



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

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023

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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.

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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Marti Gras Celebration

Join us this Sunday,
February 19th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
at the Legion in Holdingford to
celebrate Marti Gras.

Everyone in our parishes and
surrounding parishes are
welcome to attend.

Our parishes are providing
chicken strips and fries and there
will be fellowship and dancing.

Please bring a dish to share!
Free for all to attend!



The Old Tyme Country Boys

(formerly the Walzateers)

After music legend Erwin Girtz died the
name 'The Walzateers' was retired to
honor his memory and legacy. But now
his music lives on. Come join us at the
Mardi Gras celebration and enjoy the
music!

Confirmation Retreat February 25



Please pray for our Confirmation Students, leaders and staff for
the upcoming retreat. We pray that the Holy Spirit may fill their
hearts & souls with the love and gifts of Jesus our Savior and God
our Father. Confirmation is April 11th.

Ben Bieniek

Paige Doll

Grace Doucet

Hunter Dubbin

Gracelyn Gerads

Breanna Gertken

Dominick Hoikka

Lindsey Klaphake

Jacob Klein

Brice Kolles

Landon Lashinski

Felicity LeBlanc

Evan Litchy

Lily Notsch

Aubrie Opatz

Luke Opatz

Jenna Pallow

Evan Petron

Carter Schwalbe

Makenna Sparks

Dominic St. Marie

Grant Welle

Aiden Young

Ayla Young

New Evangelization Corner

By Deacon Dan Dullinger

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week was a wonderful blessing in so many ways, thank you! Whether you were at one of the Masses, we met in person, prayed together, or shared stories, we got to know each other a little better.

Father Gregory, as you know, hired me to be an *evangelist*, but this is not just my job, we are all called to be evangelists by our baptism. With Lent just around the corner, this is a good time to evaluate our evangelistic efforts. Ask yourself the following questions. Am I being the evangelist I am called to be within the context of my life? Who has God brought into my life, at school, at work, my neighborhood, or in my family, that He wants me to share my faith with. You may be wondering how you can do this, below are some ideas.

(From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) with slight modifications).

- Pray and read Scripture daily.
- Regularly celebrate the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and in Sunday Mass.
- Trust in the Holy Spirit to give you the grace needed to witness and share your faith with others.
- Pray and fast for our Holy Father, bishops, priests, religious, and all those who serve the Church.
- Attend diocese-wide faith formation events, like retreats and catechetical days, the Eucharistic Revival events, etc.
- Join in the celebration of diocese-wide liturgies, such as Marriage Sunday, Mass for Life, and the Rite of Election.
- Regularly check our diocesan and faith community websites, the bulletin, and social media outlets.
- Participate in direct service opportunities and legislative advocacy initiatives through your state Catholic Conference.
- Support missionaries and missionary efforts. Promote Catholic schools.

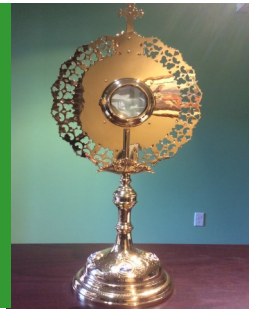
Remember the words of Peter: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Pt 3:15).

For more information on the New Evangelization, go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), and learn more about the New Evangelization.

May God richly bless you all! Deacon Dan

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!



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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

Photo by Deacon Dan



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

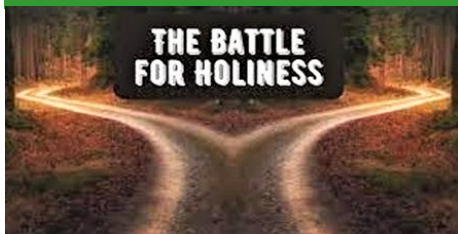


The Healing Power of God

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

Pat & Ken Euteneuer, Robby Pollreis, David Platz Sr., David Platz Jr., Theresa Johannes, Daniel Kulas, Loren Philippi, Carol Kuklok, Tom Studniski, Dave Scegura, Claude Opatz, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr & Dave Huls

News & Events



Ecclesia Domestica— Men On a Mission will feature Kevin Olson and Fr. Gregory Mastey on **Friday, February 24th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church and School Gym (566 4th Street NW, Elk River, MN).

Men on a Mission is a 90 minute, Friday evening gathering featuring a speaker on topics important to us as men and as Catholics. Past talks have covered Divine Mercy, pornography, Catholic marriage in these times of cultural attack, Marian devotion, etc. The evening ends with praise, prayers and fellowship. <http://www.exxlesiadomestica.net/menonamission>.

40 Days Opening Rally will be on Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Starting at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) and proceeding to St. Augustine's for a program and pizza. **Our Lenten Campaign** is from February 22nd to April 2nd. Please join us with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness to protect the Sanctity of Life. We come together at Planned Parenthood to pray for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers as well as for the conversion of all who participate in the abortion industry. Please consider spending an hour in prayer with your fellow parishioners on Thursday afternoons from 1:00-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers 247-9838.

Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena



Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - **March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** at All Saints, Holdingford with Fr. Gregory Mastey. Visit: www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival.

Women's Lenten Retreat

Our retreat is on Saturday, March 18th at St. Paul's Parish (1125 11th Ave. N. St. Cloud) at 8:30 a.m. Registration & Refreshments, 9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Dana Webskowsky, 11:00 a.m. Mass ~ Lunch, 1:00 p.m. Musical Adoration. Please register by March 10th. Send a \$20 Check payable to St. Cloud DCCW to Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice MN, 56367. For questions contact: Lora (320) 393-2701 lorakna1@hotmail.com

Central Minnesota Koinonia Retreat

This program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese is on March 3rd-5th at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register.

New Lenten Resource Planned!

The Revival prayer team is presenting a Lenten Prayer Journal which will focus on interior revival. Using quotes from Scripture, Saints and Catholic resources, this journal will provide 40 days of reflections and questions to help deepen understanding and love for the Eucharist. Watch the website stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival for a free pdf!



Weekly Readings

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
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: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11

Why do we practice Fasting?

Fasting consists of having one regular meal during the day or two smaller meals that do not equal a regular meal in size. It's main purpose is for us to live in spirit of repentance and turning away from sin and back to God.

What is Abstinence?

On Fridays, we refrain from eating meat since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday.

Why no meat?

Traditionally, meat was more expensive and eaten only during times of feasting and rejoicing.

Why can we eat fish? Fish doesn't belong to the "flesh meats" as it is a cold blooded animal. The Latin word "caro" from which we get words like carnivore applies to flesh meat and does not include fish.

When?

Fasting and abstinence are for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is for Fridays in Lent.

Who?

Abstinence for Catholics age 14+. Fasting is for Catholics ages 18-58 with some exceptions.

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

February 12, 2023

AS \$ 5,264.25

IC \$ 1,003.31

SC \$ 992.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: February 18th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with others. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on third Saturdays:

Even months are at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street), and at St. Mary's Church in Upsala on odd months. The February 18th meeting at All Saints-St. Mary's will be an introduction evening and sharing of ideas, with socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Pro-life Rosary

Pray the Rosary with us inside or outside All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford on February 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you are unable to join us please pray at home. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Group

Join us on 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 on February 20th.

Men's Group

Calling all men to join us Saturday mornings 8:30-9:30 for prayer, faith talk, and fellowship. We meet in the All Saints-St. Mary's basement.

All Saints

Building Project

10 acres have been donated to the All Saints Parish for the building of the New Church that is located directly across from the high school just North of the Dollar General and South of the Community Church on the empty field. The Building Committee is continuing to take steps forward in the process of building our new church. We are currently preparing for a meeting with the Diocesan Building Commission to get their feedback on our initial drawings and deciding between the last two fundraisers. Please continue to pray for the success of the building project!

Decorators Needed

We are looking for creative parishioners who would like to decorate All Saints-St. Hedwig's. Please contact the Central Office if interested.

Immaculate Conception

Bazaar Committee Meeting

We will be meet on Monday February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. New faces & ideas are always welcome.

*"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."
(Lv 19:18)*



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.



Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council #9307

Knights of Columbus Membership

Knights of Columbus Council #9307 are asking all Catholic men 18 years old and older to prayerfully consider joining our council as new members. Contact Marvin at 320-845-7797.

Family Fishing Outing-All are Welcome!

Sunday, February 19th on Two Rivers Lake from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Holdingford Boy Scouts. Meet at the landing (West side of Two Rivers Lake) and go straight out to the right. You'll see a big group of people Southeast of the landing. Fishing rods are available, holes are drilled, bait is provided and food is provided. Come even if you have never fished before, but don't forget your fishing license! Drive out at your own risk or park and walk. See you there!



May Eternal Rest be granted to:
Judy Lashinski

Passed to eternal life on February 8, 2023
Funeral on February 20, 2023
All Saints-St. Mary's





May Eternal Rest be granted to:
Mary Woitalla

Passed to eternal life on February 11, 2023
Funeral on February 18, 2023
Immaculate Conception

How Can We Live Our Faith?

First Reading: Leviticus teaches us that one way to be holy is to have an attitude of love toward your family and neighbors. Can you name some examples when you have acted in this manner?

Second Reading: Paul teaches that as believers we are now "the temple of God" How might we celebrate this new reality?

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	
Mon. Feb. 20	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille	† David Gaida
Tues. Feb. 21	<i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 7:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	For an Increase of Vocations sponsored by the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus
Wed. Feb. 22	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Mary's 12:00 noon St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	 † Eileen Young † Ambrose & Lorraine Wentland † Teckla Scegura
Thur. Feb. 23	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Donna May Lange
Fri. Feb. 24	No Mass	
Sat. Feb. 25	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Dennis, Violet, and Kathy Meagher
Sun. Feb. 26	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For the People † Tom Ruprecht

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

March 1st

It's going to be

EPIC

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)



Set to release on Ash Wednesday, *Fearless* will help you make this Lent impactful and spiritually fruitful. This new seven-part series is brought to you in partnership with Real Life Catholic and FORMED. Time and again, the people of God are called to be courageous and "be not afraid." Yet we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special weekly guest as we follow Jesus into the wilderness. **FREE 7-week video series straight to your email inbox.**

Sign-up at: RealLifeCatholic.com

Youth Fish Frys

Come and support the Youth that are going to Steubenville! Upcoming Fish Frys are February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th at the Pelican Lake Ballroom from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

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