



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

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

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2022

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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A Mardi Gras Party will be held at the Legion in Holdingford on February 27th from 2-5pm. Chicken strips, French fries, coffee, lemonade and water will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Other beverages are available for purchase. There will be music by the Nathan Neuman Band so bring your dancing shoes! All welcome to attend!

Ash Wednesday

On March 2nd we begin the Lenten Season attending Mass and receiving ashes that "were blessed by consecrated hands of the priest...as with medals, holy water & wedding rings, blessed sacramentals carry *Catholic mystery* that pulses underneath everything we see, do and say in our Church." <https://catholic-link.org/beautiful-traditional-blessing-ashes/>

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule for our ACC

7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's,
Holdingford

12 noon St. Columbkille,
St. Wendel

7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception,
St. Anna

7:30 a.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

12 noon St. Edward's, Elmdale

6:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

8:00 p.m. St. Francis, St. Francis

Please pray to the Holy Spirit to help us find a new secretary

Job Opening: Holdingford Parish Secretary

Applications and a job description for the 20 hr/week position are available
in the Central Office. Please let Fr. Gregory know if you are interested.

Evangelization Corner

~Kristin Molitor

We mark our foreheads with ashes to remind ourselves that **we are not of this world** and are made for **eternity with God.**

"For You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You."
-St. Augustine of Hippo

Where do the ashes come from?

The ashes are made from the **blessed palms** used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year.



WHY THE ASHES?

Ashes are a public sign of our intent to **die to our worldly desires** and **live in Christ.**

As our foreheads are marked with ashes, these words are said:

"Remember, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes were used as a sign of repentance in the Old Testament:

"Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession" -Daniel 9:3-4



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"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Healing Power of God

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

Please let us know if you'd like to be put on or taken off the prayer list or need a visit from Fr. Gregory for prayers or Sacraments. **Be prepared!**

Teckla Scegur, Lee Larkey, Arnold Voss, Theresa Johannes, Fr. Gregory, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore, Tom Studniski, Loren Philippi, Ardith Mosier, Mickey Jeffers, Carol Kuklok, Casey Tschida, Ambrose Gertken, Bonnie Weitalla, Laverne Woidylla, Allan Warzecha, Al Maslowski, Frances Breth, David Platz, Jr., Pat Euteneuer, Kim Roth-Koning, Si Koning, Nancy Bieniek, Eugene Piechowski, Dave & Anita Scegur,

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 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 125 families each night. You can ask for a request that Father keeps in his prayers. Night Prayer is added to our webpage the next day to watch anytime.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit
will send us a Secretary.
Thank you!



The LORD bless thee, and keep thee

Pray for our Confirmation Students

Confirmation Student's names are in boxes in the back of each church. Please choose a name to pray for. Confirmation will be at 2:00 p.m. on March 20th at All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Prayer lines

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

Immaculate Conception:

Shirley Schwalbe 356-7209
Christine Maleska 356-7246

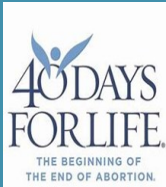
St Columbkille:

Esther Struzyk 251-4984
Susan Opatz 363-8160

News Events



Weekly Readings



Lenten Campaign

March 2– April 10

March 5 -Opening Rally

April 9-Closing Rally

Meet at Vigil site and
proceed to Saint

Augustine's Cafeteria.

Join us for peaceful prayer at Planned Parenthood (451 E. St. Germain St., St. Cloud) Consider, as part of your Lenten sacrifice to spend time with other parishioners on Thursdays from 1-7 p.m. Please call Marilou Sommers to sign up: 247-9838.

In Holdingford: We will have a 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on Tuesdays, March 8th –April 5th from 4-5 p.m. Please join us for the outside vigil or indoor prayer service.

Elevate Pregnancy & Family Resource Center Open House
to celebrate their 50th anniversary!
February 28th and March 1st
4-6:00 p.m. at their office:
376 3rd Street NE
Waite Park, MN 56387.

Taizé Prayer at the

Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them this Lent for three evenings of **Taizé Prayer** at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Join them on Fridays March 4, 11 and 18 for this contemplative prayer around the Cross. The service begins at 7 p.m. and lasts about one hour. It includes a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!

Augustine Institute Bible Conference Lenten Pilgrimage ~March 5th

"Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful." This Lent rediscover the friendship of God in the Scriptures! Attend the 3 hour Bible Conference via Zoom exploring the graces of this penitential season in Scripture and Tradition. To register: <https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org/>

Covid Precautions Update

Anyone who feels safer wearing a mask should continue to do so. Reminder: if you are ill, please stay home and do not attend Mass or other parish activities.

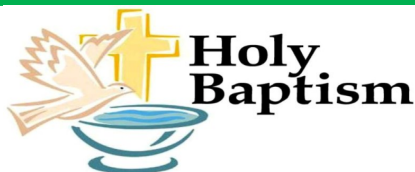
Confirmation Retreat Please pray for our Confirmation students who will be on retreat March 9th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary.

Please note: In case of a snowstorm in Holdingford, the Mass will be changed to All Saints-St. Mary's. The St. Mary's parking lot is plowed first.

Jesus, I trust in you!

Annual Holdingford Firefighters Relief Association Breakfast

Sunday, March 13th at the Holdingford City Center from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This year will be a take out service only. Free Will donation.



Aria Mae Pantze

Daughter of Matthew & Maria

February 20, 2022

All Saints-St. Mary's

Healing Divisions

Most of us struggle with finding peace in relationships, and how to remain in authentic connection with others who see important dimensions of the world in a radically different way. Join us to gain more skillful & prayerful ways for engaging in dialogue with families, friends, and colleagues. It runs for 4 Sundays from 6pm-8pm: Mar 6, 20, 27, & Apr 4 via Zoom. Register at HealingDivisions.org. Free will donations appreciated

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Weekend with a gift for ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Prepare for Lent: "As a way of overcoming indifference and our pretensions to self-sufficiency, I would invite everyone to live this Lent as an opportunity for engaging in what Benedict XVI called a formation of the heart (cf. Deus Caritas Est, 31). A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And, ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others."
~ Pope Francis

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

February 20, 2022

AS \$ 3,750.00

IC \$ 1,380.00

SC \$ 1,156.27

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Saints

All Saints Christian Mothers /Rosary Sodality Meeting

February 28th at All Saints-St Mary's Hall beginning with the Rosary and Prayers at 7 p.m.

For any Questions call Teresa Ripplinger at 573-2265.

Building Committee met on Feb. 7th to interview the last architect. We will make the final choice next week.

Snowplowing

A Big "Thank You!" to Bob Pueringer, Herman Ebnet, Bob Jarnot and Lenny Heitzman for plowing the parking lots for our Holdingford parishes this winter. We really appreciate you !

Immaculate Conception

Mass location change to All Saints-St. Mary's

Immaculate Conception Church floors are being replaced starting on February 14th. The 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses on Feb. 20th, Feb. 27th, March 6th and the 8:00 a.m. Thursday Masses will be celebrated at All Saints - St. Mary. The St. Anna ushers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will serve for these Masses. *Please note: the Blessed Sacrament will be moved out of Immaculate Conception during construction.

St. Columbille

The St. Wendel Christian Women will be having a meeting on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the room behind the rectory. All women are invited to attend.

Steubenville

There are several youth from our parish that will be attending Steubenville in July. To help with the cost of the trip, they will be selling pizzas. If you are interested in buying pizzas, they will be in the back of church for the next couple weekends to take orders. Thanks for your support!

All Cluster

Women's Group Schedule

March 7, 2022

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

Discipleship Quad

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus in new and unexpected ways this year? Are you interested in forming life-long relationships with other people committed to going deeper in their faith? You're invited to prayerfully consider joining a Discipleship Quad! A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. Twenty-five people from our parish community have participated in this transformational experience.

For information about Women's Group or Discipleship Quads:
Kristin Molitor 228-0105 evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com.

All Cluster continued

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions and social activities for single people ages 19-59 who are looking for connections with other singles.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's basement, Holdingford. The next meetings/topics are:

March 12th: Theology of the Body

April 9th: Catholic Dating

Contact Janel @320-290-2877 for more information.

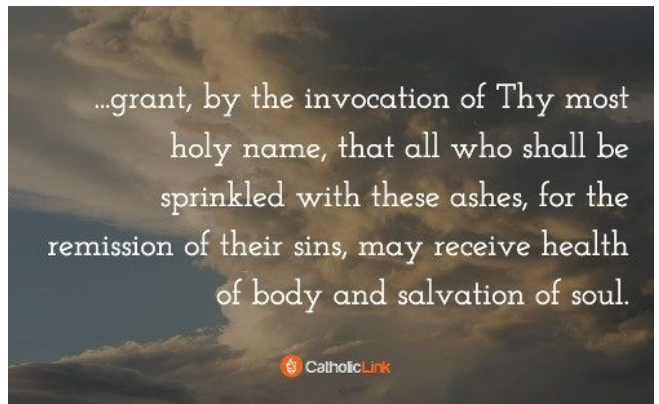


Pray & Hike Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Join us along a lighted luminary path on the grounds of St. Columbille in St. Wendel on Friday, March 18, at 6:30pm for an outdoor Stations of the Cross hike.

All are welcome! Candles will be provided, although you may wish to use your cell phone light or small flashlight to read the prayers)

Questions? Call Rachelle 200-8331.



Prepare for Lent by surrendering your will to God


The *Suscipe Prayer* is a complete surrender to God of what St. Ignatius of Loyola called the *Three Powers of the Soul*, namely the intellect, the memory, and the will. An unimpeded invitation to God into our efforts toward the good. ~catholic-link.org

St. Ignatius of Loyola Suscipe Prayer:

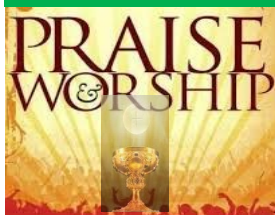
*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory,
my understanding and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.*

*You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.*

*Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.*

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass on Feb. 27th is still at All Saints-St. Mary's.	
Mon. Feb. 28	8:00 am St. Columbkille with Adoration	† Joseph & Mary Platz	
Tues. March 1	6:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	† Dan Pilarski	
Wed. March 2	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 12 noon St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	† Arthur Harlander Sr. † Gladys Jurek For the People	
Thurs. March 3	<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> No Mass		
Fri. March 4	<i>Saint Casimir First Friday</i> No Mass		
Sat. March 5	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People	
Sun. March 6	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints –St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Elizabeth Gaida Thanksgiving for Lee & Bernie Larkey	

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

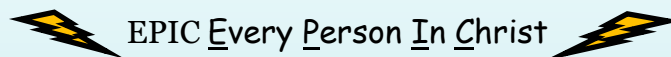


*March 7
All Saints-St. Mary's
7:00 p.m.
All are invited*

Women's Lenten Retreat

will be held at Holy Family Parish, Belle Prairie on Saturday, March 12. Registration & Refreshments starting at 8:30 a.m., with keynote speaker, Fr. Brady Keller at 9 a.m.; Mass at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Leah Brix and Abby Thomas, speak in the afternoon. Fee is \$15 by March 1; \$20 at the door or \$5 virtually. Handicapped accessible. Register with your parish CCW or contact Linda Scephurek, 632-4805. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Leah Brix is our parishioner from St. Anna.

Upcoming EPIC Youth Nights:
March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



Everyone is enjoying the games, prayer and discussions!
Join us on Wednesdays after Faith Formation for
grades 6-12 from 7:45-8:30 p.m. at
All Saints-St. Hedwig's Basement in Holdingford.
Students from ANY parish may attend.

You are welcome to attend even if you haven't tried it yet.

WE WANT YOU HERE!

Questions: Kyle VanOverbeke-Youth Minister
youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com

The winners of our **GIFFT NightTrivia** were Carmen Eiyneck, Jazmin Pullins, Vincent St. Marie, Allie Thelen, Abby Streit, Blake Welle, Blake Scegur, Madi Stodolka, and Grace Woitalla. Congratulations!

We are looking for College students who would like to share their faith with Youth this summer. Become a **Totus Tuus team member** and be part of something great! Teams consist of two men and two women traveling to parishes for week long Youth retreats. Earn \$2,500. Find out more at:

<https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>.



Are you curious about religious life? Women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more about the School Sisters of Notre Dame through a casual, online "Joyful and Alive Conversation" Wednesday, March 9 at 8pm ET / 7pm CT. Experience God's blessings of being "joyful and alive!" Register by March 7 at ssnd.org/events/3-9-22.

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Thank you and blessings for a good day!