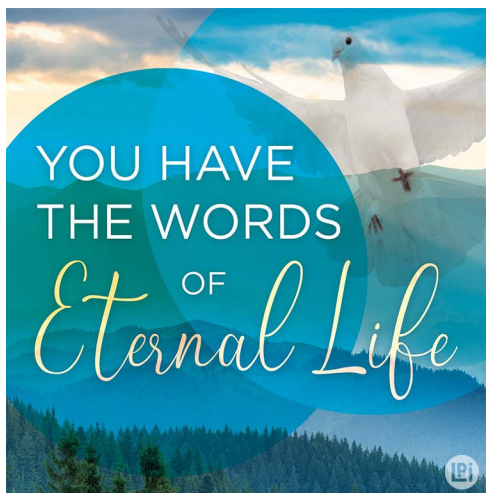




The Catholic Communities of Holdingford, St. Anna, and St. Wendel

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

The Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

Central Office in Holdingford

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Confession Times: Before daily Mass
And by appointment

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.

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The Queenship of Mary Feast Day was originally established on May 31st by Pope Pius XII in 1954 until the Second Vatican Council when the day was moved to August 22nd. It is now eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption (an octave) and “emphasizes the close relationship between the royalty of Mary and her glorification in soul and body next to her Son...Mary is uniquely bound to her Son both on earth and in Heaven.” The royalty of Mary is one of “service of love” not wealth or power. She is the “queen in the service of God to humanity” who gave the gift of self to enter into God’s plan of salvation ~Excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI Audience 2012 at Castel Gondolfo/CNA

“The Mother of Christ is glorified as ‘Queen of the Universe’: She who called herself the ‘handmaid of the Lord’ at the Annunciation remained faithful to what this name expresses throughout her earthly life. In this she confirmed that she was a true ‘disciple’ of Christ, who strongly emphasized that his mission was one of service: The Son of Man ‘came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many’ (Matt 20:28). In this way Mary became the first of those who, ‘serving Christ also in others, with humility and patience lead their brothers and sisters to’ that King to serve whom is to reign’ (Lumen gentium, 36), and she fully achieves that ‘state of royal freedom’ proper to Christ’s disciples: To serve Christ is to reign with Him... Her ‘glory in serving’ is completely compatible with her royal exaltation. Taken up into heaven; she does not cease her service for the sake of our salvation.”

(John Paul II, Redemptoris Mater, 25 March 1987)

“Mary allowed grace to fill every ounce of her being — strengthening her to give a daily ‘yes’ to follow and believe. Before Jesus even explained to the disciples that the work of God is to believe in the One sent by God — Mary believed. As she stood before Elizabeth with the Fulfillment of the Word within her, her Magnificat’s bursts forth, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” **We receive the same promises through the Eucharist;** we see these Mysteries unfold with Jesus literally within us every time we receive the Eucharist. The grace that filled every ounce of Mary’s being is available to us abundantly; we merely need to ask, accept, and cooperate with it. “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). What keeps us from asking? Although credited as doubting, Jesus did not withhold from St. Thomas what he asked for to help him believe.

~ Allison Gingras/Connect! Sunday Reflection

Evangelization Corner

~Kristin Molitor

Dear Friends,

Rejection in some form or another is something we've all experienced and is something we most likely all fear. The act of "putting ourselves out there" is incredibly vulnerable and is risky business. However, a life without risks and chances is a life haunted by regrets and unanswered questions.

Brothers and sisters, in the Bread of Life discourse that we've heard these last few weeks, Jesus puts himself out there and risks everything in hopes that we will accept His invitation to Eucharistic intimacy. In last week's Gospel, Jesus definitively teaches that he wants us to consume his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. His words unveil how much He desires intimacy with each one of us. He doesn't simply want to be a teacher, role model, or leader that we observe from afar. *He desires communion with us.* Love always tends towards union with the object beloved. And Jesus, the ultimate lover, longs to be united with us, not only in heaven but *also here below.*

In today's Gospel, many of Jesus' followers will reject His proposal and go back to their former way of life. Shouldn't Jesus try to tone down his teaching so that the crowds stay? Why risk losing His popularity on such a difficult teaching?

Jesus does not back down on His teaching because *He will not settle for a lesser love.* He desires to give a total gift of himself. Jesus makes himself vulnerable and risks rejection because He will not live a life haunted by "what ifs." He longs for communion with YOU. At every Mass, He makes himself vulnerable and available in a little host with the hopes that YOU will be there to be one with Him.

Brothers and sisters, what is your response to Jesus' invitation to love? Do you believe Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and longs for communion with you?



The Healing Power of God

Call the Central Office if you would like to be added or removed from the Prayer List. Let us know if you'd like a visit from Fr. Gregory for prayers or Sacraments

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

Teckla Scegura, Dave Scegura, Lee Larkey, Arnold Voss,
Theresa & LeRoy Johannes, Fr. Gregory, Shelley Ostendorf,
Leon Opatz, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore,
Tom Studniski, Loren Philippi, Ardith Mosier, Mickey Jeffers,
Carol Kuklok, Casey Tschida, Emily Rudnicki, Ambrose Gertken
Art Harlander Sr., Bonnie Woiatalla, Laverne Woidylla,
Allan Warzecha, Al Maslowski, Frances Breth,
David Platz, Jr., Laverne Woidylla, Pat Euteneuer

Eucharistic Adoration

Cluster Adoration
Every Monday and after
weekday Masses
12 noon to 8 p.m
All Saints – St. Mary's



Listen to the Rosary led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.

Listen to Fr. Gregory's Rural Life Radio Show on KYES 1180 or 93.5 FM at 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday.

The Churches of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Mary is seeking a full time Office Manager or Part-Time Secretary or Bookkeeper. The Church Office Manager is both Secretary and Bookkeeper position which is responsible for coordinating and executing the tasks to ensure the church office operates efficiently. Full Time position is 30 hrs/week as hours are flexible. Please see the website for details:

www.238catholic.org

We are in need of immediate temporary help in the Upsala office. Please call (320) 573-2132 if interested.

Will weekend Mass be outdoors or indoors?

For updated weekend Mass information, please check our website: www.tworiverscatholic.com Father announce Mass changes according to the weather on the website usually by Thursday.

All Saints Ushers and Sacristans: The Mass Count form for All Saints was not returned to the office and we need to get it submitted ASAP to the diocese. Can whoever who was filling it out return it to the office. Thank you!

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

News & Events



St. Francis of Assisi 65th Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, August 22, 2021

St. Francis MN

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Music led by

LaVerne and the Starlites.

Chicken & Ham Dinner

(\$12 adults, \$6 kids 5-10 yrs,
4 and under-free)

Silent Auction, Grand Raffle, Food
Stand, Kids Games, Cake walk,
Bingo, Straw Stand, Fancywork



Support our Seminarians

20th annual Motorcycle Run

is Sunday, Aug. 29th, starting with
a 1:30 p.m. tour of St. Mary
Church in Melrose. Prayers follow
at 2 p.m. with a motorcycle
blessing. The motorcycle run will
leave at 2:45 p.m., take a rest at
St. John Church in Swanville at
3:45 p.m. and then head back to
Melrose at 4:15 p.m. for dinner at
the American Legion at 5:30 p.m.
For more information, contact
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold at 247-4907.
All donations support seminarian
education for the Diocese of
St. Cloud.

Thank you to Katie Vouk for doing
the housekeeping at All Saints-St.
Mary's. She is leaving for college.
Many blessings to her. We have
an immediate opening for her
position: 3-5 hours/week. Please
call the office if interested.

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(noun) Thanksgiving.

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Engaged Couples Retreat, Saturday

Date: September 11th, 2021

Location: TBD from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00
p.m. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. See
our website for more details or call the
office with questions:

<https://stcdio.org/engaged-couple-marriage-preparation/>. 252-4721

Natural Family Planning

Little Falls: Sept. 7th at 7:30 p.m.

St. Cloud Aug. 26th at 6:30 p.m.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

October 8-10th at Christ the King retreat

Center in Buffalo MN. You will learn
practical communication techniques to
rediscover your hopes and dreams for
your marriage. Call Brent & Tracy
Chessen (612) 756-8720.

August 25 Mass of Remembrance

Bishop Kettler will celebrate a Mass of
Remembrance at St. Francis Xavier in
Sartell at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is being
celebrated to remember all of those
who have died due to complications
related to COVID-19. If you would like
to have a loved one remembered in
name at this Mass, please submit their
name through this online form:

For more information, contact Aaron
Carpenter at: (320) 255-9068

aaron.carpenter@gw.stcdio.org



Weekly Readings



Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

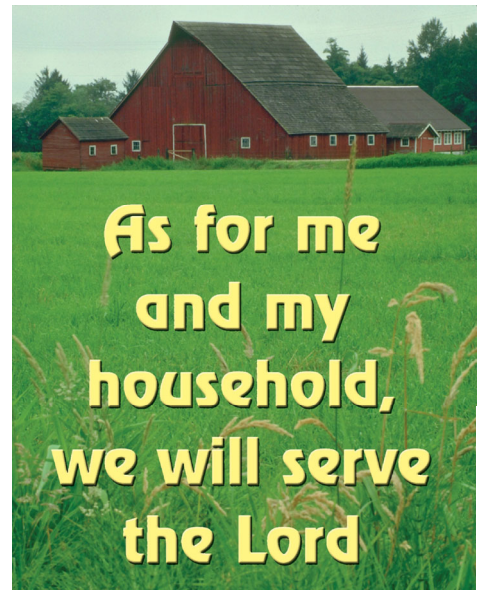
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18/
21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer

*We know, Lord, that your words are
spirit and life. Amidst the confusion
of the world and the distractions of
suffering, help us to remember that
only You have the words of ever-
lasting life. In a world full of choices
that clamor for our favor, help us
make the right choice. Help us
choose You, always.*

Connect! Sunday Reflection



Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

August 15, 2021

AS \$ 5,425.00

IC \$ 1,582.00

SC \$ 1,335.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

Immaculate Conception

Faith Formation Director This position is 12 hours/week during the school year. Prayerfully consider if you are called to serve in this ministry and please let Fr. Gregory know.

Mark your Calendars!

Fall Festival Bouja Feed

Sunday, September 12th



Sunday September 12th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Pelican Lake Ballroom, all proceeds will help off-set the cost of the new flooring for the church. There will be a Silent Auction & Bouja and hot dogs will be served. We will be asking for a Free Will Donation at the door. Bouja will also be available for purchase; \$15/gallon. Please bring a clean ice cream bucket (or container of the same size) with a lid, and have your name on it. We will be asking for donations of the following items; carrots, green beans, celery, cabbage, onions, rutabaga, tomatoes, turnips, potatoes (from the garden is fine if cleaned first please), and ice cream buckets with lid and handle. Cash donations are acceptable to off-set some of the other costs, and your time is greatly appreciated. We will need at least 12-15 volunteers to make this day a success. Please call Tina VanHeel 320-217-4022 or Pat Schaminda 320-845-7331 to volunteer or w/ questions. Donations can be dropped off on a Tuesday night at the Ballroom prior to this event. Thank you for your support of the church!

All Saints

Cash Raffle Tickets are available for our cash raffle drawing on our feast day, November 1st. We are selling 200 tickets at \$100 each. The grand prize is \$5,000. If you would like to purchase tickets or help sell tickets please see one of the finance committee members (Bob Pueringer, Joan Frie, Patty Becker, Steve Prokott or Tricia Opatz) or contact Judy Heitzman at 746-2361.

Don't Miss your chance to



St. Louis—1214-1270—Feast Day: August 25th
Crowned King Louis IX of France in 1226, he married Marguerite of Provence in 1234 and they had 11 children. He was an ideal medieval king, promoting justice and peace at home and abroad. His subjects greatly admired his piety and goodness. Following a serious illness, he went on a Crusade to the Holy Land. Louis was taken prisoner in Egypt in 1250, and to free himself and his soldiers had to give back a city he had captured and pay a large ransom. He embarked on another Crusade in 1270 but died of dysentery in Tunisia. He was canonized in 1297.

~catholiccurrent.org

All Cluster

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 will be Saturday, September 11th 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!

Our Women's Group

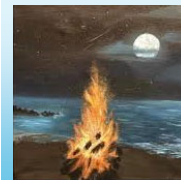
will meet outdoors during the summer months (weather permitting). Please bring your lawn chair! Upcoming meetings for Women's Group are: Monday, September 6th at 10:30 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's and 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Contact Kristin Molitor at: (320) 228-0105 evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com

Homebound Team for the Eucharist

All Saints parish is working on rebuilding the Communion to the Homebound Team. In the past this has been a six person rotation but two have asked to retire. There is a need for two Eucharistic ministers to join the team. There is also interest in starting a homebound route in St. Wendel parish. If you would be interested in helping in either parish, please contact Joe Christensen at jmc@cloudnet.com or 746 2619.

Faith Community Night Out

Saturday, August 28, 2021
Potluck, Prayer & Fellowship
cards, inside and outside games.
Come anytime after 5:00 p.m.,
eat about 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn
chairs for bonfire and movie.
Everyone is welcome!



Vouk Family Residence
19908 Redwood Ridge Road
Albany, MN 56307
Bob & Shelley 248-2860
Join in the fun for the whole family!

Happy Birthday to Kristin Molitor
on August 18th!



Congratulations!

*Anna Warzecha and Jake Langner
August 14, 2021 at St. Stephen's
Fr. Gregory presiding*

	Mass Schedule 	
Mon. Aug. 23	<i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> No Mass	
Tues. Aug. 24	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> 12:00 noon All Saints-St. Mary's	† Robert and Monica Mueller
Wed. Aug. 25	<i>Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasan, Priest</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's with Adoration	† Connie Young
Thurs. Aug. 26	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration	† Joachim and William Kozalla
Fri. Aug. 27	<i>Saint Monica</i> 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Mass & Refreshments –all are welcome	In remembrance of Russell 'Pickle' Heitzman 15845 County Road 151, Avon MN 56310
Sat. Aug. 28	<i>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People
Sun. Aug. 29	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Russel Heitzman † Eleanor Mohs

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

Faith Formation Directors

All Saints: Katrina Kolles
292-1575 allsaints@tworiverscatholic.com

Immaculate Conception:

St. Columbkille: Jenny Revermann
249-9939 stwendelfaith@gmail.com

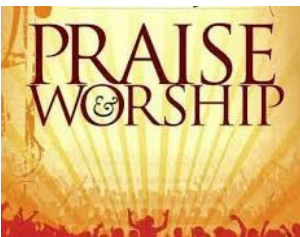
Confirmation:

Youth Minister: Kyle VanOverbeke
youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com

Please prayerfully consider helping out the Religious Education Programs this year. All programs are looking for teachers, classroom helpers, substitute teachers, and other volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact your parish's Director of Religious Education or the Central Office. Thank you and God bless!

Youth interested in Serving at Mass

Please contact the Central Office to go through training You are eligible one year after 1st Communion.



September 6, 2021
All Saints-
St. Mary's
7:00—8:00 p.m.
Everyone is
welcome!

It's going to be

EPIC

Mega-Fun Games & Faith-Filled Friendship!

Every Person In Christ

Have a blast with friends and grow closer to God!

WE WANT YOU HERE!

Youth Nights will take place every Wednesday after Faith Formation for grades 6-12 from 7:45-8:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's Basement, Holdingford. Students from ANY parish may attend. Questions: Kyle VanOverbeke-Youth Minister youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com

Family of Russell Heitzman would like to invite everyone to a Mass of Remembrance on Friday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. with food to follow at the Heitzman Farm (see address in Mass schedule above). Bring your own lawn chairs and wear a neon yellow shirt in his honor! Family appreciated all the support and caring gestures from the community. All are welcome to attend.

God Is Love.
 — 1 John 4:8

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Thank you and blessings for a good day!