



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

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

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2023

### 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:**

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### Mary the Mother of God

For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. [https://www.loyolapress.com/Calling Mary "Mother of God"](https://www.loyolapress.com/Calling%20Mary%20Mother%20of%20God) is the highest honor we can give her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace."

<https://divinemercyparish.org/>

### Peace

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as "peace." However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that ... it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God's wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God's peace. Perhaps Mary prayed for God's *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God's *shalom*...a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. ~J.S. Paluch Co. Inc./Excerpts from the lectionary for Mass.

### *We are still in the Christmas Season!*



*"And you, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfilment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Savior, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!"*  
*Pope John Paul II*

### New Year's Eve Celebration

Come celebrate the Solemnity of Mary (New Year's) with a get together and Mass. Enjoy fellowship, cards, games and maybe a movie. Bring snacks to share. It all starts at 8:00 p.m. and ends with Mass at 11:30 p.m. Open to all.

## Grow in your Faith!

"IN OUR WORLD  
TOO, A STABLE ONCE  
HAD SOMETHING  
INSIDE IT THAT WAS  
BIGGER THAN OUR  
WHOLE WORLD"

C.S. LEWIS  
THE LAST BATTLE



### Christmas Prayers Of The Saints

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which you alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in your love.



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*

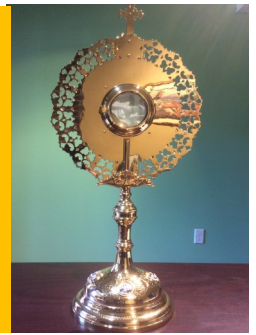
Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially:

Fr. Gregory, Pat & Ken Euteneuer, Robby Pollreis, David Platz Sr., David Platz Jr., Theresa Johannes, Nancy Bieniek

Prayers for everyone missing loved ones this Christmas

### 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!



### 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.

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 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.  
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### *Upcoming Mass Schedule:*

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

5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

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

4:00 p.m. St. Edward, Elmdale

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

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

10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

8:00 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

10:00 a.m. St. Mary, Upsala

### *Prayer lines*

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

#### **Immaculate Conception:**

Christine Maleska 356-7246

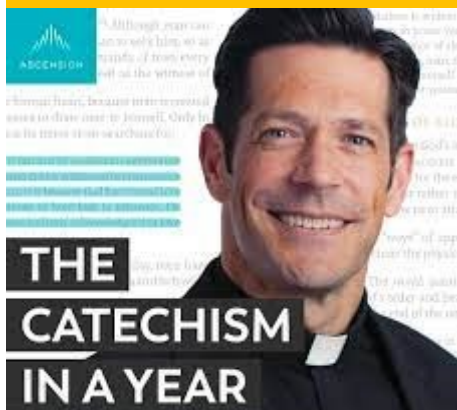
#### **St Columbkille:**

Esther Struzyk 251-4984

Susan Opatz 363-8160



## News & Events



**Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days.**

Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter. Transform your relationship with the Church that Christ founded. Get the FREE Reading Plan! Starts Jan. 1st [www.ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy)



**Knights of Columbus**

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Contest**



Boys and Girls ages 9-14.  
Friday, January 13, 2023  
at 6:00p.m.  
Holdingford Elementary  
Gymnasium



All Parishioners are welcome to send us your snowman pictures throughout the winter season. Above snowman was submitted by Mary Sowada.

### Meaning of the Swaddling Clothes

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." – Luke 2:12

"And this shall be a sign unto you? How could swaddling clothes be a "sign" if all babies were wrapped in such? A baby in a "manger" yes, that would be a sign, but what of these bands? There is a tradition that the shepherds, who in the hillside were not too far from Jerusalem, provided the "lambs without blemish" for the temple sacrifice at Passover. That first new-born lamb, to protect it from blemish (as it was required to be by the Law), was wrapped in swaddling cloth and placed in a food trough apart from the other sheep. Ah, this would be a sign indeed! They would find the Savior, Christ the Lord, wrapped just like they wrapped their own precious lamb after its birth.

This was Our Lord's first binding, one of love. His second binding was when He was taken away by His enemies, His hands tied together by cords, in the Garden of Gethsemane. The third binding was the bands that wrapped Him in His funeral shroud. Mary removed the first bands. His executioners removed the ropes of the second binding so that He might carry the Cross of Salvation. And, on Easter Sunday, the Glorified Christ Himself removed the cloths that bound His Body around His funeral shroud."

Brian Kelly from [catholicism.org](http://catholicism.org)

### Prayer for Families

Lord, I do offer myself to You this day and in doing so I offer You my family. I offer every relationship, be it good or difficult, and I offer every challenge we face. Please come and sanctify my family, making it holy in imitation of your family in Nazareth. Jesus, I trust in You. <https://mycatholic.life>



## Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Act 6:8-10; 7:54-59/  
Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/  
Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21



**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.

When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. <https://divinemercyparish.org/>

## Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME

**Dec. 18, 2022**

AS \$

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**Dec. 25, 2022**

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Unavailable due to early  
bulletin deadlines

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

# Parish News & Events

## All Cluster

### **New Evangelization Coordinator**

Fr. Gregory has been interviewing the individuals who have applied for this position. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the interview process for all involved!

### **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.

### **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 January 2nd meeting has been canceled. Our next meeting will be January 16th.

### **Calendars 2023**

Our parishes have purchased 2023 Calendars as a gift. Please take one per family.

## All Saints

### **Building Project**

In January we are interviewing fundraisers who will help us raise the money needed for our new Church.

**Do you or anyone you know within the parish have a background in fundraising and would like to apply for this position?** Over the past few weeks we have addressed various rumors related to the building of the new Church. Please look at previous bulletins to see our responses to these rumors.

### **Coffee, Snacks, and Fellowship**

Please join us on January 8th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at All Saints-St. Mary's!

### Immaculate Conception

Ministry Schedules are in the Sacristy and back of church.

*It's still the Christmas Season...  
you can keep on giving gifts.  
And these are Free!*



#### **THE GIFT OF LISTENING**

Listen without interrupting.



#### **THE GIFT OF A SMILE**

Give a smile to those around you.



#### **THE GIFT OF LOVE**

Give a hug, a compliment or a loving detail.



#### **THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE**

Say "thank you" to the people in your life.



#### **THE GIFT OF FAVOR**

Every day try to do someone a favor.



**CatholicLink**

## **Feast of the Holy Family - Dec. 30th**

Typically the Feast of the Holy Family occurs on the Sunday between Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother God. During years when there is no Sunday in between the two the Feast is moved to December 30th.



## **Honor the Holy Family**


In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.  
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	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	
<b>Mon. Jan. 2</b>	<i>Saints Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &amp; Doctors of The Church</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tues. Jan. 3</b>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b>	† <b>Joan Sunder</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 4</b>	<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints- St. Mary's</b>	† <b>Deceased members of the George and Christine Hadrach Family</b>
<b>Thur. Jan. 5</b>	<i>Saint John Neumann, Bishop</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri. Jan. 6</b>	<i>Saint Andre Bessette, Religious</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat. Jan. 7</b>	<i>Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i> <b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>Living and Deceased Members of the St. Columbkille Christian Women</b>
<b>Sun. Jan. 8</b>	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	† <b>David Gaida</b> <b>For the People</b>

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



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All Saints & Immaculate Conception Christmas Pageant will be on January 4th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints - St. Hedwig's.  
Please come and support our youth!

### First Reconciliation 2022

Thank you to Fr. Gregory, Fr. Gilbert, parents, students, Jenny Revermann, Katrina Kolles and all who helped to prepare our students for their First Reconciliation.  
St. Columbkille (Top R)  
All Saints & Immaculate Conception (bottom R)

*Please keep our  
First Communicants  
in your prayers!*



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