

Before the Lord the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. Wisdom 11:22

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

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

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 30, 2022

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**Confession Times:** Before daily Mass  
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Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes  
are required.

**Baptism:** Call the Central Office to  
schedule Baptism.

**Homebound:** 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:

**Central Office**

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## Remembering all who have died...

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them..  
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### All Saints

Art Harlander Sr. 10/30/21

Michelle Ostendorf 12/9/21

David Gaida 1/7/22

Bernice Hadley 1/8/22

Fredrick J. Zeis 1/14/22

Rose Mary Jarnot 1/15/22

Leroy Johannes 1/25/22

John Voss 1/27/22

Elizabeth Gaida 2/1/22

Cathleen Adolph 4/14/22

Joan Sunder 6/14/22

Isabelle Lane 7/11/22

John Gross 8/14/22

Philip May 8/24/22

### Burials

Janice Pauly 3/24/22

Eileen Fussy 5/22/22

Daniel Kociemba 9/16/22

Virgil Voss 10/8/22

### Immaculate Conception

Donald Wenderski 12/21/21

Helen Hennek 3/15/22

Martin Pilarski 3/16/22

Alfred Panek 3/18/22

Bonnie Woitalla 5/21/22

Irene Kociemba 7/8/22

Joyce Hess 10/22/22

### St. Columbkille

Jerome Schindler 11/5/21

George Biniek 11/16/21

Robert Pierskalla 12/13/21

Elisabeth Studer 12/18/21

Adrian Huls 12/25/21

JoAnn Benkowski 1/12/22

Kenneth Stoermann 2/3/22

Maynard Sand 3/20/22

Albert Maslowski 5/26/22

Terrence Morgel 7/1/22

Dolores Huls 7/4/22



## The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saint's Day

Although Halloween has been embraced by the secular world, its foundations are firmly rooted in Catholic tradition. Dr. Malcolm Brown of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture explains the significance of All Hallows' Eve.

Dr. Brown explained that the word Halloween refers to the Feast of All Saints. The word itself is taken an older English term, "hallows," meaning "holy"; and "e'en", a truncation of the word evening, in reference to the Vigil of the feast. "So really, Halloween is the feast of the celebration of the feast of All Hallows'", he said. "So it's a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth".

The modern focus on the eerie or mysterious also has a Catholic aspect. "When we think of Halloween, I think we often think of ghosts and goblins, and ghoulish faces", Dr. Brown said. "But even these, in the Catholic tradition, are supposed to be reminders of death and of the last things".

He continued, "So just as we commemorate the feast of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning with All Hallows' Eve on Halloween, we also think about and turn our minds really, to the last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. And really our focus should be, since we all must die and are destined to judgment, how then are we to live?"

"Let us make this year's celebration", he says, "an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God's holy ones from the beginning of time".

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-10/the-catholic-roots-of-halloween-the-vigil-of-all-saints-day.html>



Please let us know if you'd like to be put on or taken off the Prayer List. Let Fr. Gregory know if you are in need of a blessing.

### *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 Johannes, Tom Studniski, Fr. Gregory, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore, Loren Philippi, Ardith Mosier, Mickey Jeffers, Carol Kuklok, Nancy Bieniek, Ambrose Gertken, Laverne Woidylla, Allan Warzecha, Frances Breth, David Platz Sr., David Platz, Jr., Pat & Ken Euteneuer, Kim Roth-Koning, Si Koning, Casey Tschida, Dave & Anita Scegura, Doris Elfering, Robby Pollreis, Daniel Kulas, Mary Geise, Kevin & Lynn Pierskalla, Katie Yurczyk, Judy Schehr, Lorraine Warzecha and Jeanette May

Please note: Adoration for Monday, Oct. 31st at All Saints-St. Mary's will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. so everyone can attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, St. Anna.



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.

**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.

### **Night Prayer**

Join Fr. Gregory in prayer most nights at 9:00 p.m. on his Facebook page. We are averaging over 250 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. [www.tworiverscatholic.com](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com)

"So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way."



"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." ~Luke 19:10

### *Prayer lines*

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

**Immaculate Conception:**  
Christine Maleska 356-7246

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



## News Events

### The core of All Saints Day is the resounding response of every saint in heaven: Holiness is possible!

It is true! It exists! To believe in Christ is to believe in holiness. To believe in his love is to believe in the capacity to become holy in that love. Why don't you, then, allow this beautiful feast to mark a change in your conception of holiness?

Because the quest for sanctity is *the* quest of quests. It is the adventure of an eternity. It takes root in the heart and blooms in all that we do, no matter our career, our personality, our background, our talents, our defects, Christ takes it all and makes it *new* in Him.

[~ucatholic.com/saints/all-souls-day/](http://ucatholic.com/saints/all-souls-day/)



### MASS FOR Health Care PROFESSIONALS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 9:30 A.M.

PRESIDER: BISHOP DONALD KETTLER

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY  
25 8TH AVENUE SOUTH, ST. CLOUD

This event is sponsored by the St. Cloud Area Catholic Medical Guild  
For more information visit:  
[www.stcdio.org/healthcare.Mass](http://www.stcdio.org/healthcare.Mass)

### Eucharistic Revival

Two more Eucharist-themed Regional Ministry Gatherings will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. John's University Abbey Chapter House in Collegeville and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Christ Our Light Parish in Princeton.

[stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival](http://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival)

### Make God's Love Visible

This weekend, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud begins their *Make God's Love Visible* annual campaign to raise money to support those in need across our 16-county diocese. All funds raised stay in Central Minnesota helping our neighbors.

Catholic Charities has 20+ programs that serves nearly 40,000 individuals annually for those who are experiencing food insecurity, homelessness, financial and housing counseling needs, mental health support, supportive living services and social concerns.

Donations can be placed in the weekly collection. If donating cash, place in an envelope and clearly indicate that the donation is for *Make God's Love Visible*. If donating by check, make the check payable to "Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud" and indicate "Make God's Love Visible" in the memo section.

To donate online at

[www.ccstcloud.org/donate](http://www.ccstcloud.org/donate).

Together we can make a different tomorrow.

### WATCH ON FORMED



Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.



Pray for all our  
Faithful departed



## Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/  
Mt 5:1-12a

**Wednesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Rom 6:3-9/  
Jn 6:37-40

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes  
2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27,  
34-38

**Daylight Savings Time ends on  
Sunday, November 6th.**

### St. Hubert Novena



**Prayer for a successful hunt**  
Lord, I pray that I may take down the game in as painless a way as possible. May I recognize my limits and take

the shots I know I can make, not taking a shot that risks maiming or wounding an animal unnecessarily.  
St. Hubert, pray for us!

### Hunters!

Learn more about St. Hubert at:  
<https://catholicgentleman.com/2014/09/st-hubert-patron-saint-hunters/>



## Weekly Offering

### Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

**Oct. 23, 2022**

AS \$3,959.00

IC \$1,657.00

SC \$1,383.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Luke 12:34

# Parish News & Events

## All Cluster

### Job Opening

#### New Evangelization Coordinator - Paid

The person hired for this position will assist the Pastor in ministering to and evangelizing in our three parish cluster and overseeing RCIA. Other specifics of this position will be tailored to the individual hired and the needs recognized within our parishes. Deep knowledge of the Catholic faith and apologetics is essential; degree in Theology or extensive previous evangelization experience is preferred. 30-35 hours a week with benefits.

#### Military Service Collection: Nov. 5 & 6

A collection will be taken up nationwide for the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. The loose change from the collection will go for that purpose. Thank you for supporting our military men and women.

#### Forty Days for Life: Sept. 28th -Nov.6th



We need volunteers to pray in front of Planned Parenthood (E. St. Germain & Wilson Ave.) on Thursday afternoons from 1-7:00 p.m. We'd like at least 2 people at the vigil for each hour. To sign up contact Marilou Sommers at 320-247-9838. **Closing Rally** will be Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### Well Read Mom Group

A group for all women (singles, moms, and grandmothers) who want to accompany each other in reading the classics, great books and timeless spiritual classics in the Catholic tradition. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is Nov. 8th at Fisher's in Avon. Contact Susan 224-6052 if you have questions.

#### Bible Study

The ACC would like to know if more people would like to be part of a bible study. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to attend or lead! A list has been started. Please let your parish secretary know if you are interested.

#### Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The November 12th meeting topic is Communication Styles. Games and Fellowship to follow after. Bringing snacks to share is optional. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

#### Women's Group

Join us the first and third Mondays of the month at 10:30am in the All Saints-St. Mary's basement. Our next meeting will be November 7th.

#### Men's Group

Every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's basement.



**MinisTree Cards** can be found in the back of our churches with unmet volunteer opportunities you

can take part in. Each card completed earns \$5 for that parish up to \$500 annually. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket. Let Katie in the Parish Office know if you recognize any unmet needs so she can add it to a card.

## Immaculate Conception

**Thank you to Joe Scepaniak and Brenda Zierden who have fulfilled their 10 year terms as trustees! Your service to our parish is greatly appreciated!**



**Trenton Michael Studniski**  
son of Troy and Marissa  
Immaculate Conception  
October 23, 2022



May Eternal Rest be granted to:  
**Joyce Lorraine Hess**  
Immaculate Conception  
October 27, 2022

## All Saints

### Pot of Gold Raffle

Join us after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on November 1st for the Pot of Gold Raffle drawing.

### All Saints Building Committee

Parishioners are welcome to attend a one time meeting (No recordings will be done) following the 8:00 a.m. mass on October 30th. It will be an opportunity for the architects to share conceptual drawings for our new Church building as well as a time to ask questions and give feedback. The Bishop's most recent letter is available on the website and church bulletin boards. Please keep the All Saints Building Committee project and members in your prayers!

### Church Decoration -Volunteer

We are looking for a Church Decorator at All Saints-St. Hedwigs. Call the Central Office if interested.


## St. Columbkille

### The ministry schedule

is in the back of the church.

### St. Wendel Christian Women

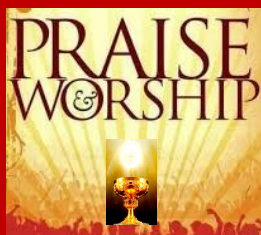
will be having a meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 PM. It will be in the room behind the rectory. All women are welcome to join us.

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	
<b>Mon. Oct. 31</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Cemetery</b> ~fulfills the All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	For the People
<b>Tues. Nov. 1</b>	<i>All Saints</i> <b>12:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b> <b>7:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b> 8:30 p.m. Pot of Gold Raffle Drawing after Mass	† JoAnn Benkowski † The Deceased members of the Pueringer and Jarnot families
<b>Wed. Nov. 2</b>	<i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's</b>	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thurs. Nov. 3</b>	<i>Saint Martin de Porres, Religious/St. Hubert</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri. Nov. 4</b>	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat. Nov. 5</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	† Al Maslowski
<b>Sun. Nov. 6</b>	<i>The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	† Philip May For the People

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

### Steubenville 2023

Meeting on November 6th at 7:00 p.m.  
All Saints-St Mary's basement  
Registration begins mid November for those in  
8th –12th grade and young adults under 21.  
Questions - Shelley Vouk 320-248-2860



*All are invited to  
Adoration  
All Saints - St. Mary's  
November 7th  
at 7:00 p.m.*

*"To maintain a joyful family requires much from  
both the parents and the children.  
Each member of the family has to become, in a special  
way, the servant of the others and share their burdens."*

~Saint John Paul II from his homily at a Mass in  
Washington DC (October, 1979).

### GIFFT Night

The Eucharistic Revival: What does it mean for us?  
November 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All religious  
education and Confirmation students and their parents  
are expected to attend. All parishioners welcome!

### Faith Formation Directors

**All Saints & Immaculate Conception:** Katrina Kolles  
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**St. Columbkille:** Jenny Revermann  
249-9939 stwendelfaith@gmail.com

**Confirmation Directors:** Bob Vouk & Fr. Gregory  
**Confirmation Assistants:** Katie Vouk & Vincent St. Marie  
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**Youth Minister:** Kyle VanOverbeke  
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It's going to be

**EPIC**

Nov. 9th

Mega-Fun Games! Faith-Filled Friendship!

Every Person In Christ

What: EPIC Youth Nights

Who: All Students Grades 6-12 (All Parishes Welcome)

When: Wednesdays after Religion Class: 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Where: All Saints-St. Hedwig Church Basement

Have a blast with friends and grow closer to God

**WE WANT YOU HERE!**

youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com

Kyle VanOverbeke (Youth Minister)

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