



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

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

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 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.

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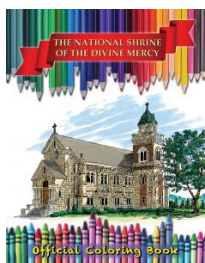
What to give for Christmas?

A Spiritual Bouquet is a gift given to let someone know that you will be
praying for them and in what ways you will honor them in prayer. At the
bottom of this page is an example that you can cut out to give.

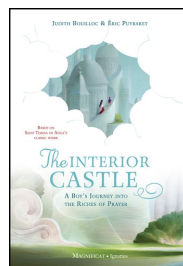
Shop Catholic this year! Here are some suggestions:

The St. Cloud Book Shop stcloudbookshop.com or Headley Hardware

Catholic websites:



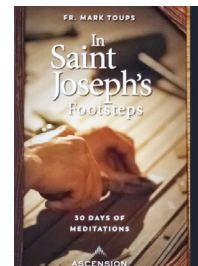
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giftshop.org](http://Divinemercygiftshop.org)



[ignatius.com/
The-Interior-Castle](http://ignatius.com/The-Interior-Castle)



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Wondering what Fr. Gregory would like for Christmas? He would like a Spiritual
Bouquet or to spend time with your family.



*Spiritual
Bouquet*

A gift of prayer for:

The following are offered up for you and
your intentions.

- ☐ Decades of the Rosary
- ☐ Holy Communion
- ☐ Visits to the Blessed Sacrament
- ☐ Novenas/Litanies
- ☐ Stations of the Cross
- ☐ Acts of Penance

Other:

From:

Evangelization Corner

~Kristin Molitor

The dark days of December are upon us, and Holy Mother Church invites us to press into the Advent darkness. While most of us will be tempted to fast forward to the Christmas light, the Church invites us to pause, to wait in darkness, and enter into the Advent school of surrender.

It is necessary to enter into the Advent darkness so that when we experience darkness in our lives, we will remember that *God has a plan*.

Advent teaches us that we never have to be afraid of the dark because it is in darkness that heroic faith is born and it is in the darkness of night that the Christ child comes and reveals to us the tenderness of God. And when we finally get to press the Christ Child to our heart in the stillness of the night, we learn that some of our most intimate and tender moments with God can only happen in the dark.

The Advent story teaches us that just as Jesus was fully present in Mary as she and Joseph made the dangerous trek to Bethlehem, He will always be fully present to us in the midst of our unknown journeys, uncertainties and doubts.

Yes, it is necessary to sit in the school of Advent, because many of us will experience "personal Advents" of waiting, darkness and longing in the year to come.

We experience the waiting of the Advent mystery every time it feels like we are left waiting with unanswered prayers. We experience the winter darkness of Advent when we wonder if God has a plan for our life. We will experience the Advent longing when we taste our own sinfulness and need for a savior.

But the story of Christmas reminds us that **God is faithful and has a plan and that light will always triumph over darkness.**

When darkness, waiting and longing befall upon us, let us remember the Advent story and entrust ourselves to the God who will act far beyond our expectations!

Please let Father Gregory know if you are having a surgery or go to the hospital so he can pray for you and with you.



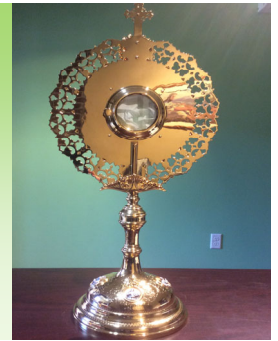
The Healing Power of God

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

Teckla 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 Bonnie Woitalla, Laverne Woidylla, Allan Warzecha, Al Maslowski, Frances Breth, Bernice Hadley, David Platz, Jr., Pat Euteneuer, Kim Roth-Koning, Si Koning, Nancy Bieniek, Rosemary Jarrot, Robert Pierskalla, Dave & Anita Scegura, Denise Hurd

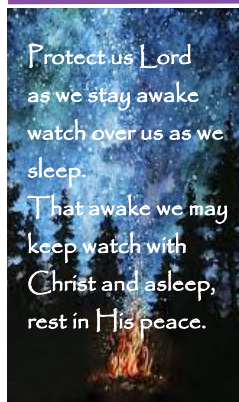
Eucharistic Adoration

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.



Protect us Lord
as we stay awake
watch over us as we
sleep.
That awake we may
keep watch with
Christ and asleep,
rest in His peace.

Night Prayer

Join Fr. Gregory in prayer most nights at 9:00 p.m. on his Facebook page. We are averaging over 100 families each night. You can ask for a request that Father keeps in his prayers. Night Prayer is added to our webpage to watch anytime.

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Early bulletin Deadlines:

Friday, Nov. 19 the bulletin for Nov. 28 is due
Friday, Dec. 10 the bulletin for Dec. 19 is due
Thursday, Dec. 16 the bulletin for Dec. 26 is due
Thursday, Dec. 23 the bulletin for Jan. 2 is due

The Office will be closed December 8th for the Immaculate Conception of Mary Holy Day.

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

Shop Catholic for Christmas this year!

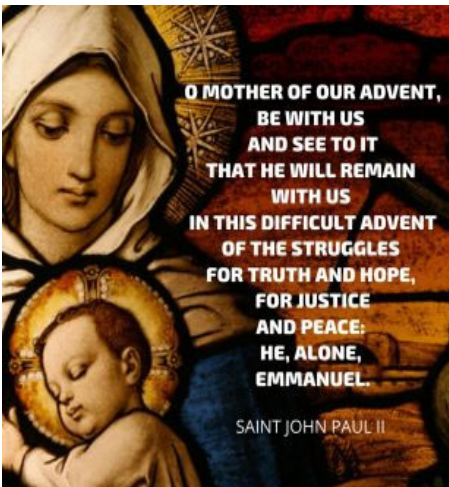
Additional Websites to shop:

Catholic-link.org/catholic-gifts-for-men/women/,
<http://stayclosetochrist.com/>,
sockreligious.com, <http://cedarhouse.co/holidays/>
<http://www.etsy.com/shop/blessedfriends4ever>,

News & Events



Catholic Charities' Share the Spirit program provides gifts and food to families in need during the holiday season. Visit www.ccstcloud.org/share-the-spirit or mail donations to Catholic Charities, 911 18th St. N., St. Cloud, MN 56303. Write checks to Catholic Charities and write 'Share the Spirit' in the memo.



Daughters of Isabella's Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes' church basement at 1:00 PM on December 6th. Note the change in time.

Knights of Columbus



Holdingford Knights of Columbus council 9307 is sponsoring the Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest. Ages 5 – 14 or Grades K – 8 can enter. Poster paper and entry forms are in the back of churches. Please have posters completed by Dec. 19 and turned in to the Central Office, Faith Formation Coordinator or Jayme Panek. Any questions contact Jayme Panek 290-7752

Learn about the richness of our Faith

Incense

Since the beginning of Christian worship, the smoke of burning incense has been seen as prayers rising to heaven. This is an outward sign of an invisible reality; it is a sacramental, like holy water. The Psalmist proclaims: *"Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight: the lifting up of my hands, as evening sacrifice (Ps. 141:2)."* Likewise, St. John says that the incense symbolizes the prayer of the saints in heaven. The *"golden bowl full of incense (Rv. 5:8)"* is *"the prayers of the saints (Rv. 8:3)"* which is directed to the altar of God.

What is Incense?

Incense is produced from the resin of trees, of various kinds. It can sometimes be mixed with other fragrant pieces of plants. For example, frankincense comes from the Boswellia tree. Incense should smell sweet or floral when burned. The resin or mixture is placed with a small spoon onto lit charcoal in a container called a thurible. Thuribles comes in many shapes and sizes, but they are designed to have increased airflow and puff the smoke up into the air when used.

catholic-link.org

We are grateful for all He provides

Thank you for Jaden Ebnet, son of Jason and Tracy, from All Saints for growing and providing squash decorations for our central office.



Weekly Readings



Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41: 13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4: 4-7/
 Lk 3:10-18

Pray for all our faithful departed

A heartfelt thank you to:

Fr. Gregory for the time spent with our family and the beautiful funeral Mass for Jerry Schindler; the choir for the angelic music; the funeral lunch group who prepared and served the delicious meal; and everyone who stopped in for a visit, brought food, offered their prayers, and showed concern, support, and love during Jerry's illness and journey to his heavenly home. We will be ever grateful as we ask God's blessing upon all of you. The Jerry Schindler Family.



Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

November 21, 2021

AS \$ 2,321.50

IC \$ 1,570.00

SC \$ 1,527.00

November 28, 2021

AS \$ 5,513.00

IC \$ 2,585.00

SC \$ 3,488.23

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

St Columkille

St. Columbkille Christian Women

We are collecting donations for the Poor Clares. There is a container in the back of church for needed items: pens, pencils, liquid hand soap, cough drops, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, malt o' meal, (check list please). We will collecting until December 20th. Thanks for your support.

Christmas Gathering

The St. Columbkille Christian Women will be having a Christmas gathering on Monday, December 6th. All members are invited, starting at 6:30 p.m. Come join us in a fun filled evening. If time allows, bring an appetizer to share and wrapped gifts for the Poor Clares.

Church Decorating

The word Advent means "coming". It is the time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. At St. Columbkille, you may notice the church is being decorated gradually in anticipation of his birth. ~Bev Riesner

Servers Needed

We will be short of younger servers for this weekend. Any adults willing to learn to serve should contact Fr. Gregory.

Immaculate Conception

St. Anna Christmas Choir

We will be practicing every Monday evening at 7pm until Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us for Christmas Choir. Please share your talents and praise God in song with us.

All Cluster

Women's Group Schedule

December 6th and 20th

10:30 a.m. at All Saints - St. Mary's Basement in Holdingford
7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Faith Formation Building in St. Anna

For information contact: Kristin Molitor 228-0105
evangelist@tworiverscatholic.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 will be Saturday, December 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 group meeting for fun and faith!

Prayer to Saint Joseph (the Year of St. Joseph ends Dec. 8th)



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

We are looking for new ACC committee members

These members will serve as an advisory group to Fr. Gregory and Fr. David, with the better interest of all six parishes, not just one. Each member will serve a three year term with meetings 4 times a year. Nominations were held the weekend of Dec. 4 & 5 but are still open. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone who will represent our ACC well, please call the Central Office. Each person nominated will be called to be asked if they would like to accept being a member. New members will be announced the weekend of Dec. 18/19. Thank you for praying about this ministry.

All Cluster Penance Service will be on December 12th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Many priests will be present to hear your Confessions.

National Night of Prayer for Life



The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges two feasts- Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join in prayer to honor Our Blessed Mother & to pray for the sanctity of all human life starting on **December 8th at 9:00p.m. through December 9th at 1:00 a.m.**

Website: NationalNightOfPrayerForLife.org
email: Correspondence@PriestsForLife.org

Sunday, December 12th Guadalupe Rosary

Procession: Join in songs and prayer to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day! Choose a 2 or 5-mile hike with fellow enthusiasts! Must arrange own ride back to the starting point. Procession begins at 9:45am after opening Mass at 8:30am (Mass is outdoor and car friendly at St. John the Baptist, Collegeville). Call Rachelle for route, details, and to **RSVP (320) 200-8331**. Sponsored by the Frassati Chalet Society.

Lector Workbooks

All Lectors can pick up a Lector Workbook in the back of each church. Thank you for your ministry!

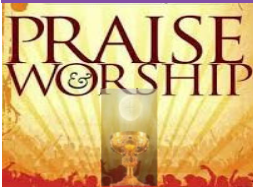
2022 Calendars

Calendars are now available in the back of our churches for parishioners to take home after Mass.

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	For St. Anna's Feast Day there will be an hour of Adoration before 7:00 p.m. Mass on Dec. 8th	
Mon. Dec. 6	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration	† Dale Hadrich	
Tues. Dec. 7	<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 7:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's	† Edmund & Rita Krych	
Wed. Dec. 8	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's with Adoration 12 noon St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration before	† Leander Bieniek † Jerome Schindler For the People	
Thurs. Dec. 9	<i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration	† Mark Kociemba	
Fri. Dec. 10	No Mass		
Sat. Dec. 11	<i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Nick Schmidt	
Sun. Dec. 12	The Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception 2:00– 5:00 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala-All cluster Penance	Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Rita Jarnot 50 years For the People	

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



*December 6th
All Saints-St. Mary's
7:00 p.m.
All are invited
for Adoration*

Upcoming EPIC Youth
Nights: Dec. 15th at All
Saints-St. Hedwig's
Basement from
7:45-8:30 p.m.

Steubenville
July 29-31
2022
Contact Kyle if
interested.

First Communion Students
First Reconciliation will be
on December 4th at AS-SH
at 8:00 –10:30 a.m.

Below are pictures from All Saints and Immaculate Conception family activities from the week of Thanksgiving. This year, families were asked to find a place to setup a home altar or prayer corner. Faith at home inspires our children to be faithful!



Jesus,
I trust in you!

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Thank you and blessings for a good day!