on Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. for your chance to win a hand stitched quilt. \$10 a card. Free lunch provided afterwards. If you are interested in learning how to quilt from master quilters stop in at St. Mary's on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Bring a friend!

CPR Class Anyone interested can attend our CPR Class on Jan. 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Church basement. Contact: Jeanette Gerads (320) 836-2966.

Central MN Catholic Magazine

Here's a new way to get the latest from the Central MN Catholic-You can sign up to receive free emails at <http://www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/FridayFeed/>

WEEKEND COLLECTION 1/19/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$905, Loose: \$205, Funeral Fund: \$60, Christmas: \$50, **Total: \$1,220**

St. Francis: Adult: \$755, Loose: \$52, Votive: \$161.71
Total: \$968.71

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,248, Loose: \$355.23, Votive: \$142, Funeral Fund: \$20, **Total: \$1,765.23**

Valentine Mass & Meal

The St. Mary's Valentine Mass & Meal will be held on February 8th beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Social Hour. A Candlelight Meal begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$70 per couple) will be available to purchase after 10:00 a.m. Mass or by contacting the Parish office.

Called & Gifted Workshop

What is Jesus' plan for your life? What are your gifts? Come find out at the Called and Gifted Workshop on March 8th from 9:00 - 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. It's a free program to help you discern your spiritual gifts and will give you guidance on how to use them. This is a very popular workshop that the Catherine of Siena Institute has put together for lay people to discover God's call through charisms. This workshop is for everyone! Please sign up by calling Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688.

The Resurrected Artist Present: Don't Mention My Name Dinner Theatre

Come see our own Bob Theisen at Shady's Sunset Bay in St. Anna! **Evening Dinner Theatre** performances: Friday & Saturday February 21st & 22nd, and Friday & Saturday, February 28th & March 1st: Serving at 5:30 p.m., performance begins at 7:30 p.m. **Afternoon Dinner Theater** performance: Sunday, February 23rd: serving at noon, performance at 1:30 p.m. **Menu Selection:** Parmesan Walleye, Shrimp Scampi, 10 oz Ribeye, or Stuffed Chicken Breast. * Please have your menu choices ready when calling in your reservation & pre-order your Grasshopper for intermission! Reservations required for all Dinner Theatre Performances. Tickets \$ 38 (non-refundable). **Sunday Matinee** on March 2nd at 1:30 p.m. (regular Sunday chicken buffet available starting at 12 noon. Tickets \$8:00 at the door. No reservation necessary). Call 845-7738 for tickets.

St. Francis' News

St. Francis Men's Society

Meeting: Join us on Wed., Jan. 29th at 8:00 p.m. to plan the Matching Grant Breakfast (Feb. 23rd). The Men's Society is always looking for new members. The dues are only \$2.00 a year. Come to the meeting and join or just to help plan the breakfast.