

Dominican Fathers and Brothers of Nigeria

Please welcome the Dominican Fathers this weekend! We are currently located in some 25 countries in Africa. The Dominican Province of Nigeria & Ghana is the largest entity on the African continent. We are engaged in a diversity of ministries. Our efforts are very much concentrated in the areas of basic formation and training for the priesthood and religious life; primary evangelization in rural parts of Africa; on-going Christian formation in the faith through parish ministries; ministry among Muslims, social justice ministries, and health care deliver; chaplaincies and education ministries at all levels. We are committed to bringing Christ in a relevant way to all the people that we minister unto. In his presentation, our representative will be making references to these ministerial engagements of ours. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement for a successful appeal. Thank You!
~ Rev. Matthew Achunine, OP

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk? “Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. (Jn 15:4a,5b)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: May 3rd-5th

For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the “I do.” There’s no group discussion. It’s just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Where: Christ the King Retreat Ctr, Buffalo, MN Register at: <https://wwme.org/>

Central MN Koinonia

All are created in the image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17th-19th. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Visit: www.centralmnkoinonia.org to register. for retreats.

Mini Holy Family Fest, August 16-18

Holy Family Parish, Little Falls is hosting a fest for the whole family; camping, on site lodging, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Music, Food, Games, Children and Youth Programs. To register: <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>. For questions call: 632-5720 or email: hfoffice@havenofmercy catholic.org. Watch last year’s video at: havenofmercy catholic.org/mini-family-fest.

Knights of Columbus St. Gregory Council

Grand Knight Jeff Czech (320) 630-2753

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive: May 5th

Knights will be available after Masses at St. Mary’s. Proceeds go to Children with disabilities.

Meeting: May 7th

8:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s, Upsala.

Catholic Rural Life Conference: May 8th

The Featured speaker will be Cardinal Dolan at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN beginning at 1:00 p.m. If interested in attending contact Jeff Czech.

St. Catherine of Siena-April 29th

Catherine is well-known for her mystical experiences, including her “spiritual marriage” to Jesus. But she is also known for her love for the Eucharist. In her day, it was rare to receive Communion more than a few times a year, but she received as often as she could, sometimes daily. She also had a profound devotion to the Heart of Jesus, imagining spiritual, graces flowing from his side. In her childhood, she was so happy that her family nicknamed her “Euphrosyne,” which is the Greek word for joy.

In her memory

- Receive holy Communion at daily Mass.
- Be cheerful even when things aren’t going your way.
- Catherine was the 24th child in her family. Pray for all large families.

St. Catherine -Pray for us!

Seven Sisters Apostolate Reflection & Renewal Gathering

Saturday, June 29th at the Church of St. Anthony (2405 1st Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56303). Seven Sisters and interested guests are welcome! 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$15. Checks payable to Carrie Ellis, 6272 County Road 8 S.E. St. Cloud MN 56304. For questions call: 253-1692.

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Francis: 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Sunday: St. Mary: 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.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024




**Congratulations
Confirmation Class of 2024!**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 4/27		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	† Rosie Bauer ~Roerick Family	EM of HC: Janelle Roerick, Chris Fuchs c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Dan Lange Gifts: Gerry & MJ Boeckermann
Sunday 4/28		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	For the People	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Peggy Frieler c, Julie Wensmann c, Lector: Jim Bartkowicz, Servers: Isaac Harren, Ushers: Bob Brezinka & Ralph Schleper, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Ron & Nancy Stewart
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Ron Leners ~Marion Leners	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Renee Scholz c, Dave Scholz c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Dave & Mary Hollenkamp, Gifts: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Bank Deposit: Marvin Wensmann

Weekday Masses

Monday, 4/29	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>		<u>Adoration</u> 2nd Tuesdays: St. Francis 8am -7pm Thursdays: St. Mary's 12 - 9 pm.
No Mass			
Tuesday, 4/30	<i>St. Pius V, Pope</i>	Pray for us: Jim Negen, Matthew Hollermann, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Pat Euteneuer, Rose Binek, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Don Stiller, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George & Jim Koczur.	
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	† Helen Koczur		
Wednesday, 5/1	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Dorothy Gerads ~St. Francis Men's Society		
Thursday, 5/2	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis (SE)	† David Koroll		
Friday, 5/3	<i>Sts. Philip & James, Apostles</i>		
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Rita Schiller		

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5/4		
8:00 p.m. St. Francis	For the People	EM of HC: Bob Theisen, Alice Westrich c, Judy Theisen c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners, Gifts: Jon & Marsha Rakotz
Sunday 5/5		
8:00 a.m. St. Mary (SE)	† Jerry Biniek	EM of HC: Jim Bartkowicz, Julie Wensmann c, Jim Wensmann c, Lector: Tracey Hartung, Servers: Isaac Harren, Ushers: Brent Prokott & Andrew Prokott, Greeters: Megan Wensmann, Gifts: Kris & Carrie Wensmann
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	† Luke Jacobs	EM of HC: Jan Kilian, Cindy Koehn c, Peggy Frieler c, Lector: Mary Hollenkamp, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Matt & Ronda Ripplinger, Greeters: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Gifts: Patrick & Lisa Zabinski, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

All Cluster News

Faith Formation:

May 1st
K-6: 6:30– 7:30 p.m. Class
Home Lesson: Marian Apparitions

May 4th
9:00 a.m. First Communion Retreat & Practice

May 5th
10:00 a.m. First Communion-St Mary's
Please keep our students in your prayers!

Totus Tuus: June 16th –22nd
Our parishes will have an opportunity to help our children grow in their faith at Totus Tuus on June 16th –22nd. Registration forms are now on the website and in the entry of Church. Shanna Dobmeier is our coordinator this year: shannamary@gmail.com (320) 733-0761. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “Totally Yours.” was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from the St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. It also expresses our effort to give our all to every young person we encounter. Through the team’s example of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are on fire with the Catholic Faith! The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people the longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion and an openness to their vocation by continually strengthening their prayer lives.

Eucharistic Revival Local Pilgrimage

Everyone is invited to the Eucharistic Procession on May 21st following a 6:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception in St. Anna. Following the Procession we will celebrate with a BBQ. Visit the website to view each day’s activities: <https://studio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revivalpilgrimage>.

Wednesday, May 22: Mora to Gilman (activities all night),

Thursday, May 23: Leave Gilman for several stops: Little Falls, Long Prairie, Sauk Centre, St. Mary’s Cathedral (all day and all night activities).

Friday May 24: St. Mary’s Cathedral in St. Cloud to Clear Lake.

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 14, 2024

St. Edward: Adult: \$667, Loose: \$109, Fire Fund: \$145, Catholic Mission: \$5 **Total: \$926**

St. Francis: Adult: \$710, Loose: \$39, Funeral: \$20 **Total: \$769**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,264, Loose: \$360.75, Votive: \$48, **Total: \$2,672.75**

Vocation Camp

Tuesday-Thursday, June 18th-20th. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake. We seek to provide an engaging environment where young Catholic men are able to listen to the voice of Jesus. We desire to instill in their lives the faith and trust to follow Him no matter where He may lead. Cost \$40 Scholarships available. Contact Julie Jacobs at (320) 251-5001 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp>.

Paschal Challenge

Saturday, August 17th, Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection in a WHOLE new way! For young men grades 9th-12th. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024PaschalChallenge>.

PRAY for OUR COUNTRY

Let us gather together every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to pray the rosary at St. Mary’s for our country and for world peace. Contact: Darren 293-8985.

Living Rosary

All are welcome to join in this beautiful way to pray the Rosary on Wed., May 1st at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s.

Pilgrimage Tour

Prayerfully consider a Pilgrimage Tour this Summer: June 4th - 6th. Fr. Jimmy will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage motor coach tour in Wisconsin to Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, in New Franken, Rudolph Grotto & Gardens and Lambeau Field in Green Bay. See the brochure in the entry of church or visit: www.lavernestravel.com.


St. Francis’ News

St. Francis Men’s Society/CUF

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 29th at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Anyone who is interested in joining please come to the meeting. Thank you!

Mothers Day Flowers: May 12th

Long stem carnations will be available Mother’s Day before & after Mass for Free Will donation. Sign up sheet on table church entrance if you wish flower and/or flowers. Fund raiser for Elevate (formerly Birthline).



May Eternal Rest be granted to:
LeRoy Schmitz
Passed to Eternal Life: 4/17/2024
Burial to be determined

St. Mary’s News

A Big thank you to Tamara Lange, Brooke Lange, Julie Nelson & Laura Ripplinger for spending their time getting furniture for the gathering space. Good job ladies! Also, thank you to Dave & Renee Scholz for cleaning vents in the church. Your work is much appreciated. Any questions call me: Judy (320) 333-9929.