

"Be made clean." (MK 1:40-41)

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

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

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

Central Office in Holdingford

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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 P.O. Box 308 Holdingford, MN 56340





<u>Pre-Lent Pot Luck: Feb. 11th</u> Come celebrate with us at the Holdingford Legion! Chicken strips, French fries, water, coffee & lemonade will be provided. Bring a dish to share! A cash bar available. Gene Ostendorf Band will be playing from 2-5:00p.m. Join in to listen to music, dance and share a meal together. If you can help with setting up, greeting or clean-up contact Virginia 612-214-9791.



Happy World Marriage Day!

Today, we honor the beauty of the marriage. Together, we thrive in love, faith, and unity. Let's cherish the journey of marriage, a path where we grow, learn, and support each other. Here's to the joy, strength, and blessings that come from walking hand in hand.

Ash Wednesday is Feb.14th! Even though it is also Valentine's Day, it is still a day of Abstinence (no meat) & Fasting (2 small and 1 normal meal with no snacking).

New Evangelization Corner ~Deacon Dan Dullinger

Catholics Come Home

Too many have fallen away from their Catholic Faith. Too many have not received an invitation to come back.



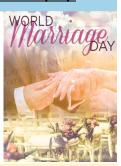
In the coming weeks, watch for more information regarding our "Come Home" campaign.

Give this card (found at the common exits at our parishes) to someone you wish to evangelize. It will take them to a website that explains all those things you want them to know, I offer my contact info as well. This info-card is an invitation to "Come Home," that otherwise may not have happened, but it is PRAYER, PRAYER, PRAYER, that will bring the grace of conversion from the Holy Spirit. Not everyone feels comfortable evangelizing, but all of us can give a card out and pray.

The Vocation of Marriage

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage.

Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven. World Marriage Day: Feb. 11th





If you would like to be added to the prayer list please call the office. Call us if you are homebound and would like to receive a bulletin (mailed or online) or if you cannot attend Mass and would like Communion. Also, let Father Gregory know if you are in need of a blessing for illness or upcoming surgery.

The Healing Power of God: Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially:

Pat & Ken Euteneuer, Don Breth, Fr. Gregory, Claude Opatz, Linda Harren, Carol Kuklok, Cass MacDonell, Stanley Symanietz, Jayne Wruck, Darlene Salitros, Tom Studniski, Donald Doll, Emily Becker & Bernice Ebnet

Jesus, by God's Will, heal those who would be healed and comfort all who are sick. Amen.

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

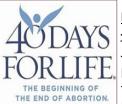
Rural Life Radio Show on KYES 1180 or 93.5 FM at 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday.



Night Prayer

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.

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



<u>Lenten Campaign: Feb. 14th</u> <u>– March 24th</u>

Join us for prayer, fasting & peaceful witness! We come together at Planned Parenthood (451 E. St. Ger-

main St. St. Cloud) to pray for the safety of all unborn babies and their mothers as well as for the conversion of all who participate in the abortion industry. Please consider spending an hour in prayer with your fellow parishioners on Thursday afternoons from 1-7:00 p.m. as part of your Lenten sacrifice. To sign up or get more information, please call Marilou Sommers (320) 247-9838. We need your participation! We need 2 people every hour!

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

Prepare for Lent

Annual Women's Lenten Retreat

Join Deb Rudolf, Retreat Leader, on a "Journey of a Woman's Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith" for the annual DCCW Lenten Retreat to be held Saturday, March 9th at St. Martin's Parish in St. Martin. 8:30 a.m. Registration, 9:00 a.m. retreat begins, 11:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C. followed by lunch/social, and conclusion of the presentation. Registration is \$20. Check payable to St. Cloud DCCW by March 1st. Mail payment to Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367 Contact Lora for questions: (320) 393-2701.

<u>Listen to Inspirational Music with</u> <u>the Vigil Project during Lent: Music</u> for Catholics

Following the Liturgical calendar, the Vigil Project writes, records, and releases music that invites Catholics into a deeper experience of Faith. To live the Catholic Faith is to live on a journey of devotion. The Vigil Project's mission is to help Catholics reclaim their vast heritage of devotion through creative music projects, musician formation, and live events. www.thevigilproject.com/.

Be inspired by St. John Henry Newman's Lenten Homilies

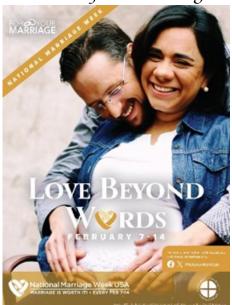
Tears of Christ, a series of Lenten homilies and writings by St. John Henry Newman, published by the Augustine Institute on the Amen app. The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Lenten Prayer Challenge

Take the Lent #Pray40 Challenge from Hallow - the Catholic Prayer and Meditation App. To help support you, Hallow has put together 40 days of Lenten meditations with length options that work for every schedule and experience level. https://hallow.com/affiliates/.

Celebrate your marriage!



February 11th World Marriage Day

Under the title "Radiate Love", every Catholic community is invited to participate in this initiative, starting on World Marriage Day-February 11th -when couples all over the globe are called by God to invest in their relationships and let that love radiate out to the whole world, first and foremost in their own family. Visit: www.radiatelove.info.

Catholic Men's Conference: Feb. 24th

This event will be held at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. This year's theme is "Sharing our Eucharistic Journey" with keynote speaker Fr. Tim Donovan from the Diocese of Orange, CA. Other speakers include Fr. Matthew Crane, Deacon Mike Benda, and Deacon Ed Shoener from Scranton, PA. Find more details and register at https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2024/.



Weekly Readings

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—

6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 Friday:ls 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk

1:12-15

19th Annual Indoor Fishing Contest

The Holdingford Lions will be holding their annual Indoor Fishing Contest on February 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Pelican Lake Ballroom. Tickets are \$20 and need to be purchased before 1:00 p.m. Ask a Lion about tickets. Contact: Lloyd Rausch: 320-428-4602



The Bishop's Annual Appeal.

This weekend you'll have an opportunity to consider a gift to the Appeal to support various diocesan programs such as TV Mass, faith Instructions, marriage preparation or the priesthood.



<u>Financial Contributions</u>

PARISH INCOME

February 4, 2024

AS \$ 4,083.00

IC \$ 1,837.00

SC \$ 2,274.50

Thank you for your generosity!
"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Luke 12:34

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Well-Read Mom: Feb. 13th

We will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Neighbors in St. Joseph. This is open to any woman who desires to have deep conversations arising from our shared reading of classics. For more information please call or text Susan at (320) 224-6052.

Soup for Widows/Widowers

If you are a widow/widower in our 3 parish community and are interested in receiving a quart of soup, please call Amy at 320-248-3440 to reserve your container by Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Soup will be made for pickup on Saturday, Feb. 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot in St. Anna. If you are unable to drive or pick up your soup at this time, let us know when you call to order.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

Feb. 17th Join us on 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. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on third Saturdays. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. For more information contact Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

Women's Group: Feb. 19th

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.

Learn about the Eucharist: Feb. 22nd

Do you want to unlock the secrets of the last Supper? Join our discussion group for the book <u>Jesus and the</u> <u>Jewish Roots of the Eucharist</u> by Brant Pitre. We meet the second & fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. in St. Mary's church basement. Anyone is welcome.



Saint Monica Prayer Retreat: Feb.17th 9-11:30 a.m. All Saints -Saint Mary's

<u>Retreat Intention</u>: For all our loved ones who have fallen away from their Catholic Faith.

Holy Rosary-A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Pray the Rosary while viewing and experiencing the actual sites of the Sorrowful Mysteries, as they exist today, in the Holy Land. This is a unique pray-along devotional wrapped in scripture, narration, music and a video of these Holy Rosary mystery sites.

<u>Prayer in Everyday Life</u>: A short talk by Deacon Dan Dullinger with Lunch to follow.

** <u>Due to accessibility for all</u>, this entire retreat will be held in the basement of All Saints - Saint Mary's Church at **311 River Street**, **Holdingford**, **MN**.

<u>For handicap access</u> enter the back church door across from the double garage service door. This retreat is sponsored by the All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality and is FREE of charge.

Thank you all for the Christmas cards, prayers, and gifts over the Christmas Season. They were greatly appreciated as they brought much joy to me while I was away. Please know of my prayers in return. Blessings, Deacon Kevin



WATCH ON FORMED

How to prepare for this fruitful season in our life of faith.

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

(MK 1.41-42)

St. Columbkille

St. Columbkille Christian Women will be having a meeting on March 4th at 6:30 PM in the room behind the sacristy.

All women are welcome to attend.

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers meeting will be on February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church Basement. All Ladies welcome! If you have questions, call Bernie at (320) 345-0755.

All Saints

Calling All Quilters!!! All Saints will be Quilting February 19,21 &23 from 9:30-3:30 at Kathleen (Jerome) Ebnet's Home. Any Questions or If anyone wants to go a different time Call Kathleen 746-2227

Coffee Social: Feb. 18th



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.

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. This book was written by Art Lohsen, the Liturgical Consultant we hired for the project. 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.

	Mass Schedule	
Mon. Feb. 12	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Judi Vos
Tues. Feb. 13	12 Noon All Saints-St. Hedwig's	† Laverne Woidylla
Wed. Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday 7:00am. All Saints - St. Mary's 12 Noon St. Columbkille -Stations 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m Immaculate Conception	† Rita Solarz † John Pelka † Alois & Mary Woitalla
Thur. Feb. 15	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Stations	Trudy Lyon
Fri. Feb. 16	No Mass	
Sat. Feb. 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Jerry Biniek
Sun. Feb. 18	The First Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Tony & Ann Marie Hartung & Deceased relatives For the People

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

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Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398 Greg Eiynck (320) 493-3690 Confirmation Assistant: Katie Vouk confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

Youth Minister:

Fr. Gregory Mastey (320) 228-0105



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entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. Visit:

https://tworiverscatholic.formed.org.

Upcoming Seminary Visits

Feb. 15th-17th Saint John Vianney

Mar. 15th-18th The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, adoration, discernment talks, classroom visits, listening to seminarians, open gym and a night out with the seminarians of St. Cloud! When men meet real seminarians, all the stereotypes break down! It is a game-changer for their ongoing discernment. Please contact Fr. Doug (320) 533-0291 or email: dougliebsch@gmail.com

Holy Heroes

Fun and faithful & FREE Lenten activities for ages 5-12. Daily emails linking you to daily activities: Fun video & audio selections, activity downloads to print and enjoy, Fun quizzes & Step –by step through the Mass-The Holy Heroes Adventure Guides will be teaching your kids what we do in the Mass and why! https://lentenadventure.com/.



It's going to be EPIC

Mega-Fun Games! Faith-Filled Friendship!

Every Person In Christ
What: EPIC Youth Nights
Who: All Students Grades 6-12

When: Wed. after Religion Class: 7:45-8:30 p.m. Where: All Saints-St. Hedwig Church Basement

Have a blast with friends and grow closer to God!

WE WANT YOU HERE!