



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

All Saints, Holdingford

Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 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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How does Martha's Meals work?

When we are informed of a family who would like to receive a meal, we establish days and times that would be most convenient for the family to receive meals, any food allergies/aversions, and any favorite meals. Once those days are established, (typically 5 meals over the course of 3 weeks) a message goes out to all the volunteers in our parishes and volunteers sign up for which days/times work for them and say what they plan on making the family. When the scheduled day and time comes, the volunteer drops the meal off (in containers that do not need to be returned,) and is on their way back home!

What do those who have received meals have to say about it?

*I can't even put into words how thankful we were for the Martha's Meals program! It provided us with relief from the stress and burden of trying to find time to make a meal. We were thankful to be able to take the time to focus on our little ones and soak in those extra snuggles instead of worrying about a meal!

*We are so grateful for Martha's Meals and the wonderful food we received! It was so nice to have a delicious meal (that I didn't have to cook!) especially after my husband returned to work after our daughter was born.

*To have a meal dropped off helped us take the night off from cooking and gave us the opportunity to relax and reconnect as a family which can be difficult to do when having a newborn. The meals also made us feel loved and supported by our community!

Thank you

to all those who have volunteered to make meals! We currently have 26 volunteers from our parishes! If you would like to volunteer or are welcoming a new child or mourning the loss of a child and would benefit from receiving meals, please let us know at

marthasmeals125@gmail.com or by calling **320-228-0105**.

New Evangelization Corner

By Deacon Dan Dullinger



Congratulations Cindy Busse!

Deacon Dan has been meeting with Cindy over the past few months to prepare her to receive the

Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, please give Deacon a call at (320) 228-0105 or send an email to evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com.

What is the difference between a "gift" and a "charism"?

Charisms given to us by the Holy Spirit are gifts given to us, primarily for the benefit of the Church and those around us. (Catechism #799) *Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly **benefit the Church**, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world.*

The **Seven Gifts** of the Holy Spirit are more about strengthening our spirit. (CCC #1831) *The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They **complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them**. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.*

What are your gifts? What are your Charisms?

How are you using them?



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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, having a surgery or illness.



The Healing Power of God

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

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

Dave Scegura, Claude Opatz, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr, Jim Ruprecht, Ardith Mosier, Sharon Prokott & Geraldine Kunstleben

Eucharistic Adoration

Cluster Adoration is every Monday at All Saints – St. Hedwig's. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come encounter our Eucharistic Lord!



Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

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. www.tworiverscatholic.com

Fall Marian Shrines Pilgrimage

Join our faith communities Marian Shrine Pilgrimage to three shrines in Wisconsin, including participation in the first ever Solemnity Mass at "The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion", an official Marian Apparition site. We depart on Oct. 8th and return Oct. 11th. JeriCo Christian Journeys is arranging all transportation and accommodations. See brochures in the back of our churches for details; the price is all-inclusive. Please join me, Deacon Dan, as your Spiritual Director for this amazing opportunity. To learn more, visit our website tworiverscatholic.com/shrinepilgrimage.

THY KINGDOM COME!

Prayer lines

All Saints: (call or text) Joan Frie (320) 241-3264 & Val Hommerding (320) 746-9921

Immaculate Conception: Christine Maleska (320) 356-7246

St. Columbkille: Esther Struzyk (320) 251-4984 & Susan Opatz (320) 363-8160

News & Events



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena Visit: [www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic - Revival](http://www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival). The next event is August 4th, 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King in Browerville.

All-diocese family-friendly event

Sept. 9th. Join us for a day at the park at Lake George near St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. The day includes daily Mass at 8 a.m., a Eucharistic Procession around the lake, Eucharistic Adoration and confession opportunities. Dr. Tim O'Malley will give several addresses throughout the day including mini-sessions for families and young adults. The band SONAR will provide music throughout the event.

How to Hear God's Voice

As human beings, we all long for a deeper connection with God. We want to hear His voice, feel His presence, and know that He is with us in our daily lives. But how can we achieve this? How can we hear God's voice amidst the noise and chaos of our busy lives? Here are some practical ways to attune ourselves to God's voice and learn important lessons on our journey toward deeper intimacy with Him:

*Prayer: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Mt 7:7)

*Bible: Attune yourself to God in a straightforward way. Regular reading can help us become familiar with God's messages.

*Gratitude: Discover God's voice by opening your heart to the countless blessings and signs of God's presence. Gratitude shifts our focus from what is lacking to what is abundant. Gratitude is like our spiritual oxygen; just as we need oxygen to live and think properly, we need the gift of gratitude to properly listen to God. Catholic-link.org.



Save the Date:

Diocesan-wide retreat Sept. 8th

All are invited to Seven Dolors Church in Albany for a day-long retreat with

Dr. Tim O'Malley, author of "Becoming Eucharistic People," along with Mass, prayer, personal reflection time, small and large group discussions, a shared meal and fellowship.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by Mass. A registration fee of \$15 will help offset the cost of lunch and materials. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RevivalRetreat2023>.

Celebrate the Eucharist!



Weekly Readings

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



"Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)



Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

July 23, 2023

AS \$ 3,573.50

IC \$ 1,211.00

SC \$ 1,418.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Are you interested in Men's Group?

Meetings are every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement.

Are you interested in joining the Christian Mothers/Rosary Sodality?

All Saints Christian Mothers/Rosary Sodality: Teresa Ripplinger 247-2990

St. Anna Christian Mothers:

Berni Larkey 345-0755

St. Wendel Christian Women:

Sue Burg 250-8810

Missionary Weekend: Aug. 12-13

We will be having a missionary, Amanda Pense, from the organization "A Simple House" in our parishes the weekend of August 12-13 and are looking for a host for her. She would be staying one night and attending all of the Masses in our cluster. If you are willing to host her, please call the Parish Office at 228-0105.

Eucharistic Revival

We are in the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival. During this year, which is year 2 of 3, the focus and efforts of this revival are at the local parish level. Stay tuned for our faith community's study, hosted by FORMED.ORG, called "Jesus in the Eucharist". If you want to get involved in a small group for this study, or have ideas for the revival, contact Deacon Dan.

Miscarriage Ministry

There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 2nd for all who want to do more to take part in supporting couples and families who have suffered the heartache of miscarriage, stillbirth, or the loss of a child. Please come if you are able or if unable, reach out to the Parish Office to express your interest.

In Him, we trust!



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!

St. Edward's Fire

Please keep Fr. Jimmy and the parishioners of St. Edward's in your prayers. Because of fire damage, the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass will be at St. Mary's, Upsala and the Thursday morning Mass usually held at St. Edward at 8:00 a.m. will be at St. Francis.

All Saints

Building Project

The results for the Planning Study are now available. Please pick up the one page summary from the Parish Office or from the back of our Churches. Fr. Gregory and members of the Building Committee are meeting with the Diocese to present the findings and determine next steps in moving forward with the building of the new Church.



Isabella Marie Larson

Daughter of Joseph & Andrea
Baptized 7/22/23

Lord, I love your
commands. (Ps 119)

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. This is an ancient act of devotion.

Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).

St. Columbkille

Annual Raffle and Outdoor Dinner

St. Columbkille Parish will hold its annual raffle drawing after the 5:00 Mass on **Saturday, July 29th** along with a light outdoor dinner. Come join us!

St. Columbkille Christian women are accepting prizes for the annual Turkey Bingo raffle. To donate or for further information please contact Sue Burg (320) 250-8810 or Stephanie Gertken (320) 290-1646. Contact information can be found in the back of church. Thank you for your support. Prizes needed by August 13th. Thank you!

Servers needed

Feeling a calling to serve at Mass? Both adult and youth servers are needed. Please call Linda Meyer if interested. (320) 363-4556.

 Mass Schedule			
Mon. July 31	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration	†	Martin and Norma Streit
Tues. Aug. 1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 12:00 noon All Saints-St. Hedwig's with Adoration		Soft, Gentle, and Warm Rain
Wed. Aug. 2	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Jilian Eymard, Priest 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary	†	Leo & Frances Lange
Thur. Aug. 3	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration	†	Teckla Scegura
Fri. Aug. 4	Saint John Vianney, Priest No Mass		
Sat. Aug. 5	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		For the People
Sun. Aug. 6	Transfiguration of the Lord 8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Hedwig's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† †	Jeanette Waletzko Alphonse Hartung



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



SAN EUSEBIO DE VERCELLI



Saint PETER JULIAN EYMARD

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

Congratulations to Cindy Busse who received her Confirmation on 7/25/2023 at St. Columbkille
Welcome Cindy!



Keep in Prayer

Please continue to pray for our Youth who are returning from Steubenville so that the Holy Spirit continues to work in their lives as a daily presence informing all their decisions and bringing them joy!

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).

Hiring for a Youth Minister

We are hiring for a Youth Minister! This position is up to 10 hours a week and would be running the Wednesday Night EPIC (Every Person in Christ) Program for our youth.

Please let Fr. Gregory or the Parish Office know that you are interested in either of these positions.



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

Paschal Challenge: for Young Men (Grades 9th-12th)

Join Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Libsch & Seminarians on Saturday, August 19th at the Church of St. Paul (300 Sinclair Lewis Ave., Sauk Centre) to follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection in a **WHOLE** new way! 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Families are welcome to attend the closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with meal to follow. The Cost: Free
To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>