



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

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

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Marriage: Couples are to begin
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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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"Behold who you are,
become what you receive."
— Saint Augustine



BECOMING

EVENTS POSTPONED

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS EVENTS SEPT. 8-9 It is with great regret that, due to a serious medical issue in Dr. Timothy O'Malley's family, the Diocese of St. Cloud is postponing the "Becoming Eucharist" Congress events slated for Sept. 8-9. Plans are in the works to re-schedule Dr. O'Malley's visit at a later time. Information will be shared as soon as it is available. Please continue to pray for all to experience renewed love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit : stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival for more Eucharistic Revival resources, events and information.

How's your Godparenting going?

While parents are the primary teachers of children, godparents are a special spiritual addition. In Casti Connubii, Pope Pius XI writes, "The blessing of offspring, however, is not completed by the mere begetting of them, but something else must be added, namely the proper education of the offspring." The parents are there for the "education of the offspring" – mind, body, and soul – and the godparents are there to assist, too. Together parents and godparents help children grow spiritually closer to God. That doesn't end after the baptismal ceremony. If you are blessed enough to become a godparent, what should you do to assure that you are the best godparent ever? See tips for being a good Godparent inside this bulletin.

New Evangelization Corner

By Deacon Dan Dullinger



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Eucharistic Revival

What is the Eucharistic Revival?

This revival, which is taking place in the Diocese of the United States, is far more than just a program or a series of events. The goal of the revival is to enkindle, or perhaps re-ignite, in us a living relationship with Jesus Christ in and through the Eucharist, and to renew the Church. It is a three year plan and we are now in year 2, "Eucharistic Revival - Year of the Parish". It's all happening here! It's up to us to carry the torch.

How can I get involved?

Exact dates, and more details, are soon to be announced but here is how you can get involved locally between now and next July.

"Jesus in the Eucharist" a 7 week study

The format is video, then small group discussion on the video content. Option 1 - Participate in a weekly study, at All Saints-St. Mary's, no online skills needed. This will take place on Tuesday afternoons, start date TBD very soon. Option 2, if you have online skills, this can easily be done in your home with friends or family to make up your small group. If you want to sponsor / host a group, contact me and I will direct you on how to get started. Everything is laid out step by step in an easy to follow video-discussion format. Invite some friends and or family now to get ready for the study.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist book study

This book unlocks the secrets of the Last Supper, and opens our eyes to the Mystery of the Eucharist like never before. You may see this book on our kiosks if you want to get a sneak peak. This can be read on your own, but we encourage forming a small group, etc. More details to come, starts during Advent 2023.

Bring One Back During this year, we encourage all the faithful to invite someone back to Mass, back to a prayer life, to reconcile whatever it is that is keeping them away. The challenge is to intentionally invite someone back to a life of faith

Prayer Warrior for the Revival of our Faith If your life is busy, have little time, you can still participate. Commit to praying daily for the intention of the revival and those who are away from the Sacraments.

Labor Day

The Parish Office will be Closed September 4th for Labor Day.



The Healing Power of God

Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially: Dave Scogura, Pat & Ken Euteneuer, David Platz Jr., Claude Opatz

Theresa Johannes, Loren Philippi, Carol Kuklok, Tom Studniski, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr, Jim Ruprecht, Ardith Mosier, Sharon Prokott, Geraldine Kunstleben, Madonna Nentl & Gary Lange

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 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.

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 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

St. Francis Fall Festival: Aug. 27th

Fun for the whole family! Mass at 10:00 a.m. with homemade chicken and ham dinner to follow. Stay for live music by Laverne & the Starlites and Cruise Control. There will be Kids Games, Cake Walk, Fried Bread, Straw Stand, Country Store, Silent Auction and Grand Raffle. Everyone welcome to join in! St. Francis is 10 miles north of Albany on State Hwy 238.



Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena : September 1st

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - an evening of Mass, Adoration and reconciliation. Visit: www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival. This is part of the Eucharistic Revival to strengthen, educate and celebrate the beauty of the Catholic Church. Next event is at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Doug Liebsch presiding.

Holdingford Area Community

Picnic in the Park: Everyone is welcome to attend on September 10th at Noon to 3:00 p.m. for food, games and music hosted by the Holdingford Lions.

Stewardship as a way of Life: "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Rm 11:35 St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

Eucharistic Ministers

As part of the Eucharistic Revival's Year in the Parish, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as those considering the ministry are invited to a free 90 minute workshop offered by the diocesan Office of Worship. It will include formation and training essential to serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. There are 10 opportunities across the diocese during September and October. Please see the website <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/> for more information.

Sept. 13th 7:00 –8:30 p.m. Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids,

Sept. 30th 9:30– 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's, Alexandria,

Oct. 7th, 9:30 –11:00 a.m. & **Oct. 17th**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Seven Dolours, Albany. Questions may be directed to Sr. Jeanne Wiest, OP:

jeanne.wiest@gw.stcdio.org /255-9068.

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Sept. 16th

The Annual St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Fall Conference will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church (514 1st Street S.E., Wadena). from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 payable to St. Cloud DCCW. Mail to Lora Knafla 11719 16th Ave. N.W., Rice, MN 56367

Healing Rosary for Ethan Gerads

All are invited on Sunday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m., to pray the Rosary together at Seven Dolours Church, Albany offering our prayer for Ethan Gerads and the community's intentions. We will use the Living Rosary that Ethan and his father constructed for the Harvest of Hope Community. After our prayer, anyone who wishes will be invited to stay and share stories about him or thoughts about his tragic death. A mental health professional will be present to offer ideas for handling loss.



Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Christ died for you...are you living for Him?

Koinonia Retreat - Sept. 22-24

Come and join us in this community experience in Christian Living, designed specifically for adults ages 20 and up. Koinonia is a Catholic Retreat program, sponsored by the Saint Cloud Diocese, that provides a time and place for those attending to experience the reality of Christian Community, fellowship, and sharing. The weekend is based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ: his death, resurrection, and sending of the Holy Spirit. Through the Eucharist, various presentations and sharing, we help each other to apply this Paschal Mystery in our own lives. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC Center, 3 miles north of Little Falls. Apply at the website centralmnkoinonia.org



Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

Aug. 20, 2023

AS \$ 6,041.70

IC \$ 1,567.00

SC \$ 2,295.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster



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!

Women's Group: September 11th

We would like to extend a welcome to all women in the parish to join our vibrant and uplifting group. Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. at All Saints- St. Mary's.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages

Singles Group: September 9th

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). Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow. Call or text Janel: 320-290-2877 for more information.

Study on FORMED

Jesus and the Eucharist is a seven-episode video series that draws viewers to a greater love of the source and summit of the Catholic faith - the Eucharist—using segments from Presence and The Search, two award-winning Augustine Institute series available on FORMED. Deacon Dan will be showing the videos and hosting small group discussions on this series in October. Stay tuned for dates!

Immaculate Conception

Lemonade Stand: August 27th

After Mass, Severin Rausch, Lydia Wenderski and Stephanie St. Marie will raise money for some church paint touch ups that they noticed. What a gift to have young people so invested in our Parish!

All Saints

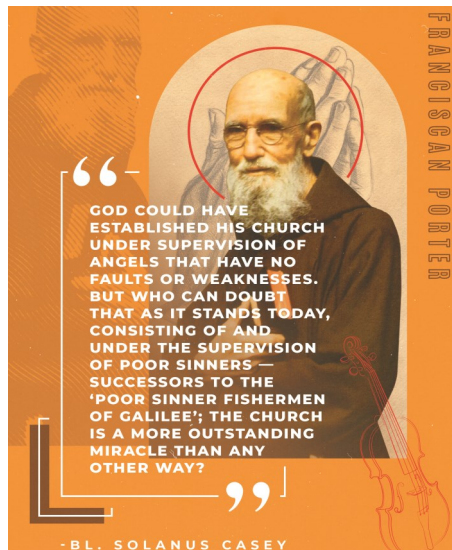
Building Committee

The parish has purchased copies of the book *Rebuild My House: A Guide to Building or Renovating a Catholic Church* for parishioners to check out from the Parish Office. It covers the "Program" (essential elements of a Catholic Church), Liturgical Elements, and what the overall process looks like. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to check one out.

St. Columbkille

St. Columbkille Christian Women

We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome!



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

7 Ways To Be A Good Godparent

1. Pray for your Godchild: Ask for God's guidance for how to best support your Godchild.
2. Don't be a stranger: Just be yourself and be there for them. If you're invited to a birthday party or graduation, make your best effort to be there.
3. Be an example: Show them that no matter what happens in your life you rely on God. Invite them to pray a Rosary with you, go to Mass with them or give them praise & worship music.
4. Little things count: You don't need to give large gifts—give anything that lets them know you are thinking of them such as prayer card, phone call, hugs, a dinner, a baseball game.
5. Compliment them on the things that matter most: While the world is concentrating on their appearance & their grades, tell them they have a beautiful smile or are very kind. Point out their virtues.
6. Let them know you are happy to be a Godparent: Tell them you are honored to call them your Godchild. Recall, with them, the joy you felt on the day of their baptism.
7. Always point to God: Remember your first objective is to lead them to God especially with prayer. When they feel lost remind them of the light of the Lord and that He has a plan for them. <https://catholic-link.org/>

Live The Liturgy

"Who do you say that I am? Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the Son of the living God?"

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>			<p>"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. What ever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)</p>
Mon. Aug. 28	<i>Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> No Mass			
Tues. Aug. 29	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> 6:30 p.m. On the Road Mass		David & Rita Auer 37726 Cty. Rd. 9, Avon	
Wed. Aug. 30	4:00 p.m. All Saints - St. Mary's	✠	Steve Stoermann	 <p>Saint AUGUSTINE</p>  <p>The Passion of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</p>
Thur. Aug. 31	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration	✠	Sylvia Bauer	
Fri. Sept. 1	No Mass			
Sat. Sept. 2	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		For the People	
Sun. Sept. 3	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	✠	Gary & Audrey Lange on their 60th Wedding Anniversary Tom Ruprecht	

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

Welcome back! We are now getting ready for the upcoming Faith Formation year. If there is anyone who hasn't gotten a letter or that is new to our community please contact Katrina as soon as possible so information can be sent to you. Please prayerfully consider volunteering in the program this year. We are still in need of a 7th grade teacher, along with classroom volunteers and substitutes. We would also like to restart up the after school program if possible and need 4-5 volunteers to teach. Lastly, if you are American Sign Language Certified, and would like to volunteer/help with Faith Formation we are in need of an interpreter. Thank you all! Katrina
 Kolles allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com or call/text 320-292-1575.

Parent Night: Sept. 6th All Religious Education students, Confirmation Students and parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's.

Faith Formation Directors

Religious Education: Katrina Kolles

allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com

Confirmation Directors: Bob Vouk & Greg Eiynek

Confirmation Assistant: Katie Vouk

confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

Youth Minister: We are still looking to fill this position!

Hiring a Youth Minister

Are you being called to help our Youth grow in their faith? This is a 10 hours a week position. You would be running the Wednesday Night EPIC (Every Person in Christ) Program for our youth. Please let Fr. Gregory know if you are interested.



The Search Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? These are some of life's deepest questions, rooted in the human heart's deepest desires: happiness, love, beauty, meaning. Where can we find the answers to these questions and these desires? Until satisfied, we are left questioning, longing, and searching.

This thought-provoking, approachable paperback book is based on *The Search* video series—a powerful new Catholic evangelization experience. It is written to help those who are curious about the Faith but not ready to commit. *The Search* recasts the vision for what life's all about to those who've walked away and those who are asking big questions. We need to answer them well so they see the Catholic Faith as it truly is. This book can be found in our Parish Kiosks.

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann (920) 323-9632.