

The  
Immaculate  
Conception  
of the  
Blessed  
Virgin  
Mary  
December 8th  
2020



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

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

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2020

### Central Office in Holdingford

**Hours:** Mon.-Wed. 10 to 3, Thurs. 1 to 5

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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.

**Baptism:** 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.

**P.O. Box 308,**

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### From the Bishop's Letter on November 20, 2020

"As you know, we are experiencing a serious resurgence of Covid-19 cases...with this in mind, I want to clarify what my expectations are in light of the governor's new executive order and the latest data from state health authorities. I am requiring all pastors and parish leaders to obey the executive order, adhere to the requirements outlined in our liturgical and ministry protocols, and follow the additional requirements...weddings funerals and Masses are not affected by Gov. Walz's new order...All liturgies, however, must continue to follow the protocols we already have in place...Receptions and social gathering before or after Masses, weddings and funerals are prohibited. I ask for your patience, trust and understanding. You continue to be in my prayers" ~Bishop Donald J. Kettler (This includes social groups gathering in our church basements for other events. Church Christmas decorators can only be those living in the same household together though decorators from another household could choose a different time).

We are a faithful people. Especially during these unusual times our community has remained strong in faith placing our trust in Jesus to lead us. Even during this time while the Bishop has allowed a Mass dispensation the faithful have gathered celebrate Mass to receive Jesus and be in community with one another. By gathering in His name and praying, we are saying 'yes' to an intimate relationship with Jesus. Thank you to all our faithful and a special thank you to Fr. Gregory for offering so many Masses, indoors and outside. Prepare for the Birth of Jesus in your heart, for He is coming soon!

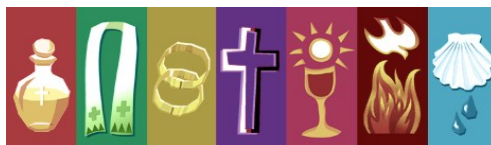


*The following are offered for you and your intentions.*

---Decades of the Rosary  
---Holy Communion  
---Adoration  
---Acts of Penance  
---Novenas  
---Litanies  
---Act of kindness

*Spiritual  
Bouquet  
for you*

Consider giving the gift of prayer this year as a way to keep Christ in Christmas. This is the kind of present Fr. Gregory prefers for Christmas and there is no better way to truly spread the joy of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus!



# Evangelization Corner

~Kristin Molitor

Dear Friends,

There is a great movement in our culture toward conservation, and for the most part, this is a good thing. To counteract our throwaway culture, many of us are more mindful of the ways we waste time, money, energy, and resources.

During this Advent season, however, I think we should make it a goal **not to waste grace**.

In her Advent book, *Come, Lord Jesus*, Mother Mary Francis reminds us that Advent is a season of tremendous grace and purpose. Christ is coming! She says **"We hear that God is coming with power. Will we let him use that power? God is coming to cleanse our hearts. Will we let him cleanse them?"**

Brothers and sisters, Jesus came to deliver us from sin! The season of Advent is a privileged time to prayerfully examine where sin still enslaves us. Christ wants us free! The word Advent means "coming." We can be confident that when we cry out for a savior, Jesus, Emmanuel, comes. **He always comes**. And He meets us in our need with kindness, mercy, and tenderness.

This Advent season is rich with grace. *Our loving Savior comes to us*. Let's open hearts to him so the fruits of Advent-love, joy, peace, and hope-will reign within our hearts this Christmas.

*"In His infinite love for us, though we were sinners, He sent His only Son, to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of His grace and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. ...We shall share His power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ. ~Saint Charles Borromeo*



## 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 Eiynek, Theresa Johannes, Fr. Gregory, Residents and staff at Mother of Mercy, Michell Ostendorf, Theresa Pierskalla, Dorothy Lowe, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore, Tom Studniski

## Eucharistic Adoration

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



## This Week's Events

Updates and Mass times from Father Gregory  
[www.tworiverscatholic.com](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com)

### Catholic Radio

K-YES Radio 1180 [www.kyesradio.com](http://www.kyesradio.com)

Father Gregory's Radio Show is every Friday on K-YES Radio 1180 AM or 93.5 FM 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](http://relevantradio.com)

### Contemporary Christian Music

SPIRIT 92.9 FM [www.spirit929.com](http://www.spirit929.com)

### Check websites for additional updates

[www.tworiverscatholic.com](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com)

[www.238catholic.org](http://www.238catholic.org) (Upsala cluster)

## Church Hours

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.

St Columbkille: Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mass times vary please check the website: [tworiverscatholic.com](http://tworiverscatholic.com). for times

## Prayer Lines —

**All Saints:** Ramona Fedor 746-2395  
Kathleen Ebnert 746-2227

### Immaculate Conception:

Shirley Schwalbe 356-7209  
Christine Maleska 356-7246

**St Columbkille:** Esther Struzyk 251-4984  
Susan Opatz 363-8160

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

The prayer list was refreshed at the start of the new liturgical year, November 29th. Please call or email if you'd like be on the Prayer list.

## News & Events



### Jesse Tree Advent Tradition ~loyolapress.org

"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." ~Isaiah 11:1

Illustrated ornaments representing the events in the Old Testament leading up to the birth of Jesus are added to a tree throughout Advent.

#### First Week:

Sunday: set up the tree and read Isaiah 11:1-10/1 Samuel 16:1-13.

Monday: Adam and Eve, ornament: apple, read Genesis 2:4-24, 3

Tuesday: Noah, ornament: Noah's Ark, read Genesis 6-9.

Wednesday: Abraham, ornament: field of stars, read Genesis 12 and 15.

Thursday: Isaac, ornament: Ram, read: Genesis 22

Friday: Jacob, ornament: ladder, read: Genesis 25:19-34, 27,28:10-22, 31-33

Saturday: Joseph, ornament: coat of many colors, read: Genesis 37, 39-41, 42-45.

#### Second Week:

Sunday: Moses, ornament: burning bush, read: Exodus 1-2, 3,5 and 6

Monday: The Israelites, ornament: lamb, read Exodus 11-13, 14:1-15:21, 15:22-17:16

Tuesday: Moses and Aaron, ornament: Tablets of the Torah, read: Exodus 19, 20:1-11

Wednesday: Joshua, ornament: ram's horn trumpet, read: Joshua 2, 6, 23-24

Thursday: Gideon, ornament: clay water pitcher, read: Judges 6-8

Friday: Ruth, ornament: Grain, read: Ruth

Saturday: Samuel, ornament: crown, read: 1 Samuel 3, 10-12.  
(weeks 3 and 4 next bulletin)



### Knights of Columbus

#### Knights of Columbus, Council 9307

Is having a Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest. Poster paper and entry forms are in the back of church at St. Anna, St. Wendel and All Saints-St. Mary's. Contest is open for children ages 5 thru 14 to enter. Completed posters with entry taped to the back, should be returned to the back of churches, the Sacristy or the Central Office. Deadline for completion is January 1st.

~ Grand Knight, Jayme Panek

#### Daughters of Isabella

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes' basement.



May Eternal Rest  
Be Granted to:

David Martín Bías

Burial November 23, 2020

All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Eleanor Marie Wentland

Funeral November 25, 2020

All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Mary Ann Stodolka

Funeral December 2, 2020

All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Leona Blonigen

Funeral December 4, 2020

Immaculate Conception



Holy  
Baptism

Newly Baptized

Ruby Lyn Sobania

Child of Elizabeth and Alex  
All Saints on November 29, 2020



## Weekly Readings

**Monday** Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12/1:26-38

**Wednesday** Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday** Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday** Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk  
1:39-47

**Sunday** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ 1 Thes  
5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Advent is all about the hope that God gives us. This Advent season be surprised and wait with eagerness. Jesus doesn't want to have just an intimacy with God the Father, he wants intimacy with you, especially in the Eucharist. Be filled with joy, not just passive waiting. Jesus, we will wait for you with anticipation!  
~from Fr. Gregory's homily, Dec. 1

There is a **December Calendar** which includes Mass and Confession times that should have been inserted into your bulletin. If you did not receive one, you can pick one up in the Central Office or check our website: [tworiverscatholic.com](http://tworiverscatholic.com)

### Weekly Offering

#### Financial Contributions

##### PARISH INCOME

#### November 22, 2020

AS 1,548.00

IC 1,761.00

SC 2,281.25

#### November 29, 2020

AS 2,589.00

IC 1,432.00

SC 1,382.00

#### Online Giving

#### November 2020

AS \$ 1,856.00

IC \$ 5,380.00

SC \$ 785.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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



# Parish News & Events

## Immaculate Conception

**New HEAD Sacristan needed for Immaculate Conception:** this volunteer position is for either one person or a couple who can coordinate the schedule of the other volunteer sacristans so that there is someone present to set up the mass books and vessels for each mass/funerals/baptisms at Immaculate Conception. This person also is detail oriented and organized to keep track of and order any supplies needed in the sacristy.

## St Columbkille

**Christian Women:** We will be collecting items for the Poor Clares. Items they are looking for include: scotch tape refills, post it notes, cough drops, hand sanitizers, handwipes, business envelopes, correction tape, toilet paper, and Kleenex tissue. Anything you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. A box at the back of church will be set up until December 14th. Thank you and God Bless. ~Sue Burg 250-8810

**Ministry Schedules** are available at the back of church.

**Holy Eucharist Pyx for the homebound** If you have a pyx at home, please return it to the church cabinet, thank you.

## 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](mailto: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 if you would like to learn more about joining or starting a Discipleship Quad. Call 228-0105 to leave a message or email: [evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com)

### Well-Read Mom

Our next meeting is on December 22nd at 3:30-5 p.m. We are reading a great book for Advent, *The Way of Perfection* by St. Teresa of Avila. If you have been curious about our group this would be a wonderful discussion to drop in on and see if you would like to join our group. We understand if you can not complete the book because life comes before finishing books. This will be a Zoom meeting so please call Susan Heroux at 320-224-6052 if you would like to join us for the first time.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve-Dec. 24th

4:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception, St. Anna  
6:00 p.m. St. Columbkille, St. Wendel  
Midnight Mass 12 Midnight, All Saints-St. Mary's

### Christmas Day-Dec. 25th

9:00 a.m. **All Saints-St. Hedwig's**

## Upsala Christmas Mass Schedule

### Feast of Immaculate Conception Vigil-Dec. 7th

8:00 p.m. St. Francis, St. Francis  
**Immaculate Conception-** Dec. 8th  
**7:30 a.m.** St. Mary's, Upsala  
12 noon St. Edward's, Elmdale

### Christmas Eve-Dec. 24th

4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala  
5:00 p.m. St. Francis, St. Francis  
8:00 p.m. St. Edward's, Elmdale

### Christmas Day-Dec. 25th

8:00 a.m. St. Edward, Elmdale  
10:00 a.m. St. Francis, St. Francis

I apologize for the errors in the Mass Schedule noted bold and in red above. Many blessings to you all as we wait, filled with joy, for His coming.  
~Jessie Johnson, Parish Secretary

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:



Draw close to Christ with reflections and Enrichment such as videos, talks and texts to nourish your spiritual life throughout Advent.

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Virgin Birth, Incarnation, and events Surrounding Jesus' birth.



If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** for after January 2021, please mail in or drop your Mass Intention form in the collection basket with your loved one's name, give few dates that you'd like, and a \$10 check per Mass request. Please include your phone number. Thank you!



### Second Week of Advent-

"Be filled with joy and not just passive waiting" ~Fr. Gregory

## Rural Catholic Singles Group

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 12th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact: Janel Heinen 290-2877 for information.



# Mass Schedule

<b>Mon.</b>	<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>8:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>12 noon St. Columbkille (weather permitting outside)</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<i>Saint Juan Diego</i>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Mass said by Fr. Gregory</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Mass said by Fr. Gregory</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Mass said by Fr. Gregory</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>11:00 Wedding Mass St. Columbkille</b> Alissa Gertken & Eric Keppers
<b>Sun.</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>To be announced. Check our website: <a href="http://tworiverscatholic.com">tworiverscatholic.com</a></b>

For Mass Times please check our

website: [tworiverscatholic.com](http://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.

**Last week's Mass Intentions said by Father Gregory:**

Roger Blenker x2

Good Harvest

Thanksgiving prayers for Simon Konig

Shirley Graveen x2

For the Deceased members of the

Hartung and Thell families

Dale Hadrich x2

Sandy Kraemer

Kevin Phillip

Dennis Meagher

Greg Hartung

Alois Kociemba

For the People x2

Eleanor Wentland

Mary Stodolka

Intentions for Tom and Trudy Lyon

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

**Youth Praise and Worship Adoration on December 7th 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!

Advent Calendar Dec. 6th-12th ~[www.catholiccurrent.org](http://www.catholiccurrent.org)

Dec.6- Give to the Retired Religious Fund: [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)  
Pray for those who gave their lives as Christ's servants

Dec.7- Memorial of St. Ambrose who baptized St. Augustine patron  
Saint of catechumens. Pray for those seeking to join the Church

Dec.8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Attend Mass and pray the  
Hail Mary before meals. Pray for our country.

Dec.9- Bring joy to those facing the challenges of this year. Help a stranger  
In need. Share the Gospel with your family.

Dec.10-Walking with Moms in Need encourages us to 'walk in her shoes'.  
of the pregnant women in our area. [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

Dec.11-Love your neighbor as yourself. Seek out volunteer opportunities in  
your area (food delivery or snow shoveling).

Dec.12-Our Lady of Guadalupe, "help us never to see others as burdens."  
Pray for those that are the most difficult for you to pray for.

### Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother, To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen

~St. Bernard of Clairvaux

### Build up your Family's Faith Life with prayer:

<http://familytogether.stcdio.org/>

**Catholic Resources:** [www.avemariapress.com](http://www.avemariapress.com)

**Jesse Tree ornament templates and ideas:**

[www.myjessetree.com](http://www.myjessetree.com) (Catholic kids newsletter)

Printable Jesse Tree ornaments can be found at:

[www.catholicinspired.com](http://www.catholicinspired.com)

[www.catholicicing.com](http://www.catholicicing.com)

Handmade Jesse Tree ornament tutorial :

[www.catholicallyear.com](http://www.catholicallyear.com)

*Praying the Jesse Tree: Devotions for Advent* by

Debra Grant

PREPARE THE  
WAY OF THE KING  
DR. SCOTT HAHN



### WATCH ON FORMED:

Your Advent journey will take on a new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind -Jesus Christ.

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**Thank you and Blessings for a good day!**