



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jn:14

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

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 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**

**P.O. Box 308**

**Holdingford, MN 56340**



### **Saint Isidore the Farmer's Story**

Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman

as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

He died May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as "the five saints." ~Franciscan Media

### **On the Road Mass**

Our First 'On the Road Mass' will be at Art & Renee Harlander's (42733 165th Ave., Holdingford) on this Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Gregory will have a blessing of seeds at this Mass (the feast of St. Isidore) and also bless seeds at Masses the following weekend, May 21st and 22nd.

Call the office if you'd like to schedule an On the Road Mass at your place.  
Let's pray together!

### **Cemetery Changes**

Our goal for the cemeteries is to have the cemetery clean, neat, and easy to maintain for those who mow lawn. Going into effect this Memorial Day:

-Flowers are permitted only on the monument and/or in vases attached to the monument.

-Windchimes, solar lights, and flags must be secured to the monument or in the vase. They are not permitted to be in the ground/grass.

- No glass, ceramic, or clay pots/vases/containers are permitted in the cemetery. Non-breakable containers are accepted but must be set on the cement ribbon.



## New Evangelization Corner

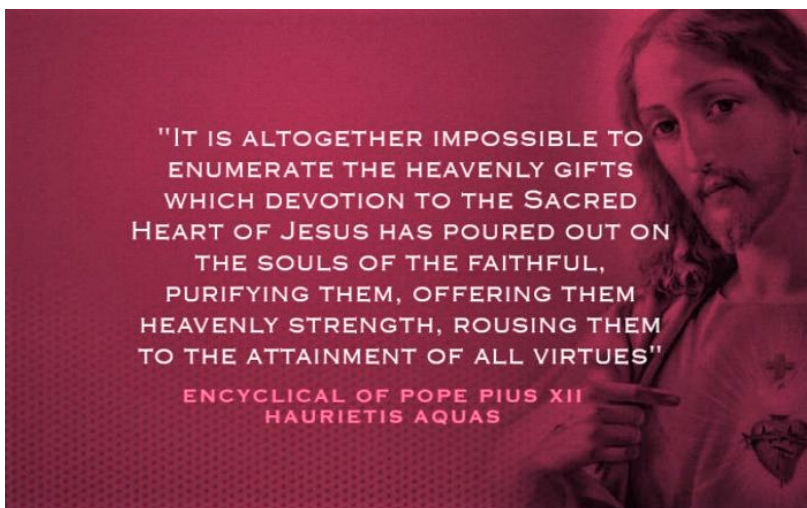
By Deacon Dan Dullinger

### Eucharistic Miracles of the World

To explore this week's miracle, **FRANCE – DOUAI**, see options below:

1. **Weekday Masses** - The printed panel will be on display.
2. **Website** - Go to our website, [tworiverscatholic.com](http://tworiverscatholic.com), navigate to Spiritual Resource, then Eucharistic Revival, and scroll down to the Eucharistic Miracles section. There you can read or listen to the recorded story.
3. **Trivia Question** - The related trivia question from GIFFT Night, is posted on the website (see above) as well.

Enthroned Your Home with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary!**



**Save the Date!** - A special blessing of your Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart pictures, or statues, along with instructions on how to do this enthronement of your home, will take place at all masses on the weekend of **Sunday June 18, 2023**. Bring your Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart pictures for the special blessing that day. If you don't have them now, order them online or get them at your nearest Catholic Book Store.

### 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 especially:

Pat & Ken Euteneuer, Robby Pollreis, David Platz Jr., Theresa Johannes, Loren Philippi, Daniel Kulas,

Carol Kuklok, Tom Studniski Dave Scegura, Claude Opatz, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr, Steve Stoermann & Jim Ruprecht

Please let us know if you'd like to be added or taken off the prayer list. Let Fr. Gregory know if you are in need of a blessing or having a surgery.

### 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.

### 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.

### Confirmation Director

Would you like to prepare our youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation? We have an immediate opening starting mid-August on Wednesday evenings (approx. 20-30 students). Please let Fr. Gregory or the Parish Office know that you are interested.

### Hiring for a Youth Minister

Thank you to Kyle VanOverbeke for all he has done with the Youth Ministry Program over the past two years! Kyle has decided that this was his last year as our Youth Minister so we are hiring for this position. If you are interested in helping our young people to encounter the Lord more deeply, please reach out to Fr. Gregory or the Parish Office.

### Monday Adoration

On Monday, May 15th adoration will be at *All Saints-St. Hedwig's* and will end at 6:00 p.m. to allow the adorers to go to the 7:00 p.m. On the Road Mass. Please come and join us. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair!

## News & Events

### Regarding the Precious Blood of Christ!

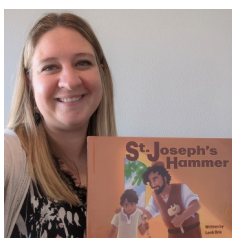
Confession time: until I became an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister some years ago, I think it could be said that for decades I approached communion like a sleepwalker. Drawing closer to its vast mystery, and daring to take it up and distribute it with my hands, I've been changed at the level of the heart, and I write to say a couple of simple things to my beloved fellow parishioners. Christ is present in both species (body, blood, soul and divinity), and we are not obligated to also take the cup, but please keep in mind that when you have taken communion, and are heading back to your pew, it is important as you pass the cup to acknowledge the Precious Blood! All you need to do is bow a little to show your love and reverence; we would not walk by that without bowing any more than we would pass by the tabernacle without doing the same. Father taught me that at some parishes in Minnesota, pastors have actually withdrawn the Precious Blood from distribution because too many people stride by the cup with blasé detachment. We mustn't ever let that happen in our parishes—we must not! In this time of Eucharistic Revival, we can do better, and please pass this idea on to the future, your precious children! The Eucharist is not just the center of our parish life as we journey together, it is the center of reality, of the entire universe. The revival begins with us, and we move towards Heaven together, remembering Padre Pio who once said, "it is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!" -Jeff Johnson

*All parishioners are welcome to write about their experience with the Eucharist and share with us. We would love to include Eucharistic Encounters and Ponderings from parishioners in future bulletins.*

### Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: May 20th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. 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 May 20th meeting will be in Upsala. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for more information.

**Spring Outdoor Get-together:** On Saturday, May 20th, the Frassati Outdoor Club is hosting a horseback riding event for young adults who enjoy horses, food and fun! (ages 20+, cost \$40, RSVP required) We will meet at the Immaculate Conception parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to go horseback riding. Even if you don't go horseback riding, meet up with us at 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception parish grounds for games, food and bonfire. Bring your own lawn chair. (Cost \$5) At 7:00 p.m. the Frassati Outdoor Club will have a Rosary Vigil open to all ages and families. Contact Rachelle with questions or RSVP 320-200-8331.



### St. Joseph's Hammer Book signing:

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on May 21st Leah Brix will be having a book signing for her new book, St. Joseph's Hammer. Leah and her husband, Adam, and their seven children are parishioners at Immaculate Conception in St. Anna. St. Joseph's Hammer- An unlikely narrator comes to life in this charming and delightful tale about one the Bible's most quiet, yet remarkable men.



## Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



### 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. Thank you!



### Knights of Columbus

St. Isidore Council # 9301

### Raffle Winners!

1st place \$750: Dean Martini,  
2nd place \$500: Joe Scepaniak,  
3rd place: \$250: Bob Pueringer,  
4th place \$150: Steve Auer,  
5th place \$100: Aric Schmainda,  
6th place \$100: Bryan Scepaniak,  
7th place \$100: Sandy Harlander,  
8th place \$100: Steve Auer,  
9th place \$100: Ken Smieja,  
10th place \$100: Lloyd Rausch,  
11th place \$100: Jamie Rosinger,  
12th place \$100: Chad Rausch.

## Weekly Offering

### Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

**May 7, 2023**

AS \$ 5,745.00

IC \$ 1,545.00

SC \$ 2,795.50

### Thank you for your generosity!

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



## Parish News & Events

### All Cluster



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

Knights of Columbus Widow/  
Widowers Social: We would like to welcome all widows/widowers to this gathering. Sunday, May 21st from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the All Saints-St. Mary's Basement. Starting with lunch and moving into cards, games and socializing.

Baby bottle fund raiser for the  
Pregnancy Resource Center.

The Local Knights and Parish Pro-Life group together will distribute baby bottles after the Masses of Mother's Day Weekend. We are asking for any loose change you may have to contribute to this cause. Bottles should be returned by Father's Day Weekend. Thank you!

**Women's Group: May 15th**

Join us on the first and third Mondays of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the All Saints-St. Mary's basement.

**Well Read Mom Group: May 16th**

A group for all women who want to accompany each other in reading great books and timeless spiritual classics in the Catholic tradition. Our next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. at Neighbors in St. Joseph. Contact Susan 224-6052 for questions.

### St. Columbkille

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



**Russell Ritzer**

Passed to eternal life on 4/27/23  
Funeral 5/9/23



**Richard Majeski**

Passed to eternal life on 4/15/23  
Funeral 5/10/23

**Thanks** to the generous donations of the St. Columbkille Christian Women and the St. Wendel Sportsman Club we will again have flowers outside our church. ~Outside Plant Caretakers Jane O. & Bev. R.

### Our sincere Thank you

to Fr. Gregory Mastey, Fr. Gene Doyle & Deacon Dan Dullinger for the beautiful celebration of life for Dave, the members of the Holdingford Legion for their services, Mass Servers (Kenny and Larry Huls), Organist Lois Schmit and the choir for the beautiful music and the funeral group for the wonderful meal. Also, Fr. Gregory Mastey for the prayers, blessings and visits and to all of those that have sent cards, offered prayers, came to visit and helped in any way during this difficult time. May God bless you all!  
~The Family of Dave Huls

### All Saints

#### Building Project

##### All Saint Planning Study

All Saints Catholic Church's leadership has been working with an architect to create a plan for a new church. We are now moving forward with a planning study to get the thoughts and opinions of parishioners regarding a capital campaign to fund this project. Parishioners will receive a letter inviting them to participate in a feasibility study. Study results will assist in determining the size of our project. Mark Davy & Associates, a firm with 33 years of experience working with parishes, has been hired to conduct the study. The primary areas of focus are:

- Clarity of our vision
- All Saints' strengths
- Areas of concerns that may affect a capital campaign
- Communication preferences of parishioners
- leadership and volunteers to conduct a successful campaign
- Financial support available.

Please prayerfully consider participating when invited. Your feedback is important to the success of this effort. Thank you!

### Immaculate Conception



**Josie Janet Notch**

Daughter of Spencer & Emily  
Baptized 5/6/23

**Amelia Joan Notch**

Daughter of Spencer & Emily  
Baptized 5/6/23

**Nicodemus Virgil Bredeck**

Son of John & Kyra  
Baptized 5/7/23

#### Parish Bazaar in St. Anna

Our parish bazaar on Sunday, June 25th is approaching fast! The raffle books, worker's list and important updated bazaar information are ready for parishioners to pick up in the entryway of the church. Please contact Brenda Dobis at 241-6962 for extra raffle tickets. All raffle tickets must be returned to the quilt and raffle stand by the 5:00 p.m. drawing.

#### Thank you

to the Avon Lions for their generous donation of \$192.00 for the cost of the AED pads at Immaculate Conception! May God Bless the Lions and all you do!

#### Christian Mothers

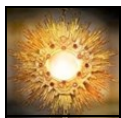
##### Our next meeting

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22nd in the church basement. All ladies are invited. If you have any questions, call Bernie Larkey at 320-345- 0755

##### Bake Sale

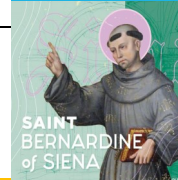
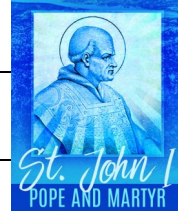
We are having our annual bake sale Memorial Day weekend. Please bring your favorite goodies to the Church basement on May 28th by 9:30 a.m.

*Let all the earth cry out to  
God with joy. (Ps 66)*



# Mass Schedule

<b>Mon. May 15</b>	<i>Saint Isidore</i> <b>7:00 p.m. On the Road Mass</b>	<b>Art &amp; Renee Harlander</b> <b>42733 165th Ave., Holdingford</b>
<b>Tues. May 16</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Hedwig's</b>	✠ <b>Arnold Voss</b>
<b>Wed. May 17</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's with Adoration</b>	✠ <b>Judith Vos</b>
<b>Thur. May 18</b>	<i>Saint John I, Pope &amp; Martyr</i> <b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	✠ <b>Robert Opatz</b>
<b>Fri. May 19</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat. May 20</b>	<i>Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i> <b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	✠ <b>Adelia Julius &amp; David Yurczyk</b>
<b>Sun. May 21</b>	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>For the People</b> ✠ <b>Lee Larkey</b>



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

### PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust  
the human person to mothers in a special way.  
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;  
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,  
for their intuition and encouragement,  
for commitment and sacrifice.  
Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them  
in your loving care.  
May they be blessed by our open-hearted  
love and gratitude. Amen.



Here are some tips to try when bringing kids to Adoration:

**Plan ahead:** pick a day, pick a time, pack your bags with toys, snacks and coloring books, take a deep breath

**Start small:** try five minutes, ten, fifteen, back to five... work your way up to a reasonable goal

**Be confident:** sit up front, whisper to them about Jesus, smile at the other adorers, know that you're doing the right thing

**Remember:** Jesus is waiting for them! Tell them how excited He is to see them!

<https://catholic-link.org/how-to-bring-kids-to-adoration/>

**Jesus, You said, "Let the little children come to Me."**

**Vocations Camp: Faith, Friends & Fun!** Tuesday-

Thursday, June 20th -22nd in Avon for young men in grades 7th -12th. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake. The days will be filled with physical and spiritual activities. To Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023VocationCamp>

**3G: Girls, God and Good Times,** is a Benedictine summer camp, offered by the Sisters at Saint Benedict's Monastery. It will be offered June 19th-21st for girls currently in 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade and July 17th-19th for girls currently in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12th. It's an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, spend time with Sisters and have fun! For more information visit: <https://sbm.osb.org/>