

# The Catholic Communities of Holdingford, St. Anna, and St. Wendel

# All Saints, Holdingford Immaculate Conception, St. Anna St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

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#### **Confession Times:**

By appointment only

Marriage: Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and must call the Central Office to meet with Father Gregory before setting a date. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

**<u>Baptism:</u>** Call the Central Office to schedule Baptism.

Shut-Ins: Please call us.

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Father after Mass and call the Central Office. If you are leaving our parishes please call the central office so we can update our census. Thank you.

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#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God~ January 1

"Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved."

# How does our veneration of Mary and the saints relate to our worship of God?

"The honor we give to God alone is properly called adoration, the highest honor we can give. The honor we give to Mary and the saints is called veneration. Proper veneration of the saints does not interfere with the worship due to God, but rather fosters it...Even as the Mother of the Savior, Mary has a place that is in every way subordinate to and dependent upon that of her Son, who is the mediator between God and humanity." ~usccb.org



"Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition

has seen, in the magi, the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation... The figures of the wise men have reached Bethlehem, completing the nativity scene."

#### **Customs around the world:**

**Spanish:** Jesus in the nativity scene is given a small gold crown and regal robe. The wise men have arrived on the scene.

**German:** On the vigil, three young men dressed in colorful robes and a starbearer go "star caroling" from house to house singing.

**Jordan:** The blessing of water is done in reminiscence of Jesus' baptism. The blessed water is used for blessing homes.

**Central Europe:** Pastors bless chalk for each family to inscribe the names of the three Magi over their doorways. 20 + C + M + B + 2021 ~catholicculture

# **Evangelization Corner** ~ Kristin Molitor

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Like the Magi, we too have encountered Jesus in the manger this Christmas. In this last week of the Christmas season, let's kneel before the creche and ponder how our lives are different because of Christmas.

Next week, the Liturgical Calendar will turn back to ordinary time. Will we allow the Holy Infant we encountered at Christmas to be the center of our "ordinary life?"

Below is a reflection by Fr. Mark Toups, a priest from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to help us this week as we begin to prepare for Ordinary time.

"The temptation is to go back to your life as it was before Christmas. The temptation is to sentimentalize the "holidays" and to leave the reality of Christmas behind. Once Christmas happened, Mary could not ever go back to "real life." Joseph could never go back to "real life." Even the Magi, who had not yet met Jesus, knew that their "real life" would never be the same. Listen to me: you cannot "go back" to your life as it was before Christmas. Mary's "real life" was forever changed by Christ. The infant was reality. Jesus was real life. The baby was now the center of Mary's life. Joseph's "real life" was forever changed by Christ. He was the center of Joseph's life. The Magi are journeying. What they will find will change their lives forever too.

Your life is different. Your life has been changed. Christmas isn't about a simple baby. Christmas is about "the desire for God written in the human heart." Christmas is about your "desire for the one who calls [you] into existence."

Today, we, like the Magi, must make the choice to stay on the pilgrimage. Today, we must make the life-altering decision that we will no longer be the center of our life.

Merry Christmas. Everyday...forever...Merry Christmas. Are you ready to make Christ the center of your life?"

The Prayer List was refreshed in November. Please notify the office if you would like to be added or taken off the Prayer List or if you are in need of special prayers.



# The Healing Power of God

Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially:

Teckla Scegura, Dave Scegura, Lee Larkey and Arnold Voss, Al Hartung, Arlene Beniek, Delores Eiynk, Theresa Johannes, Fr. Gregory, Residents and staff at Mother of Mercy, Michell Ostendorf, Theresa Pierskalla, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore, Tom Studniski, Loren Philippi

# Eucharistic

# Adoration

Cluster Adoration Every Monday 12 noon to 8 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's



#### This Week's Events

<u>Updates and Mass times from Father Gregory</u> www.tworiverscatholic.com Catholic Radio

**K-YES Radio 1180** www.kyesradio.com Father Gregory's Radio Show is every Friday on K-YES Radio 1180 AM or 93.5 PM at 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Tune in for updates and inspiration.

**KASM Radio 1150 AM** 

Rosary with Father at 6:00 p.m. daily relevantradio.com

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<u>Check websites for additional updates</u> www.tworiverscatholic.com www.238catholic.org (Upsala cluster)

# **Church Hours (watch website for changes)**

All Saints-St. Mary's will be open Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Adoration: Mondays from noon to 8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Immaculate Conception: Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

<u>St Columbkille:</u> Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mass times vary please check the website: tworiverscatholic.com. for times

#### Prayer Lines -

All Saints: Ramona Fedor 746-2395 Kathleen Ebnet 746-2227

**Immaculate Conception:** 

Shirley Schwalbe 356-7209 Christine Maleska 356-7246 **St Columbkille:** Esther Struzyk 251-4984

Susan Opatz 363-8160

If you are interested in being on the schedule or have changes in availability please contact:

Ministry Schedulers:

All Saints: Patty Becker 291-6582

Immaculate Conception: Kathy Scegura 746-2814

St. Columbkille- Carol Kuklok 247-3427

#### News & Events



Advent begins our liturgical new year but we celebrate the new calendar year often making a New Year's resolution. This year consider making your consecration to the heart of St. Joseph

What does it mean to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph? Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

#### If you have already consecrated yourself to the Virgin Mary, can you be consecrated to St. Joseph, as well?

The answer is a resounding "Yes!" God desires that all children be committed to the care of a mother and a father. You are not a member of a single-parent spiritual family. Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth. Total consecration to Mary is not diminished by total consecration to St. Joseph. Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Jesus wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.

www.consecrationtostjoseph.org



# **Knights of Columbus**

#### Knights of Columbus, Council 9307 Pop tab collection

We are requesting your help with collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Due to the current Covid situation, we will have a day when they can be put in a drop off box sometime mid April in St. Anna, St. Wendel and Holdingford. This is a great way to help families stay with their child when they are hospitalized for an illness. Your help in this activity is greatly appreciated. For questions please contact:

Mike Peters at 746-2377 or Grand Knight, Jamie Panek 290-7752

#### **Prayer to Receive a New Bishop**

Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Saint Cloud a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors. In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

#### Jesus is with us!

The Holdingford Lions Community Appreciation Breakfast will be on January 17th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. FREE-take out only. Drive to City Hall and Lions will hand it out to you. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice and applesauce will be served.



Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:4-10/ Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4: 14-22

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11

If you would like to request a Mass Intention for a day after January 2021, please mail in or drop your Mass Intention Form in the collection basket with your loved one's name, a few date choices, \$10 check per Mass request, and your name & phone number. Thank you!

#### **Online Giving:**

Go to the URL address for your church as listed below. Click on "Sign up for Your New Account" and complete your initial registration. Please call 800-348-2886 Option 2 for assistance. Thank you! URL Addresses:

All Saints, Holdingford, MN

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# Weekly Offering

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#### Thank you for your generosity!

"For where your Treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Luke 12:34

2021 is the Year of St. Joseph

# Parish News & Events

#### St Columbkille

#### **Christian Women:**

Rosary on KASM: The Christian Women will be sponsoring the Rosary on KASM radio on January 11th through the 17th. Thank you and God bless. ~Sue Burg 250-8810

Ministry Schedules are available at the back of church.

#### **All Cluster**

#### Women's Group

The Women's Group meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. Currently we are reading "A Devotional Journey into the Mass." Women who would like to participate in a deeper discussion of our last book "Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits" are invited to gather on the fourth Monday of the month. Contact Kristin if interested by leaving a message at 228-0105 or email: evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com

#### **Consider Joining a Discipleship Quad**

Are you looking to grow closer to Jesus in the new year? Would you like to grow in your faith in new and unexpected ways? This Advent, take time to prayerfully consider joining one of our Discipleship Quads that will be starting in January. A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversation, and learning. We've had eight people from our cluster go through the process this past year and they have all said that it is truly a transformational experience. Contact Kristin if you would like to learn more about joining or starting a Discipleship Quad. Call 228-0105 or email: evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com.

#### **Well-Read Mom**

Our next Zoom meeting is on January 26th at 3:30 –5 p.m. The goal of Well-Read Mom is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship in the process. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information about our next season please ask Susan at (320) 224-6052 or go to wellreadmom.com

#### **Rural Catholic Singles Group**

Join in for prayer, topical information and discussions for single people who are discerning their vocation and looking for social connections in the process. Our next meeting is January 9, 2021 from 8-9:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

Contact Janel Heinen 290-2877 to find out more information about this newly formed group meeting for fun and faith!

#### **WATCH ON FORMED:**



FORMED Now! Special Reflections In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute will lead us in reflections throughout the season from December 22nd through January 11th. In this, the year of St. Joseph as announced by Pope Francis, the gift of Plenary indulgences will be granted through a decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary by mandate of the Holy Father. An Indulgence can be given by saying the this prayer to St. Joseph (below) following the usual requirements (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the pope's intentions).

#### Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

**Pray for our Seminarians:** check out our website: tworiverscatholic.com. Click on link below 'Cluster News" (created by Janice Wuebkers).

Current Office hours: leave messages at 228-0105 Wednesdays 10:00 a.m –3:00 p.m.
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# Mon.

Jan. 5

# Mass Schedule

Mon.	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Jan. 4	Mass said by Fr. Gregory
Tues.	Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Mass said by Fr. Gregory

Wed. Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
Jan. 6 Mass said by Fr. Gregory

Thurs. St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
Jan. 7 Mass said by Fr. Gregory

Fri.

Jan. 8 Mass said by Fr. Gregory

Sat.

Jan. 9 To be announced. Check our website: tworiverscatholic.com

**Sun.** Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 10 To be announced. Check our website: tworiverscatholic.com

# For Mass Times please check our website: tworiverscatholic.com.

Come early if you want to attend. Church seating capacity can only be at 50%. Bishop Kettler has asked that we wear masks inside church buildings. Thank you.

Mass Intentions
said by Father Gregory through
December 23rd.
For the People
Eugene Robert Christensen
Art Pierskalla
Connie Young
Russell Paul Heitzman
Charles Fred Ruprecht
For those who are sick with Covid

that they may be healed

# Family Faith Formation & GIFFT (Generations In Family Faith Together)

Celebrating the Epiphany with kids ~ catholicicing.com "The 12 days of Christmas end with the Epiphany, which is traditionally celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Epiphany is celebrated on the closest Sunday to the 6th." Check catholicicing.com for these ideas:

Count Down The 12 Days to the Epiphany





Catholic Jeing

Craft a Crown for the Epiphany

Celebrate with a King cake

Have a special family meal with King cake for dessert!

#### This January, start a new Adventure



The Virtue Chronicles follows the adventures of 12-yearolds Andrew Perry and Eve Virtue as they contend with the mysterious Radiant Stone, an ancient jewel with the

power to sent the back in time. From author Paul Mccusker, best known for the award winning Radio Theatre productions for the Augustine Institute and Focus on the Family. www.catholicmarket

#### Youth Praise and Worship Adoration on January 4th at 7:00-8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's

For more information contact Shelley at 248-2860 Join in this event every 1st Monday of the Month!

# More ideas to celebrate the Epiphany: Read the Story of the Magi in Matthew 2

Look at the stars This year on December 21st Jupiter and Saturn were as close as they have been since the 1200's. (still visible in January 2021) Could the Star of Bethlehem have been such an occurrence around 2 B.C.?



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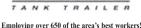
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