

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

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

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 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.

**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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### Advent Resources

Have you thought about how you want to prepare your heart for the coming  
of Christ during this season?

Here are a few ideas:

\*Our parishes have purchased copies of "**Waiting for Christ: Meditations  
for Advent and Christmas**" with homily excerpts from St. John Henry New-  
man. This is a gift from your parish with meditations to pray each day.

\*In the back of our parishes you will find a calendar with Scripture verses for  
everyday in Advent. Pray with these either as a family or individually to see  
the big picture of how God prepared his people for the coming of the Messi-  
ah.

\*In the back of our parishes there is an in depth resource "**Entering Deeply  
into the Life of the Church: Advent - Epiphany Feast Days and Solemnities**"  
looking at how to celebrate the liturgical calendar of the Church more fully  
into your daily life. Pick one up for prayers for lighting your Advent Wreath,  
ideas on how to celebrate different Saint's Feast Days, and ways to unite  
your prayers to those of the Church.

\*Go to our webpage [www.tworiverscatholic.com/advent](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com/advent) to subscribe to  
daily reflection emails, to find recommended podcasts and videos for this  
season, and other resources.

### Advent Wreath



The use of the wreath and candles during Advent  
are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was  
originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages  
as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.  
The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied  
to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which  
is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous  
life. The circle of the wreath, which has no  
beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God,  
the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. Even  
the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own  
meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over  
persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and  
the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the  
wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to  
remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of  
everlasting life to us through Christ.

## Grow in your Faith!

### FIRST CANDLE SIGNIFIES HOPE

#### "PROPHECY CANDLE"

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



### SECOND CANDLE SIGNIFIES PEACE

#### "BETHLEHEM CANDLE"

The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



The third candle is rose and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.



#### "SHEPHERD'S CANDLE"

**SIGNIFIES JOY  
THIRD CANDLE**

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle that symbolizes love. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle".



#### "ANGEL'S CANDLE"

**SIGNIFIES LOVE  
FOURTH CANDLE**

### The Incarnation changes everything.

At the root of the holiday season, sometimes buried beneath the well-intentioned array of lights, decorations and wrapping paper, remains the single transformational moment that we celebrate. Jesus being born.

God entering our world.

That night in Bethlehem, in a humble manger, remains so awe-inspiring, that it's difficult to imagine it ever being forgotten or overlooked during the holidays.

And then our calendars begin to fill up.

Holiday parties. School concerts. Cookie baking. Card writing.

It's not uncommon for Catholics who appreciate and embrace the "reason for the season" to get swept up into the trappings of Christmastime. <https://hallow.com/>

This year, prepare for Christmas with Prayers of gratefulness and begin this our new liturgical year knowing that God loves us so much that he sent His only Son, Jesus to teach and guide us!



Please note that the prayer list has been refreshed at the start of the new liturgical year. Please call the office if you'd like to be put on or taken off the list. Let Fr. Gregory know if you are in need of a blessing for illness or pending surgery.

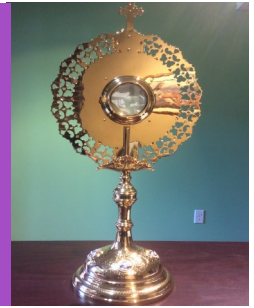
### *The Healing Power of God*

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

Fr. Gregory, Pat & Ken Euteneuer, Robbie Pollreis,  
David Platz Sr., David Platz Jr., Theresa Johannes

### Eucharistic Adoration

Cluster Adoration is every Monday at All Saints – St. Mary's. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come encounter our Eucharistic Lord!



Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

**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)

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.

### Upcoming Mass Schedule:

#### Christmas Vigil

4:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception

12:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's

#### Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's

10:00 a.m. St. Columbkille

#### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God -Vigil (New Years Eve)

5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille

11:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's

#### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (New Years Day)

8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's

10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception

### 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



### Our Mother Mary

During Advent, we are particularly blessed by the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Hope. On December 8th we honor her Immaculate Conception, and on December 12th we remember her appearance as Our Lady of Guadalupe, to the young St. Juan Diego in Mexico nearly 500 years ago.

Pope Benedict asked: "Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her 'yes' she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us." In a special way, the Blessed Mother reveals hope to us during the holy season of Advent. Meditating on the joyful mysteries of the rosary, especially in our families, gives us witness to that hope. At the annunciation and visitation, she joyfully expected the Lord. At his birth, he came into the world. At his presentation, and as a child in the temple, he gave a foretaste of the hope that he would give the entire world.

At the beginning of that story is Mary, who hoped in the promise of God, and in the promise of angel, that her son would be the source of hope for the world. <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/bishops/bishop-james-conley>.

### Bishop's Announcement

Bishop Kettler has released a statement regarding **Fr. Anthony Oelrich**. It is available on our website.

### Christmas Concert

The St. Francis Community Chorale will have a free concert at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Convent, Little Falls on December 11th. All welcome to attend.

### Advent Reconciliation Service

Come to St. Mary's Cathedral on December 20th to celebrate God's love and forgiveness at 6:30 p.m.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

Blessings to all of you in this season of Advent. Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of November 18, the Appeal raised \$1,250,850 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 7,509 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Learn more at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### St. Cloud Mission Office Advent and Christmas Open House

December 1st to 22nd receive 10% off ALL Fair Trade crafts, food, quilts coffee, chocolates, and more. Please consider shopping Fair Trade for all your gifts this Christmas. 11 Eight Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN. (320) 251-1100.

### Speaker Jen Messing

Jen is the Founder and Executive Director of *Into the Deep*. She has been giving presentations and leading *Theology of the Body*-based retreats around the United States since 2002. She also co-founded the Frassati Society of MN. Her passion is teaching people of all ages about the greater story behind life, love and the dignity of each human person. She will speak at St. Mary's Upsala on December 14th, 7-8:30 p.m.



## Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/

Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11



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



## Weekly Offering

### Financial Contributions

#### PARISH INCOME

#### Nov. 20, 2022

AS \$ 3,719.00

IC \$ 1,441.00

SC \$ 2,425.00

#### Nov. 27, 2022

AS \$ 8,224.85

IC \$ 2,378.00

SC \$ 1,828.50

### Thank you for your generosity!

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

# Parish News & Events

## All Cluster



### All Cluster Penance Service

Don't miss the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession on December 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upsala. 5 priests will be available.

### New Evangelization Coordinator Job opening- 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 with in 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.

### Women's Group

Join us the first and third Mondays of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Saints-St. Mary's basement. Our next meeting will be December 5th.

### Men's Group

Every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's basement. New members welcome to stop in any Saturday.

**Daughters of Isabella** Our meeting will be December 5th at 1:00 p.m. in basement of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### Decorating for Christmas

Would you be willing to help with the **physical labor** of decoration our churches for Christmas? We have people to do the planning. Call the office if interested.

## All Cluster continued

### Well Read Mom Group

A group for all women who want to accompany each other in reading great books in the Catholic tradition. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Dec. 6th. at Fisher's Club, Avon. Contact Susan 224-6052 if you have questions.

### All Saints

**Holy Baptism:** *Ellys Marie Robertson*

Daughter of Curtis and Jenna, Baptized Nov 19, 2022  
All Saints - St. Hedwig's

**Eternal Rest for:** *Jeanette Agnes May*

Passed to Eternal Life: November 23, 2022

Funeral: December 1, 2022 at All Saints-St. Mary's.

### Building Project

The Building Committee met this past week to review the themes that came up at the Parish Building Meeting and reiterate the desires of the parish to Architecture Advantage to have the design updated. In December we will begin interviewing fundraisers to continue to take steps forward. **Do you or anyone you know within the parish have a background in fundraising who would like to apply for this position?**

Over the next few weeks, the bulletin will be addressing various rumors that have been going around our parish in regards to the new Church Building. **The first rumor** that has been going around is that each family will be "assessed" or asked to tithe a specific amount of the cost of building the new Church. This is not how our parish will go about raising the funds needed for this project. We are each invited to give as generously as we are able and the parish recognizes not every parishioner is able to give the same amount.

### All Saints Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Will be after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sundays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

New members welcome! Lois Schmit 320.746.2603

### Decorating for Christmas

There will be a group of individuals decorating the All Saints - St. Hedwig Church Building December 19th and 20th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

### Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday

On December 11th we will be having coffee, snacks and fellowship following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 11th. All are welcome!

### AED Training

Training for Ushers will take place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at All Saints-St. Mary's on December 11th.

### MinisTree

All Saints recently received a check for \$125.00 from the MinisTree Program. Thank you to all those willing to check for volunteer opportunity cards!

## Guadalupe Fiesta

December 10th  
All Saints-St. Hedwig's, Holdingford

5:15 pm **SPANISH MASS**  
6 - Candlelight Vigil  
Outdoor Rosary Procession

7 - Tacos & Songs

8-9 pm **SAISA DANCE**  
\$5 songs/dance

Music by  
Leah Ellen  
Jonathan Walz  
Steve Mages

Cumbias & Maranitas!

Questions? Call Rachelle (320) 200-8331  
Frassati Outdoor Club &


## Knights of Columbus # 16455

### Saint Juan Diego- Feast Day: Dec. 9th

To find out more about Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego and miracle of the tilma Visit: [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com).

The actual tilma is at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Mexico. St. Juan Diego is buried there.



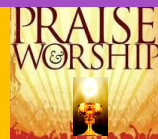
	<i>Mass Schedule</i>		
<b>Mon. Dec. 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration</b>	† <b>Peter Kraemer Family</b>	
<b>Tues. Dec. 6</b>	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i> <b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Wed. Dec. 7</b>	<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> <b>6:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's</b>	Fulfills the Holy Day obligation † <b>Melvin Nentl</b>	
<b>Thur. Dec. 8</b>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <b>12:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	Holy Day of obligation † <b>For the People Raymond Weitalla</b>	The Parish office is closed on Dec. 8th for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
<b>Fri. Dec. 9</b>	<i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtiatotzin</i> <b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Sat. Dec. 10</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b> <b>5:15 All Saints-St. Hedwig's –Spanish Mass</b>	<b>For the People</b>	
<b>Sun. Dec. 11</b>	The Third Sunday of Advent <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>30th Wedding Anniversary of Marvin &amp; Amy Eynck</b> † <b>Alphonse Hartung</b>	

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



Father Gregory and his Thanksgiving Snowman

*All are invited to Adoration  
All Saints - St. Mary's  
December 5th at 7:00 p.m.*



### Annual EPIC Beanbag Tournament:

Wednesday, Dec. 7th. If you have Beanbag boards/bags to bring in for us to use, it would be greatly appreciated!

It's going to be

**EPIC**

Dec. 7th

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)

**WATCH  
ON  
FORMED**

**GUADALUPE**  
THE MIRACLE AND  
THE MESSAGE



### Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy his film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has led to the conversion of millions of people. Sign up for FORMED on our website.

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