



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

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023

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Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism: Call the Central Office to
schedule Baptism.

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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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What does it mean to be a "Practicing Catholic" or a "Catholic in Good Standing"?

When we talk about faith, we are talking about relationship. When we talk about relationship, we lose something very special when we start explaining it as a list of what we must do and what we shouldn't do.

Think of it this way: Imagine your best friend approached you with a pad of paper and a pencil. Then she asked you to sit down and says, "Listen. I want to be your friend. Tell me, what is the minimum I can do and still be considered your friend?"

If that sounds crazy, that's because it is. In the same way, when we look at our relationship with God, if our question is "What is the minimum I can do and still be Catholic?", then we've got to stop and look at the core of the question. God wants a relationship with you. How intense is that? All our theology, all our Sacraments, everything we do is all rooted in our belief that what God desires is a personal relationship with us, lived out in a community of believers. Take some time and ponder that, because it's pretty intense and perhaps take us out of minimalist thinking.

Yet, even with all this, we do need a list, don't we? Part of the role of the Church is to show us precisely what is needed. If we don't hold ourselves to the standard that the Catholic faith gives us, it is way too easy to fall into self-deception. For this reason, the Church in her wisdom gives us the Precepts of the Church. These are the minimum things that are necessary for us to do in order to be considered a "practicing Catholic."

***Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor**

***Confess your sins at least once a year**

***Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season**

***Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church**

***Help provide for the needs of the Church**

Remember, these are the minimum requirements for a practicing Catholic. We should be going above and beyond these five requirements in order to show God how much we love Him and want Him to be at the center of our lives and hearts, striving always to be actively engaged in our relationship with Him. *When Fr. Gregory says "practicing Catholic" at the time of Communion, this is what he means, that you are following the Precepts of the Church listed above, are free of mortal sin, and are striving to be engaged in our relationship with God.*



New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

Wisconsin Shrines Pilgrimage - **Canceled!**

To all of you who committed to the Wisconsin Shrines Pilgrimage, unfortunately we did not get enough people to commit and therefore, sadly, we had to cancel the guided pilgrimage as it was planned.

I am however still open to brainstorming how we could go for at least the Solemnity Mass, a one night hotel stay. A carpool? A simple van? Either call me or approach me after any weekday Mass (after Adoration) if you are interested in something like this. I can't guarantee it will work out, but I will try my best if there is interest.

I can't thank you enough for your willingness to participate, I am very sorry this didn't work out. Your down payment will be refunded by Jerico Christian Journeys. If you have questions, please call them, or I am happy to speak with you as well. They had several other fall tours canceled this year as well, unfortunate for all involved; I thank JeriCo for their efforts. May God bless you!

"Jesus in the Eucharist" - 7 week study In this, Eucharistic Revival - Year of the Parish, it's up to all of us to participate in some way, and in doing so we will become Eucharistic Evangelists. When we participate in the revival we not only learn more, but at the same time we are evangelizing others by our participation; they know it is important to us. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our Catholic Faith, it is Jesus truly present, pouring out His divine life in us. The format of the study is video, then small group discussion on the video content. This is a free study!

Option 1 - Participate in a weekly study, at All Saints-St. Mary's, no online skills needed. This will take place on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM, the start date will be in the bulletin next week

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. Contact me, evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com for help to getting started. All of this is contained on a very easy to use website with all you need. ~Deacon Dan

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: Dave Scegura, 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 & Linda Harren

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!

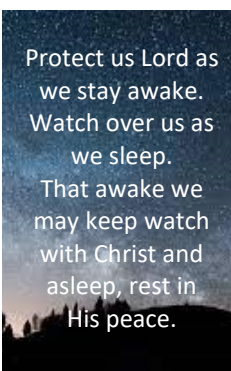


Listen to the Rosary

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.



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.

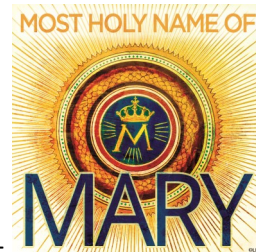
Night Prayer

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.

The Most Holy Name of Mary: Sept. 12th

There are hundreds of titles for Mary and each one brings her honor in a different way. Why so many different names for one person? Each title reveals to us a different facet of Mary's character, allowing us to connect with her in a more personal way.

"The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." ~Saint Louis Marie de Montfort



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

Holdingford Area Community Picnic in the Park: Sept. 10th

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

Eucharistic Ministers

As part of the Eucharistic Revival's Year in the Parish, all Extra-ordinary 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. Visit: <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 Dolores, Albany. Questions may be directed to Sr. Jeanne Wiest, OP: jeanne.wiest@gw.stcdio.org (320) 255-9068.



Pioneer Days: Sept. 14th –17th

Be sure to attend the 49th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearn County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany. Check the website www.albanypioneerdays.com for details. For more information call (320) 249-0331.

Koinonia: Sept. 22nd-24th

God's love is a gift to be freely given and freely received. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00. To learn more or register: www.centralmnkoinonia.org



Fall Campaign:

Sept. 27th - Nov. 5th
More details can be found at <https://stcdio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>

Opening Rally: Sept. 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. @ St. Augustine Church, 422 2nd St SE, St. Cloud.

Beginning Experience: Oct. 6th –8th

Beginning Experience (BE) is a peer ministry weekend program for divorced, widowed or separated adults. BE is a program designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others, and God. Those who attend the weekend should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair. For more information,

Marriage Encounter: Oct. 6th-8th

For more than 50 years, Marriage Encounter helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives.



Weekly Readings

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7//Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Catholic Campaign for Human

Development Collection: Sept. 17th

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Mass of Hope & Healing: Oct. 5th

This special Mass is for couples who are experiencing infertility or the loss of a child through miscarriage, SIDS, illness, accident, or abortion. Part of this event consists of a Candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Long Prairie. Contact the Office of Marriage and Family, www.stclouddiocese.org for more information.

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

Sept 3, 2023

AS \$ 4,118.00

IC \$ 1,185.00

SC \$1,537.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 8:00pm on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). **The next meeting on Sept. 9th will not be held.** Some group members are joining the Frassati Outdoor Club trip to Boundary waters Sept. 8-10.

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.

Are you interested in Men's Group?
Meetings are every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement.

Miraculous Medals

We had a generous donation of Miraculous Medals to our parishes. 300 will be given to the Religious Education students and more are available at the Parish Office. Please stop by and pick a few up!

K-YES Banquet

Please reach out to the Parish Office if you are interested in attending the K-Yes Banquet on Sept. 29th. The parish cluster is considering purchasing a group of tickets at a discounted price. Please call by Sept. 12th.

Lectors

The 2024 Lector Workbooks are available in the Sacristy of your parish. All Saints lectors can find your workbooks in the All Saints-St. Mary's Sacristy.



September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Prolife Rosary: October Tuesdays

40 Days for Life is right around the corner! All are welcome to show your support for life on Tuesdays from 4:00—5:00 p.m. in front of All Saints-St. Mary's for our Rosary walk. You may also pray with us inside the church or at home on Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)

St. Columbkille

Box of Joy

This fall, the Christian women group will once again sponsor the Box of Joy project. Please help us to share the joy of Christmas and plant seeds of hope for children suffering from extreme poverty by packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts. This annual Christmas gift Ministry is facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. A list of suggested items along with a collection box is in the church entrance. If you'd prefer to donate a monetary gift, envelopes are available in the back of church, please place in the collection basket. We would also welcome your help to pack the boxes. Contact Sue Burg (320-250-8810) for more info. The deadline is October 15th. Learn more at www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxofJoy

All Saints

Building Committee

Last weekend, the results of the Planning Study and a letter from Bishop Neary were included in each bulletin. If you did not receive one, please stop by the Parish Office to pick one up or find a PDF on the homepage of the website, tworiverscatholic.com

Annual Rummage Sale!

All Saints Christian Mothers/Women and Rosary Sodality will have our Annual Rummage Sale on MEA weekend at All Saints-St. Hedwig's basement, October 19 - 22nd. Members of CMW/RS interested in helping with this event should contact Rene Harlander 746-2581 or Corrine Hadrich 310-1260. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to help with this event.

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Meeting

All women are invited to attend our meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church Basement, St. Anna on September 18th. New members welcome!

Tables for Bazaar


We are looking at upgrading the tables we use for the Bazaar. Is there anyone within the parishes who works for a company that sells 8 foot plastic tables? We are looking to buy a large quantity of ones that do not fold. Please call the Parish office if you or someone you know has these for sale.

Prayer Line

We are currently looking for more people to be a part of the Prayer Line. This would consist in receiving a phone call with a prayer request, passing the prayer request onto the next person on the list, and then praying for the request that you received. We are also looking for someone to be the first contact person. If you are interested in either of these, please contact Brenda Zierden at 320-845-4349.

Would you like to join 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

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. Sept. 11	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	✠	Randy & Leon Opatz
Tues. Sept. 12	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	✠	Robert Opatz
Wed. Sept. 13	<i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> 6:30 p.m. Arban –Religious Ed Opening Mass	✠	Andy Molitor All are welcome to attend. All Saints-St. Hedwig's if rain
Thur. Sept. 14	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> No Mass		
Fri. Sept. 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> No Mass		
Sat. Sept. 16	Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		For the People
Sun. Sept. 17	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	✠ ✠	Judith Vos Edwin Prososki

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

Faith Formation Directors

Religious Education: Katrina Kolles

allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com

Confirmation Directors: Bob Vouk & Greg Einyck

Confirmation Assistant: Katie Vouk

confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

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.



Catholic Kids Busy Book

Teach children some of the core basics of Catholicism with this fun reusable sticker book! The static cling style stickers can be repositioned and used

repeatedly for hours of play-based learning fun!

<https://shininglightdolls.com/>



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On September 13th, 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian

King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!"

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sept. 10th

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. from the fourth Sunday in July, to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day that many local communities, schools and parishes have been accustomed to celebrating for some time. Plan to spend some time with your grandparents or visit someone in the nursing home.