



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

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

First Sunday of Lent  
February 26, 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.

**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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### **Come to All Saints in Holdingford on March 3rd for Cor Jesu**

Cor Jesu is an initiative of the Diocese of Saint Cloud's Eucharistic Revival Team to draw the people of the Diocese to the Eucharist through an evening of Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. Cor Jesu, latin for "Heart of Jesus," is an opportunity to encounter Jesus's merciful love in the Eucharist and meet him face to face. Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. Following the conclusion of Mass there will be Adoration, praise music and at the same time Reconciliation with multiple priests. Throughout the evening, there will be 39 poster boards available in the basement describing Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. Visit: [www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival](http://www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival).

**Prayer:** Prayer is conversation with God. It is essential for fasting and almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all of our actions in life.

**Fasting & Abstinence:** Fasting and abstinence are old traditions in Judeo-Christian history and early Lenten practice. Found in the Scriptures, they offer a way of growing closer to God.

The current regulations are as follows: Individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by having only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. All over the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

**Almsgiving:** Almsgiving (giving) is a response to God, one that we can come to through prayer and fasting. It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, reflecting the realization that we are the Body of Christ, responsible for each other. <https://nolacatholic.org/prayer-fasting-and-almsgiving>



# New Evangelization Corner

## By Deacon Dan Dullinger

### Lent - A time to look in the spiritual Mirror

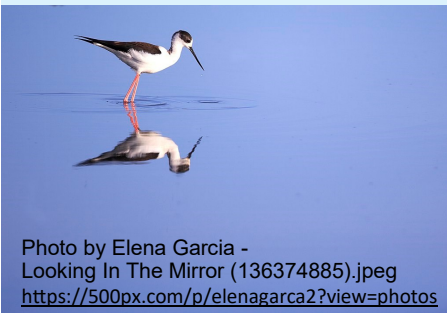


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Lent is a time when we as Catholic Christians are called to evaluate our busy lives, our relationship with God, and our habits of faith. A part of this self-evaluation is to get honest with ourselves, and God, about the sincerity in

which we: say our prayers, fast, or give of our money, time, and talent. Lent is a time to take a good look in the spiritual mirror and make changes according to what we see reflecting back at us. Sometimes we forget that God sees the true intentions of our heart, we think we are hiding, but we are not.

#### COVERED EYES

One of my daughters, when she was a young child, gave me a good laugh one day. She and the other children asked me to play hide and seek. The youngest stood in the middle of the room, covered her eyes with her hands, and said, "come and find me". At first I thought she was kidding, but I soon realized she really thought that if she could not see me, I could not see her.

We are children of God. Could it be that at times we are like my youngest daughter, hiding from God in many ways? Sometimes we cover our spiritual eyes and our hearts by shutting God out when we sin, by a lack of practicing holy disciplines, pride, etc. This Lent, let us open our eyes and our hearts to God like never before. Let us focus not only on what we are "doing" for Lent, but also the one who we are doing it for. Let us stop hiding from God, and open our eyes to the possibility of a deeper relationship with our Father in heaven.

**Prayer:** Come and find me Lord!



*"The patient and humble endurance of the cross whatever nature it may be is the highest work we have to do."*

ST. KATHERINE DREXEL

"Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."

"Ours is the Spirit of the Eucharist, the total Gift of Self."

"The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love."

### 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 next day to watch anytime.

*Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their Magnificence and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." ~Mt*



#### 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



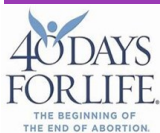
### The Healing Power of God

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



### 40 Days Lenten Campaign

Please join us with prayer, fasting & peaceful witness to protect the Sanctity of Life at Planned Parenthood (451 East St. Germain, St. Cloud) through April 2nd. 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 (320) 247-9838.

### 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](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register.

### The Eucharistic Revival Initiative

is hosting a series of "BREAD Talks" in the diocese's five regional deaneries, each at a different brewery. Events are modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will share brief testimonies - their "Eucharistic love stories." Following their sharing, a main speaker will give a longer talk, about 20-30 minutes, on a Eucharistic theme. These are in-person-only events. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings! Upcoming event: March 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Back Shed Brewing, Waite Park.

### Disciples on a Mission: March 10-12th

#### A parish mission to empower you to know and share the love of Christ

Come join us for our Lenten Mission with guest speakers Father Boniface Hicks, OSB and Kristin Molitor. Fr. Boniface is a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey and a Catholic priest and will guide our parish to know more about the practice of prayer and our call to mission in our faith. Kristin is the former New Evangelization Coordinator for our parishes. Visit: <https://www.churchoftheassumptionedenvaley.org/> or call 493-2788.

### Women's Lenten Retreat - Diocesan Wide

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](mailto:lorakna1@hotmail.com)

### Congratulations

To the Holdingford Dance Team who went to State! The Jazz Team took 9th in State and the Kick Team took 4th! Congratulations on all your hard work!



## Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/  
Mt 17:1-9



**St. Katherine Drexel** is known for her love for the Eucharist, her spirit of Prayer, and her Eucharistic perspective on the unity of all peoples. She believed in education for all and spoke against social iniquities of minority peoples. She totally gave of herself, her inheritance and all material goods in selfless service to others. Saint Pope John Paul II beatified her on November 20, 1980 and her feast day is March 3rd.

## Weekly Offering

### Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

**February 19, 2023**

AS \$ 4,106.00

IC \$ 1,228.00

SC \$ 2,450.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD

**2023** Bishop's Annual Appeal

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

LUKE 22:19

Announcement Weekend:  
February 25-26th  
Commitment Weekend:  
March 4-5th

## Parish News & Events

### All Cluster

#### 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. Next meeting is March 6th.

#### 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. Our next meeting is March 7th at the Neighbors restaurant in St. Joseph. Contact: Susan 224-6052.

#### Rural Catholic Middle Age Singles Group

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other singles. 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). Our next meeting is March 11th. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

#### Palms

If you have old palms that need to be burned, please put them in the sacristy of your parish and we will dispose of them.

**A Big Thank You** to Fr. Gregory, Bob Jarnot, Virginia Tretter, Katrina Kolles and all who helped for making our Mardi Gras Celebration possible. Everyone enjoyed the food, games, dancing and music by the Old Tyme Country Boys Band!



#### Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council #9307

#### Knights of Columbus Membership

We 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.

#### Knights of Columbus Family Fishing Outing

Thank you to Dan Kulas and Jamie Schmitz of Sanitation Services for the use of the portable toilet for the event-so appreciated!

### Immaculate Conception

#### Gift Bearers

We will once again be adding gift bearers to our mass ministries. If you or your family would like to represent our parish by bringing up the gifts, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the entryway of the church.

### 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.

#### Please join us in Quilting

We will begin quilting two quilt tops which will be for the faith formation program and the CMW/RS breakfasts. Please join us Tuesday February 28 and March 2 anytime between 9:30 and 4 at All Saints St. Mary's church basement. We will continue this schedule the following weeks till finished. Stop in and check it out!!! Anyone interested in providing a lunch for the quilters please call Joan at (320) 241-3264. Thanks to all.

### St. Columbkille



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Jim Winter

Passed to eternal life on February 15, 2023  
Funeral on February 21, 2023  
St. Columbkille

#### St. Columbkille Christian Women

We will be having a meeting on March 13th at 6:30 pm. in the room behind the Sacristy. All women are invited to attend.

#### Ministry Schedules

are available in the back of our parish.

#### Gift Bearers

In order for more people to be involved in Mass ministries, we are asking individuals and families to consider representing our parish by bringing up the gifts. If you are interested, please sign up in the entryway of the Church.

*"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."*

Mt 4:1-11

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	<b>FIRST WEEK OF LENT</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 27</b>	<i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> <b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration/Stations</b>	† Ed Opatz
<b>Tues. Feb. 28</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	† Ken Viehauser
<b>Wed. Mar. 1</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thur. Mar. 2</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration/Stations</b>	† Andrew Solinger
<b>Fri. Mar. 3</b>	<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> <b>6:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's ~Cor Jesu</b>	† Jeanette Waletzko
<b>Sat. Mar. 4</b>	<i>Saint Casimir</i> <b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 5</b>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	† Aaron Welle † Sandra Salzer

## 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)

### Seminary Visits

Our next visit to The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary is March 18th-20th. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, adoration & discernment talks. Please contact Fr. Doug at the Vocation Office at (320) 251-5001.



### GIFFT Night

March 8th is the next GIFFT Night and will be focused on the Eucharistic Miracles of the World.

It is an Vatican International Exhibition that was the brainchild of Blessed Carlo Acutis, one of the Patrons of the Eucharistic Revival. We have the opportunity to have on display 39 poster boards with Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The posters will be on display for Cor Jesu, after Sunday morning Mass, and at GIFFT Night.

Any Youth (or Adults) who are helping their parents serve as ushers or greeters that would like a name tag, please contact Katie in the Central Office and she will make one for you.

### Youth Fish Frys



Come and support our Youth going to Steubenville! Upcoming Fish Frys are March 3rd & March 10th at the Pelican Lake Ballroom. from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Thank you!



*All are invited to  
Adoration at  
All Saints - St. Mary's  
March 6th at 7:00 p.m.*