



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

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

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 5, 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.

**Address:**

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**Holdingford, MN 56340**



*God's people  
will yield  
a rich  
harvest*

Are you looking to find peace and direction  
during this time of turmoil in our world?



Join us for an evening  
of reflection with  
Dan Burke,  
Catholic speaker and  
author of *Into The  
Deep: Finding Peace  
through Prayer* and  
*Spiritual Warfare and  
the Discernment of  
Spirits* on Thursday,  
September 23 at 7 pm

at the Church of All Saints - St. Hedwig in  
Holdingford.

Dan will offer a powerful presentation on the  
importance of daily, personal prayer (mental  
prayer) and why it is needed now more than  
ever.

The evening will include a presentation, Q&A  
session with Dan, and conclude with  
adoration.

Free copies of Dan's book, *Into the Deep:  
Finding Peace through Prayer* can be found in  
the back of every church. Be sure to grab a  
copy and discover the beauty, joy and peace  
that can be found in daily prayer.

**Faith Formation Families** please attend the **MANDATORY** meeting for  
all students and parents on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Families from St. Wendel will meet in St. Wendel.

Families from St. Anna and Holdingford will meet at All Saints-St. Hedwig's.  
Confirmation students (all students going into 11th grade from St. Wendel,  
All Saints and St. Anna) are also required to attend along with their parents.

## Evangelization Corner ~Kristin Molitor

Dear Friends,

How often have you hurled the words “you’re not listening!” at a loved one in a heated argument? How frequently have these words been thrown at you?

We all know that this phrase of speech has nothing to do with our physical ability to hear. Most of us *hear* just fine. Our real struggle is with *listening*.

A quick google search reveals that the word “*hear*” means “to perceive sound,” but the word “*listen*” means “to act on what someone says” and “to respond to advice or a request.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus heals the deaf man with a speech impediment. As He puts his finger into the man’s ear, he groans and says “*Ephphatha!*” — that is, “*Be opened!*”

This event is reenacted as a rite in the Sacrament of Baptism when the celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the child with his thumb, saying: “The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his Word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.”

Friends, at our baptism, Jesus touched our ears to receive his Word. Our Baptism empowers us to *receive* and *act on* what He says to us. We, too, have been opened *to listen to Him*.

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus, the Word, desires to communicate with you. *Are you listening?*

Most of us are trapped by our inner voice of criticism and condemnation, but Jesus speaks life into our hearts. His voice heals us and calls us out of ourselves and into a relationship with Him. Are you open to listening to him? Are you open to receiving Him? Are you open to responding to him? It is only by *listening* to Jesus that we will be free to become who we were created to be.

This week, let’s pray for the grace for our ears to once again “be opened” to *receive* and *respond* to the Voice of Truth.



### 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 Woidalla, Laverne Woidylla,  
Allan Warzecha, Al Maslowski, Frances Breth, Bernice Hadley  
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**



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**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](http://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](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com) Father announce Mass changes according to the weather on the website usually by Thursday.

#### Homebound Team for the Eucharist

All Saints and St. Columbkille parish are working on rebuilding the Communion to the Homebound Team. If you would be interested in helping in either parish, please contact Joe Christensen at [jmc@cloudnet.com](mailto:jmc@cloudnet.com) or 746 2619.

#### 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

### Job openings

#### Immaculate Conception

##### **Ministry Scheduler-volunteer**

Responsible for making the schedule for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers and servers 4 times a year.

##### **Sacristan**

Coordinates with Father to prepare the church for Mass.

#### All Saints

##### **Flower Decorator-volunteer**

needed for All Saints-St. Hedwig's Church cleaning-paid

All Saints-St. Hedwig's is looking for an immediate replacement for Katie Vouk who is leaving for college. This is 3-5 hours/week

#### All Cluster

##### **Faith Formation help-volunteer**

All programs are looking for teachers, classroom helpers, substitute teachers, and other volunteers.

#### **World Wide Marriage Encounter Ready to refresh your marriage?**

October 8-10th at Christ the King retreat Center in Buffalo MN.

For information call Brent & Tracy Chessen (612) 756-8720.



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We will be going back to our normal Baptism Class schedule in 2022. The Class dates will be: January 8th, April 9th, July 9th and October 8th.



## DAYS FOR LIFE

Sue Thayer will be speaking on Friday, September 24 from 10 –noon at St. Mary's Cathedral. Sue shares her knowledge and vast experience in the abortion industry and her miraculous conversion. Contact Judy or Jan with questions. judy4life@meltel.net or hoelscherhorj@charter.net

### **September 22 to October 31**

View the St. Cloud 40 Days for Life website for details:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>

## Support Life

### **Albany Pioneer Days**

Remember the good old days? Bring the whole family and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the 47th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany on September 16,17,18 and 19th. This year is a four day show and we are featuring International Tractors and Equipment, Gas Engines, Trucks and related equipment. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in between!! Check the website [www.albanypioneerdays.com](http://www.albanypioneerdays.com) for details or call 249-0331

**A virtual Regional Ministry Gathering** titled "Going forth: How do I bring the Gospel into the world, beyond my home and parish?" is at 6:30 p.m. on September 9th featuring speaker Deacon Stephen Pareja. This free gathering is for all members of the St. Cloud Diocese who are interested in learning more about their faith. Register at <https://bit.ly/3i3U6gs>.

## First Saturdays Devotion

The fourth of five consecutive Masses of the First Saturdays Devotion will be celebrated on Saturday, September 4th at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Anna. Rosary prayed at 10:30 a.m. (The last date will be Oct 2nd).

## Weekly Readings



**Monday:** Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/  
Mk 8:27-35

**Mass Intentions** can be requested by filling out a Mass Intention Form and mailing it along with \$10 to the Central Office or dropping it into the collection basket. Please be sure to fill out the form completely and include a contact number. Forms are found in the back of each church.

**Daughters of Isabelle** meeting Sept. 6th at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Little Falls.

### **Please note bulletin error:**

Last week's Mass Intention on Thursday, September 2nd was intended for LeRoy Young instead of DelRoy Young. We apologize for this error. Thank you.

St. Mary's Cathedral is having our annual Block Party on Saturday, September 11. Celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 4:00 pm and then enjoy food and drink, music, silent auction, kids' games, inflatables and Bingo. Harper's Chord will take the stage at 6:00 pm, followed by our headliner, Michael Shynes at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!  
[www.stmarystcloud.org](http://www.stmarystcloud.org). 251-1840

## Weekly Offering

### Financial Contributions

#### PARISH INCOME

#### August 29, 2021

AS \$ 2,109.00

IC \$ 968.00

SC \$ 2,088.91 (2 weeks)

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

## Parish News & Events

JOIN US AT THE PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM FOR OUR

# Fall Festival Bouja Feed

Pre-Orders  
by the Gallon  
Requested  
320-845-2831

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Serving  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Food and Beverages available for purchase  
Silent Auction - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Pelican Lake Ballroom

St. Anna, MN

FOR INFORMATION CALL

**320-845-2831**

COME SPEND  
THE  
AFTERNOON  
AND VISIT!

Fundraising event  
proceeds donated for  
flooring in  
Immaculate  
Conception Church

SEE YOU  
THERE!

### Immaculate Conception

#### Fall Festival Bouja Feed

All proceeds will offset the cost of new flooring for Immaculate Conception, St. Anna. Free Will Donations accepted. Bouja will be available for purchase; \$15/ gallon. Please bring a clean ice cream bucket with lid or similar container with your name on it. We will need 12-15 volunteers to make this day a success. We also need donations of carrots, green beans, celery, cabbage, onions, rutabaga, tomatoes, turnips, potatoes (from the garden is fine –please clean first) and ice cream buckets with lids. Cash donations are acceptable to help off-set other costs-your time is greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday night, September 7th at the ballroom. For questions, call Tina VanHeel 217-4022 or Pat Schmainda 845-7331.

**Flooring bid** First bid came in at \$40,000.

### St. Columbkille

**Christian Women** will be having their next meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the room behind the sacristy. All women are welcome to attend.

**Thank you** to the St. Columbkille Christian Women for purchasing two white altar cloths. It is much appreciated.

**Ministry Schedules** are now in the back church.

### All Saints

**Cash Raffle** Tickets are available for our cash raffle drawing on our feast day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Win Big!***

#### All Saints Christian Mothers/Rosary Sodality

Our next meeting will be on September 7th after 7:00 p.m. Mass at All Saints-St. Mary's. Adoration starts at 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to join in before Mass. We will be discussing the upcoming Rummage Sale.

#### 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

##### Women's Group Change in Schedule

Due to Labor Day, Women's group will meet on Tuesday, September 7th 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](mailto:evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com)

##### Well Read Mom

We are beginning a new year of Well-Read Mom and would love to have others join our group. We will meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at 7:30-9AM at Immaculate Conception Church at St. Anna. This year's theme is "The Family," Each month we read and have conversations about books that correspond to themes of a woman's life. You do not need to be a mom to join and there are scholarships available to help cover the annual cost of \$44.95. If you have any questions or are interested in a scholarship to cover registration costs text or call Susan at 320-224-6052. Due to Labor Day, our first meeting will be on Saturday September 11th at 7:30AM. If it is nice we will meet outside so bring a lawn chair. Find out more and register at [wellreadmom.com](http://wellreadmom.com). Register soon to receive this year's guide book.

|                           | Mass Schedule                                                                                                   |                                                       |                                                         |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mon.<br/>Sept. 6</b>   | <i>Labor Day</i><br><b>No Mass</b>                                                                              |                                                       |                                                         |                                                                                     |
| <b>Tues.<br/>Sept. 7</b>  | <i>Feast of St. Cloud</i><br><b>7:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b>                                             | Adoration from 6-7pm<br>Praise and Worship after Mass | † <b>Vern Beste and consolutions<br/>for his family</b> |                                                                                     |
| <b>Wed.<br/>Sept. 8</b>   | <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i><br><b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's with Adoration</b>       |                                                       |                                                         | † <b>Bernard Pogatschnik</b>                                                        |
| <b>Thurs.<br/>Sept. 9</b> | <i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i><br><b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration</b>                      |                                                       |                                                         | † <b>Alphonse Hartung</b>                                                           |
| <b>Fri.<br/>Sept. 10</b>  | <b>No Mass</b>                                                                                                  |                                                       |                                                         |                                                                                     |
| <b>Sat.<br/>Sept. 11</b>  | <b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>                                                                                |                                                       |                                                         | † <b>Sandra Pierskalla</b>                                                          |
| <b>Sun.<br/>Sept. 12</b>  | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br><b>8:00 a.m. All Saints</b><br><b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b> |                                                       |                                                         | † <b>Clarence Fowler<br/>For the People</b>                                         |

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

### Faith Formation Directors

**All Saints:** Katrina Kolles  
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**Immaculate Conception:**  
**St. Columbkille:** Jenny Revermann  
249-9939 [stwendelfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stwendelfaith@gmail.com)  
**Confirmation:**  
**Youth Minister:** Kyle VanOverbeke  
[youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com)

### Faith Formation

#### Parent's night

September 8th in each parish at 6:30 p.m. Please note that attendance at this meeting is mandatory for parents who will have a child attending.

#### Immaculate Conception parents

We need to update our Faith Formation list. Please attend the meeting coming up on September 8th-Thank you!

#### GIFT Night for all students and Parents

September 15th  
Teaching Mass at Arban  
All Saints-St. Hedwig's if rain

#### First Class

September 22nd

#### First EPIC Meeting

September 22nd after class at 7:45 p.m.  
Join in the fun!

## 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!

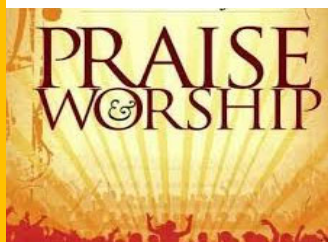
**WE WANT YOU HERE!**

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

**The first night of EPIC  
will be on September 22nd. This is the first  
class night of faith formation classes.**



*September 7, 2021  
All Saints-St. Mary's  
Adoration 6:00—7:00 p.m.  
Mass 7:00 p.m.  
Praise and Worship after Mass*

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