

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

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Central Office in Holdingford

Hours: Mon.-Wed. 10—3, Thurs. 1 - 5

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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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5 WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART THIS ADVENT



1 Prepare room at the Inn
Make room in your heart for Jesus.

2 Clean out the cobwebs
After an Examination of Conscience, go to Confession.

3 Hang new curtains
"Decorate" your heart with joy and hope.

4 Get out the fine china and set the table
Let your attitude be one of enthusiastic expectation.

5 Open the front door and wait
Wait for Christ's arrival silently and in a spirit of prayer.

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The use of the Advent Wreath is a
traditional practice which has found
its place in the Church as well as in
the home.

The blessing of an Advent Wreath
takes place on the First Sunday of
Advent or on the evening before the
First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent
Wreath is celebrated in the home, it
is appropriate that it be blessed by a
parent or another member of the
family. USCCB.org (See Advent
Blessing inside this bulletin).

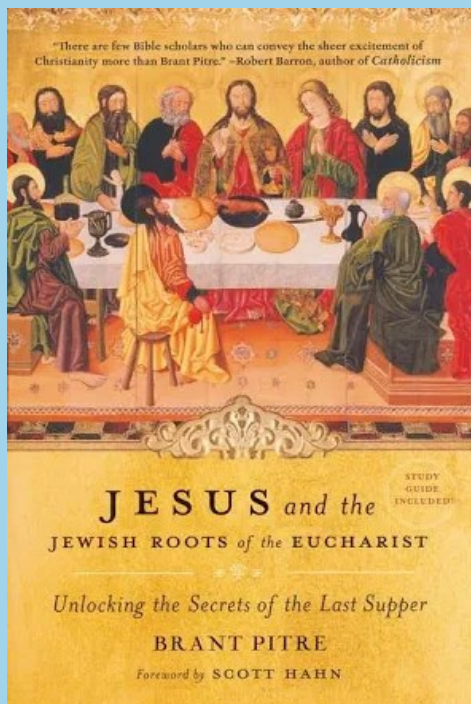


New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

Thank you to our Fatima Event Helpers

I would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the Fatima Event. Your help, unsolicited in some cases, was a blessing to Father Gregory and I. A special thank you to our Christian Mothers group, Cindy Breth, Katrina Kolles, Vern Proski, Greg Eynck, and other helpers, whose names I may not know, who jumped in as needs arose. A special thank you to all who attended, and Father Gregory for offering to hear confessions. Thank you all!



Need a way to prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

Prepare for Jesus' coming by reading "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist", our annual Advent book offering this year. If you want to enter deeper into the "Sacrifice of the Mass", this book is for you. Books will be in the back of most parish locations, and at ASSM in front near the Confessional Room. A limited number of books are available, please take only one per household.

Do this on your own, or, form a weekly study group; a study guide is available for free at tworiverscatholic.com/advent (scroll down). If you are not computer savvy, you can request a printed guide by stopping by the offices. The book has 8 chapters, study at your own pace through the Advent and Christmas Season. I am here to help you! 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 for illness or having a surgery.

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, Carol Kuklok, Tom Studniski, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr, Jim Ruprecht, Ardith Mosier, Sharon Prokott, Geraldine Kunstleben, Gary Lange, Linda Harren, Don Wentland, Don Breth, Rose Ann Pflueger, Melvin Hartung, Fr. Gregory & Donald Doll

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™

Listen to the Rosary

led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.

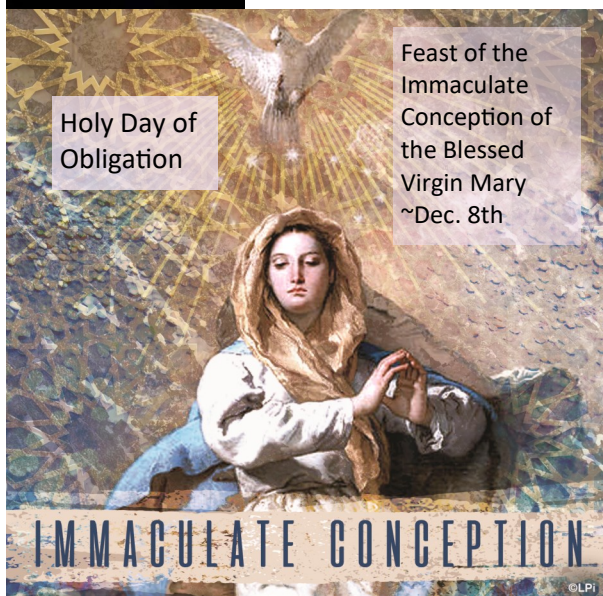
Listen to Fr. Gregory's

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

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.



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



Blessing of the Advent Wreath

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response (R/.) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:
Reader: **The word of the Lord.**

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

**Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.**

**Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":
O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

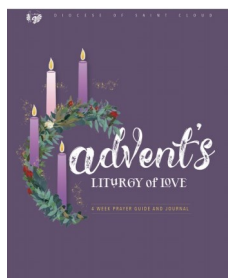
Spaghetti Supper

Join us for Supper & Silent Auction on Dec. 1st. at St. Mary's, Upsala from 4-7:00 p.m. sponsored by the St. Gregory Knights of Columbus. Free Will offering. Winners of the Raffle will be announced. All proceeds will go to the St. Edward's Fire Fund.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Will You Be There? Registration is open for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world. Register at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>



Prepare for Advent Download the 2023 Eucharistic Revival Advent Prayer & Journal

Part of the goal of the Eucharistic Revival is to rekindle a living relationship with the Lord, specifically, calling people into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In light of that, the local Revival team designed an Advent prayer journal.



Fall Decorations

Thank you to Ron & Joan Frie for pumpkins, corn stock & decorations for the outside of All Saints-St. Mary's. They were enjoyed by all!



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

— Mk 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

Nov. 19, 2023

AS \$ 2,718.00

IC \$ 2,656.00

SC \$ 1,199.25

Nov. 26th unavailable due to early bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Prayers for Fr. Gregory

Keep Fr. Gregory in your prayers for a successful surgery of his rotator cuff & bicep repair of his left arm. May he have a quick recovery with complete healing. Father will add daily Masses when able.



Advent Penance Service: December 10th

Everyone is welcome to join us for our All ACC Penance Service from 2-5:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's. 4-5 priests will be available.

Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Masses

December 24th

4:00 p.m. All Saints - St. Hedwig's

4:00 p.m. St. Francis

12:00 midnight All Saints-St. Mary's

December 25th

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception

10:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

December 31st

4:00 p.m. St. Francis

11:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception

January 1st

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

9:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's

10:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

Prayer List Renew

At the end of the year we will be refreshing our prayer List. If you would like to stay on the list please contact the parish office.

2024 Calendars

All parishioner families are welcome to take home a 2024 calendar (one per household). These beautifully calendars are a gift to you from our parish to assist you in living the liturgical seasons and feast days in the new year.

Write a Christmas Card to our Seminarians:

Deacon Kevin Soenneker

St Paul Seminary

2260 Summit Ave

St. Paul, MN 55105

Vincent St. Marie

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

700 Terrace Heights #862

Winona, MN 55987-1399

Immaculate Conception

Our Feast Day

All are welcome to join us for Mass on Friday, December 8th, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served following Mass.

Christian Mothers

We will have our meeting on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please bring 1 dozen cookies for exchange.

All Saints



Dominic Kolbe Hellmann

Son of Andrew & Katie

Baptized 11/19/2023



Jerome and Kathleen Ebnet
65th Wedding Anniversary Blessing.
Thank you Fr. Gregory!



Coffee Social: Dec. 3rd

Join in our Coffee and Snack Social following Sunday Masses on the

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you would like help serve, call Karen Solarz at 250-6903.

Invitation from Fr Gregory and Building Committee


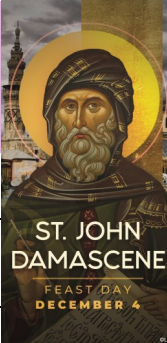
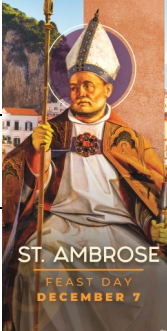
Please join us on Sunday Dec 17th at 3:00 p.m. at All Saints St. Mary church basement for a 45-minute presentation followed by a 45-minute question segment. This will be our first architectural presentation with Art from the Franck & Lohsen firm, whom we have chosen as our Liturgical Consultant for the building of our new church. Art studied architecture in Rome and has been inspired by the beauty and grace of classical architecture. He integrate this into his professional work with careful attention to detail reviving classical beauty in architecture. We believe these objectives of Art's closely illuminate our vision for our new church. Please join us so that you can get acquainted with Art while he is visiting from Washington D.C.

St. Columbkille

The St. Wendel Christian Women Poor Clares

We will be collecting items for the Poor Clares again this year. There will be a box in the back of Church with a list of items they could use. All donations need to be in there by December 17th. Thank you! Annual Christmas Gathering

Christian Women will be holding our annual Christmas gathering on December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. You're welcome to bring a dish to share. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		Upsala Area Weekday Masses Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. St. Mary, Upsala Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am. St. Francis Friday, 7:30 a.m. St. Mary, Upsala	
Mon. Dec. 4	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church No Mass		Pray for Fr. Gregory as he heals from surgery	
Tues. Dec. 5	No Mass			
Wed. Dec. 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop No Mass			
Thur. Nov. 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church No Mass			 ST. JOHN DAMASCENE FEAST DAY DECEMBER 4
Fri. Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation	† Riverlynn VanNorman † For the People † Irene Kociemba	 ST. AMBROSE FEAST DAY DECEMBER 7
Sat. Dec. 9	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		† Jerome & Eleanora Mohs	
Sun. Dec. 10	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception		† Roman & Martha Vos For the People	

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

Our next Youth meeting will be on Dec. 3rd, All Saints-St. Mary's at 8:00 p.m. Please call Shelley Vouk for questions.

Please keep in your prayers our second grade class. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at their retreat.

First Reconciliation Retreat

December 9, 2023

8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception



Helpful Catholic Parenting Articles

Do I worry too much about my kids?

Parenting Verses Teen Privacy

The Santa Dilemma

How to Get Teens to Stop Texting, Start Talking

Let the Little Children Come

How to Help our College-age Children Keep the Faith






When our Children Reflect our Negative Traits

The Whispering Mom

<https://www.catholicdigest.com/category/family/parenting/>

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LITURGICAL COLORS



GREEN	RED	GOLD OR WHITE	ROSE	PURPLE
				
WHEN IS IT USED?	WHEN IS IT USED?	WHEN IS IT USED?	WHEN IS IT USED?	WHEN IS IT USED?
Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar.	Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, Feasts of the Apostles and martyrs.	Feasts of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Mary, and saints who were not martyred.	Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.	Advent and Lent, also in Requiem Masses.
SYMBOLISM	SYMBOLISM	SYMBOLISM	SYMBOLISM	SYMBOLISM
Signifies hope.	Signifies the fire of charity and blood shed for Christ.	Symbolizes glory, joy, innocence, and purity of soul.	Symbolizes joy and love.	Signifies humility and penitence.