

Lord, let us see your
kindness,
and grant us
your salvation.
(Ps 85)

**The Catholic Communities of
Holdingford, St. Anna and St. Wendel
All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023**

Central Office in Holdingford

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Marriage: Couples are to begin
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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.

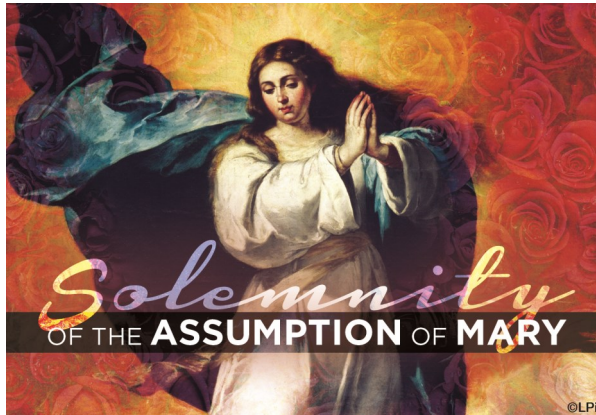
New Parishioners: Please introduce
yourself to Father after Mass and call
the Central Office. If you are leaving our
parishes please call the central office so
we can update our census. Thank you!

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On August 15th the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. He solemnly proclaimed the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close

of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

For Roman Catholic Christians, the belief in the Assumption of Mary flows immediately from the belief in her Immaculate Conception. Catholic Christians believe that if Mary was preserved from sin by the free gift of God, she would not be bound to experience the consequences of sin—death—in the same way we do. Mary's assumption shows the result of this freedom from sin—the immediate union of her whole being with her Son Jesus Christ with God at the end of her life. ~catholicculture.org

Several Bible passages offer implicit evidence that Mary was assumed into heaven. Both Enoch and Elijah were assumed into heaven (Heb. 11:5, 2 Kgs. 2:11). Also, in Matthew 27:52-53 one can read about saints whose bodies left the grave after the Resurrection of Christ. The early resurrection of these saints anticipated the rising of those who die in faith, all of who will be assumed one day to receive their glorified bodies. Belief in the assumption of Mary is simply the belief that God granted her this gift early, as he appears to have done for others in Matthew 27:52-53 ~catholic.com

Rankings of Masses

Solemnities- The highest ranking of feast day. It commemorates an event in the life of Jesus or Mary, or celebrates a Saint important to the whole Church or local community. Sundays and Solemnities are Holy Days of Obligation because they are the biggest days of celebration in the life of the Church. It is a mortal sin to miss Mass on these days.

Feast- Lesser events in the life of Jesus, Mary or an Apostle or for major Saints.

Memorial- Many memorials are optional or only observed in specific dioceses, regions or nations.

Seasonal Weekday - daily Mass in Advent or Lent

Weekday - daily Mass in Ordinary Time

New Evangelization Corner
By Deacon Dan Dullinger

Fall Marian Shrine Pilgrimage



There are only two weeks left to commit to this fall pilgrimage; the deadline to sign up is Monday, Augusts 28th. If you are interested in going, **now is the time to sign up!** I encourage everyone who has signed up to invite some friends to join us. I would like to thank all those who have already signed up to join us on this Marian Shrine Pilgrimage in beautiful Wisconsin this Oct. 8 - 11. Please join me in praying for this pilgrimage event. (See brochures in the back of our parish locations).

Eucharistic Revival

You have likely heard about the National Eucharistic Revival going in the Diocese of the United States. Do you want to know more about it? I (Deacon Dan) will be hosting a Eucharistic Revival informational meeting at All Saints - St. Mary's starting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 21st, in the church basement; it should last about an hour. At this meeting I plan on sharing an overview of this whole process, why and how you can get involved, and what events are taking place nationally, in our diocese, and opportunities here in our local faith community. Hope to see you there!



August is
devoted to the
Immaculate
Heart of Mary.

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!



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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 KASW 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.

Go on a Journey of Faith!

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. To learn more, visit our website: tworiverscatholic.com/shrinepilgrimage/ Deadline to sign-up is Monday, August 28th.

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



Diocesan-wide retreat Sept. 8th

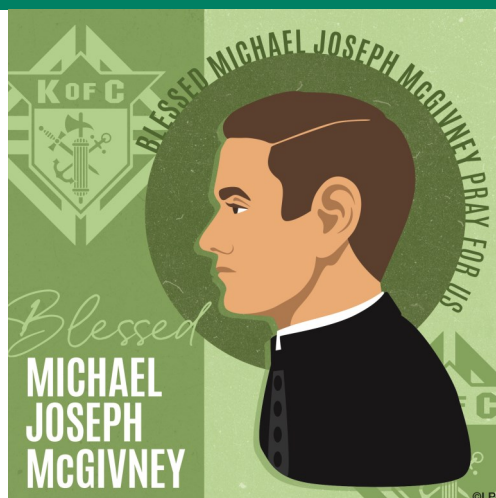
All are invited to Seven Dolors Church in Albany for a daylong retreat with Dr. Tim O'Malley, author of "Becoming Eucharistic People," along with Mass, prayer, personal reflection time, small and large group discussions, a shared meal and fellowship. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program 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>.

Diocesan Wide Family Day: Sept 9th

Join us for a diocesan-wide family day at Lake George! The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and includes keynotes from Dr. Tim O'Malley, music from SONAR, Adoration, confession, a Eucharistic Procession, activities for the whole family, inflatables, service opportunities, food trucks, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a procession to St. Mary's Cathedral with Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. followed by the St. Mary's annual block party. *Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Adoration and confessions will be offered all day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jean-Claude (J.C.) Duncan Ordination

Pray for J.C. Duncan, Seminarian for the Diocese of St. Cloud, who will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on August 20th at St. Ann Church in Wadena. This is historic moment for our Diocese; we have never had a man who is married be ordained a Transitional Deacon. (There is a special exception for married men who were previously pastors of another denomination who converted to Catholicism to be eligible to be ordained.)



Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney

was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization- The Knights of Columbus.

Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your Holy Will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Weekly Readings

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Online Giving:

Go to the URL address for your church as listed below. Click on "Sign up for Your New Account" and complete your initial registration. Please call 800-348-2886 Option 2 for assistance. Thank you!

URL Addresses:

All Saints, Holdingford, MN

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1723

Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1720

St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1721

Monthly Online Giving

Financial Contributions

ONLINE GIVING

July 2023

AS \$ 2,861.00

IC \$ 3,070.00

SC \$ 730.00

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

Aug. 6, 2023

AS \$ 4,031.00

IC \$ 1,525.10

SC \$ 965.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

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.

Rural Catholic Middle Age Singles Group: August 12th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 30-60 at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after. Call Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group: August 19th

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 August 19th meeting will be held in Holdingford. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Contact: Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433 for information.

MiniTree 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!



Grow in your faith! Learn more about The Assumption of Mary with this Bible Study part 4 on FORMED.

Registering on FORMED is easy

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
 2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish.
 3. Enter your name and email
- Already have an account?

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click on the link in your email

All Saints



All Saints purchased a new lawnmower from Kevin's Country-side. The cost of the new mower was approximately \$8300.



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Allan Langner

Passed to eternal life on:
3/22/2022

Burial: 8/5/2023
All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Immaculate Conception



May Eternal Rest be granted to:

Edward Mosiman

Passed to eternal life on:
5/21/2018

Burial: 8/5/2023

St. Columbkille

St. Columbkille Christian Women

Prizes: We 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!

Meeting: We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, September 6th and 7th. All women are welcome to join us.

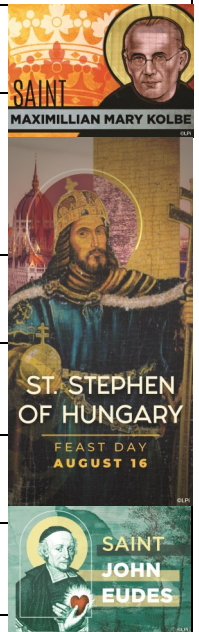
Servers needed

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



"Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water," He Said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. ~Mt 14:28-29

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. Aug. 14	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration	†	Fred Zeis
Tues. Aug. 15	<i>The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:00 a.m. All Saints Noon St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	† †	Andy Molitor Robert Smith For the People
Wed. Aug. 16	<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's with Adoration	†	Donald Voller
Thur. Aug. 17	No Mass		
Fri. Aug. 18	No Mass		
Sat. Aug. 19	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		For the People
Sun. Aug. 20	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† †	Russell Heitzman Tom Ruprecht



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

CHRISTUS VIVIT OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope.

What does the word of God have to say about young people?

Let us draw upon some of the richness of the sacred Scriptures, since they often speak of young people and of how the Lord draws near to encounter them.

In an age when young people were not highly regarded, some texts show that God sees them differently. **Joseph**, for example, was one of the youngest of his family (cf. *Gen 37:2-3*), yet God showed him great things in dreams and when about twenty years old he outshone all his brothers in important affairs (cf. *Gen 37-47*).

Samuel was still a young boy, yet the Lord spoke to him. Thanks to the advice of an adult, he opened his heart to hear God's call: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (*1 Sam 3:9-10*). As a result, he became a great prophet who intervened at critical moments in the history of his country. King Saul was also young when the Lord called him to undertake his mission (cf. *1 Sam 9:2*).

King David was chosen while still a boy. When the prophet Samuel was seeking the future king of Israel, a man offered as candidates his sons who were older and more experienced. Yet the prophet said that the chosen one was the young David, who was out tending the flock (cf. *1 Sam 16:6-13*), for "man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (v. 7). The glory of youth is in the heart, more than in physical strength or the impression given to others.

Solomon, when he had to succeed his father, felt lost and told God: "I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act" (*1 Kg 3:7*). Yet the audacity of youth moved him to ask God for wisdom and he devoted himself to his mission.

Christ is alive! He is with you!