

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

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2023

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Marriage: Couples are to begin
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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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Thank you to Fr. Gregory,
Shelley Vouk, parents,
chaperones, and all who
helped our Youth grow in
faith! Pray for our Youth!



New Evangelization Corner

By Deacon Dan Dullinger

August already? The Hourglass of Life!

It seems the older I get the faster time accelerates. I reflected on this as I prepared to preach last week at the Sunday Masses in the Centered on Christ ACC (Cold Spring, Rockville, etc.) where my wife, Teri, and I are parishioners. The Gospel message was that "The Kingdom of Heaven" should be our greatest treasure, the pearl of all pearls, to be valued over any worldly status, pleasure, thing, or possession. Why? Because it will lead us to eternal reward instead of eternal damnation. **What do you treasure?** *For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? (Mark 8:36)*

Like the Sands of the Hourglass



It is hard to wrap our minds around eternity, never ending time. I see our life on earth as an hourglass which only has three grains of sand: birth, life, and death. By comparison, I see eternity as an hourglass that contains every grain of

sand in the world, every grain of sand on every planet in the Cosmos, and that is just getting started. As we strive for eternity in heaven, we need live our life with an *eternal vision*, a vision that sees the world, and all we experience while in it, the good and the bad, through the eyes of faith in the hope of eternal life. Eternal vision is an automatic disposition, a wisdom from God, as we look at, and react too, the world around us knowing this is not the end, and our life is one big decision for the Kingdom of Heaven. **What is keeping you from "The Kingdom of Heaven"?**



And he was **transfigured** before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

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.

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. Please join me, Deacon Dan, as your Spiritual Director for this amazing opportunity. To learn more, visit our website: tworiverscatholic.com/shrinepilgrimage/

Prayer lines

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

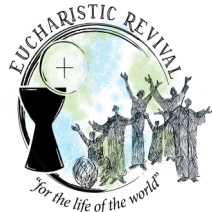
Immaculate Conception: Christine Maleska (320) 356-7246

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

News & Events

Rural Life Celebration: Aug. 20th

An outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary will be at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of St. Nicholas Church, Belle River (9473 Co. Rd. 3 N.E., Carlos, MN) to honor Catholic families who have farmed the same land for 100 years. Bring your own lawn chair. Food and family entertainment will follow.



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/>

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.

"His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire." (Dn 7:9)

Jean-Claude (J.C.) Duncan Ordination

Pray for Jean-Claude (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 a historic moment for the Diocese of St. Cloud! We have never had a man who is married with children be ordained a Transitional Deacon, on his way to priesthood. (During the pontificate of Saint John Paul II, a special exception was made for men who were previously Pastors of another faith denomination who converted to Catholicism to be able to go through Catholic Seminary formation and, if deemed worthy, would be eligible to be ordained a Catholic Priest with special permission of the Vatican. This has been a long process for J.C.!)



Daily Prayer for Priests

Oh Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
For Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
For Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.
For Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

Oh Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

~St. Therese of the Child Jesus



Weekly Readings

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

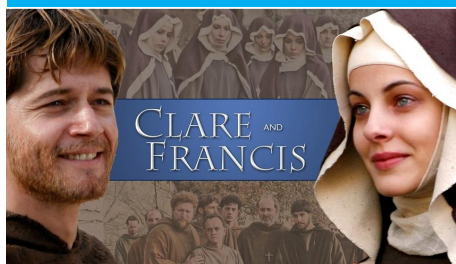
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

WATCH ON FORMED



Clare & Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to the Gospel.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)



Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

July 30, 2023

AS \$ 3,353.50

IC \$ 836.00

SC \$ 1,571.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

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.

Women's Group: August 7th

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.

Well Read Mom Group: August 8th

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.

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.



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.

The Assumption of Mary: Aug. 15th

Mass Times (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's

12 noon St. Columbkille

7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception

Are you interested in Men's Group?

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

All Saints

Building Project

After a very positive meeting with Bishop Neary this past week, the All Saints Building Committee is expecting a letter from him in the upcoming weeks and is waiting to distribute the results from the Planning Study until they can also distribute this letter. The Bishop wants to share with us more details regarding his desires for us as we move forward with this project. When the letter is received, copies of the Planning Study and letter will be made and included in the bulletins distributed that weekend. Please continue to pray for the success of our Building Project!

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)



Marriage Convalidation

Congratulations

Joe & Jackie Czech

July 27, 2023

St. Columbkille

St. Columbkille Raffle Winners:

1. \$5000 - Mary Ritter
 2. \$2500 - Peter Omann
 3. \$1000 - Tom Gruska
 4. \$500 - Ben Paggen
 5. \$400 - Josh Revermann
 6. \$300 - Mark Dorn
 7. \$200 - Bob Pueringer
 8. \$200 - Daniel Stommes
 9. \$200 - Dave Mensinger
 10. \$200 - Kathy O'Hara
- Congratulations and thank you to all who participated!


St. Columbkille Christian Women

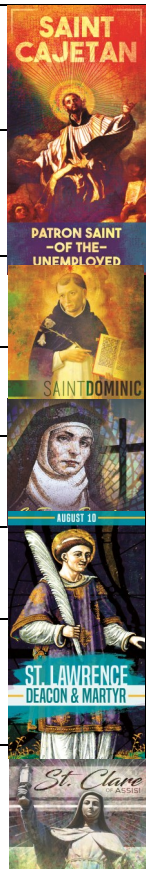
are accepting prizes for the annual Turkey Bingo raffle. To donate or for further information please contact Sue Burg (320) 250-8810 or Stephanie Gertken (320) 290-1646. Contact information can be found in the back of church. Thank you for your support. Prizes needed by August 13th. Thank you!



Congratulations!

On July 30th, Loren and JoAnn Philippi celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary during Mass at Immaculate Conception in the presence of their family and friends. Loren and JoAnn Philippi are parishioners of St Columbkille.

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. Aug. 7	<i>St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration	†	George Biniek
Tues. Aug. 8	<i>St. Dominic, Priest</i> 35651 130th Ave Avon MN 56310 7:30 p.m. On the Road Mass at Lance & Christy Kierzek's		Kierzek's Family Intentions
Wed. Aug. 9	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's with Adoration	†	LeRoy & Eileen Young
Thur. Aug. 10	<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception with Adoration	†	Roger Blenker
Fri. Aug. 11	<i>St. Clare, Virgin</i> No Mass		
Sat. Aug. 12	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i> 2:00 p.m. Wedding All Saints-St. Hedwig's 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		Blessings to Ryan Skroch & Madeline Christenson For the People
Sun. Aug. 13	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	†	Roman & Sophie Zwak David Fischer



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



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

Thanks again to Shelley Vouk for all she did to organize the Steubenville trip for our youth! Please pray that the hearts of the students will be forever changed because of this weekend with the Lord!

Prayer for Vocations

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

Hiring a Youth Minister

We are hiring for a Youth Minister! Are you being called to lead our Youth? 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 if you are interested in this positions.



Be aware that there is a board game on the market suggesting that you use it to communicate with Jesus. It features Christian imagery including images of God, the crucifixion, angels, and a dove. Despite the Christian imagery the so-called Holy Spirit

Board is an Ouija board repackaged to trick Christians into using it. ~<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>.

If you were tricked into buying the game, you should get rid of it immediately and go to Confession- Exorcists have stated that one good Confession is worth 100 exorcisms!

PASCHAL CHALLENGE

For Young Men (Grades 9th-12th)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL

300 Sinclair Lewis Ave. | Sauk Centre

Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross and His Resurrection in a **WHOLE** new way!

Join Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch & Seminarians at 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Families are welcome to attend the closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with a meal to follow. To register visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>