



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

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023

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Confession Times: Before daily Mass
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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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May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending

the family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children saying "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war."

She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia's question: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-fatima-485>



New Evangelization Corner

By Deacon Dan Dullinger

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

As many of you are aware, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of the United States, is in a three year long "Eucharistic Revival" process; we are all encouraged to participate in this in some way. To provide an opportunity to participate, we are going to focus again on "**The Eucharistic Miracles of the World**" display and event that we recently hosted, but this time we will focus on one miracle at a time. These miracles help us to believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist, which is a fundamental core belief of our Catholic Faith.

In the coming weeks, I will highlight some of these miracles, especially those which were highlighted as the backdrop of our trivia game at the last GIFFT night event.

Ways to Celebrate this weeks Miracle - (Austria - Weiten - Raxendorf)

1. **Weekday Mass** - the panel will be on display
2. **Website** - Go to our website, tworiverscatholic.com, navigate to **Spiritual Resources**, then **Eucharistic Revival**, and scroll down to the Eucharistic Miracles section. There you can read or listen to the recorded story.
3. **Trivia Question** - Trivia questions from our GIFFT Night will be posted there as well.



National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grass-roots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. To learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement! eucharisticrevival.org

Prayer lines

All Saints: Ramona Fedor 746-2395 & Kathleen Ebnet 746-2227
Immaculate Conception: Christine Maleska 356-7246
St Columbkille: Esther Strzyk 251-4984 & Susan Opatz 363-8160



The Healing Power of God

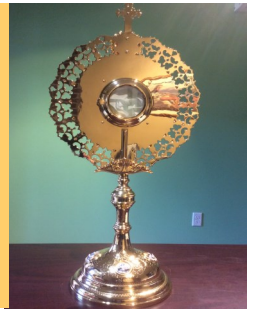
Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially:

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

Dave Scegura, Claude Opatz, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr & Steve Stoermann

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

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.

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

On the Road Mass Tuesday nights at you can sign up to have an outdoor Mass at your house! If interested, please fill out a form at the Central Office. Let's pray together!

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.

Youth Minister Thank you to our Youth Minister, Kyle VanOverbeke, for all he has done with our young people over the last two years! Kyle has decided that this will be his last year as the Youth Minister in our parish cluster, but be assured you will still see him and his family around our parishes. He will be continuing to teach in Holdingford and they are remaining parishioners here. Please thank Kyle for all he has done!

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

News & Events



5 Times Mary Asked Us To Pray The Rosary

Throughout history, Mary has appeared many times around the world, and in each instance, she has emphasized the importance of praying the Rosary.

As faithful followers, it's our duty to meditate on the words of Our Lady and heed her call.

Our Lady of Fatima | Portugal

On May 13, 1917, while three children were in a field, the Blessed Mother appeared to them. She asked them to continue to visit her on the 13th of every month for the next six months, and they faithfully did.

Our Lady of Akita | Japan

The apparitions in Japan started on July 6th, 1973, when Sr. Agnes Sasagawa heard a voice coming from the statue of Mary in the chapel where she was praying. Over the course of two years, Sr. Agnes heard three messages from the Blessed Mother and had several visions. On January 4, 1975, the statue of the Blessed Virgin began to weep and continued at various intervals for the next six years for a total of 101 times.

Our Lady of Kibeho | Rwanda

The encounters with Our Blessed Mother in this small African village began on November 28, 1981, when sixteen-year-old Alphonsine Mumureke heard a voice call out to her and saw a great cloud of light while in her school cafeteria. Visions and messages continued for two years for Alphonsine and her classmates Nathalie Mukamazimpaka and Marie Claire Mukangango.

Our Lady of the Rosary | San Nicolas, Argentina

A humble housewife and mother, Gladys Herminia Quiroga de Motta first noticed that her rosary beads were glowing on September 25, 1983. The visions that began on that day continued until February 11, 1990, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Gladys received more than 1,800 messages from the Virgin Mary, as well as 68 from Jesus, and bore the stigmata.

Our Lady of Cuapa | Nicaragua

Bernardo Martinez was a dedicated and hardworking sacristan who experienced a Marian apparition while praying the rosary on May 8, 1980. The Blessed Mother gave Bernardo very clear instructions, saying **"I want the Rosary to be prayed every day."** <https://catholic-link.org/marian-apparitions-rosary/>.

7 Surprising Things That Happen When You Pray The Rosary

- 1. You Become Less Selfish**-Praying the rosary helps re-orientate ourselves to Christ, who can lift us out of ourselves and our sin.
- 2. You Become More Disciplined**-The more you pray the rosary, the more you *want* to pray the rosary.
- 3. Our Lady Reveals Insights**-in praying the rosary often, hidden depths are revealed. There is always something new to be explored.
- 4. You Have More Courage**-Courage begins to burst forth in a life that is always turning again and again to Mary to ask her help.
- 5. Your Day Proceeds Calmly**-Praying the rosary doesn't wipe out suffering in your life, but it *does* give you a much stronger weapon to battle it with.
- 6. You Get An Extra Awareness Before the Moment of Temptation**-The rosary will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies."
- 7. You Start to Live Out the Incarnation**-The rosary, so deceptively simple that it can be prayed in any circumstances, is the most power weapon of prayer that we have. <https://catholic-link.org/7-surprising-things-happen-rosary-often/>



Weekly Readings

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Heart... to Heart ...to Heart

All Seven Sisters and interested guests are welcome to join us for a day of reflection, prayer, and recommitment on Saturday, June 3rd at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. Registration is \$15 to help cover lunch/stipends/materials. Checks payable to Carrie Ellis 6272 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Please register by May 20th. Please include your name, the name of your anchoress, and the priest that you pray for. Questions? Call Carrie (320) 253-1692

Prayer for the

National Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. – Our Lady of Fatima

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

April 30, 2023

AS \$ 2,514.00

IC \$ 979.00

SC \$ 1,072.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster



Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council

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!

Rural Catholic Young Adult

Group: 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 meet in Upsala. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for more information.

Well Read Mom Group: May 16th

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

Martha's Meals

This is a parish ministry for families welcoming a new child by birth, adoption, or fostering or for those who are suffering a miscarriage or loss of a child. Families receive meals shortly after their child comes home or after the loss of their child. We are looking for volunteers who will commit to bringing a meal and show their support to families in this new stage of life. To be added to the list of volunteers please email:

marthasmeals125@gmail.com or call 320-228-0105. Thank you.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages 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 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The next meeting is May 13th. Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after. Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for more information.

Outdoor get-together

Try a new 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

All Saints

Building Project

We need your participation in the All Saints 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.


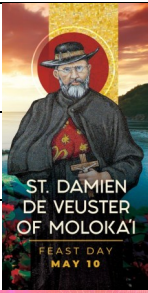
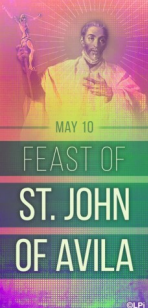

Please prayerfully consider participating when invited. Your feedback is important to the success of this effort. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception

Thank you-Bob Opatz Funeral

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the funeral lunch group for a delicious lunch and to Pat for her delicious chicken. The organist, singers, Christian Mothers for the rosary, Fr. Edward, and all who assisted with the liturgy. Thank you to those who gave flowers, brought food to the house, gave hugs, condolences, cried with us, and anyone who participated in any way in Bob's passing and funeral. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered up for all. God Bless, Sandy Opatz and family.

Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. (1 Pt 2:4)

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. May 8	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration	✠ David Huls	
Tues. May 9	8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's	✠ Robert Smith	
Wed. May 10	<i>Saint John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's with Adoration	✠ Frank & Helen Fedor	
Thur. May 11	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration	Isabella, Trinity, Caiden and Felicity LeBlanc	
Fri. May 12	<i>Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i> No Mass		
Sat. May 13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	✠ Donald Warzecha	
Sun. May 14	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For the People ✠ Teckla Scegura	

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

First Communion

All Saints
Immaculate Conception
St. Columbkille
2023



Congratulations to all our First Communicants! Thank you to Fr. Gregory, Katrina Kolles, Jennifer Revermann, Stephanie Gertken, Janice Hommerding, Cassie Sowada & parents who prepared our students. Thank you to our community who prays for them.