



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

All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2024

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Marriage: Couples are to begin
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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.

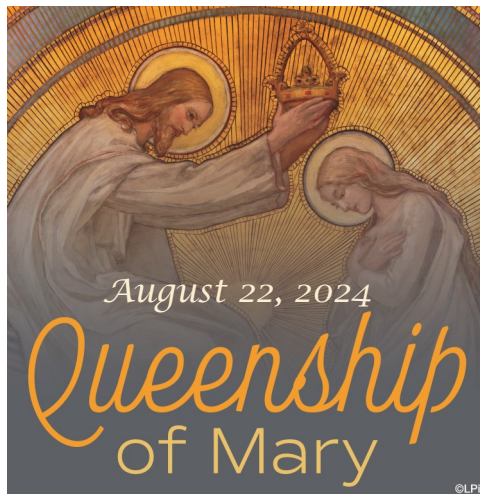
New Parishioners: Please introduce
yourself to Father after Mass and call
the Central Office. If you are leaving our
parishes please call the central office so
we can update our census. Thank you!

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Central Office

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Our Mother, Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

Have you ever wondered why
Catholics treat Mary like queen?
After all, the Scriptures don't seem to
tell us anything about this simple
woman from Nazareth having a royal
position in Christ's kingdom. And
besides, Mary is not the *wife of the*
King Jesus. *She is just his mother!*

A closer look at Scripture, however,
shows us that it is precisely from
a *Biblical perspective that Mary's*

*queenship makes perfect sense. For in ancient Israel, it was the king's
mother who reigned as queen, not the king's wife. Most kings in this period
had large harems. King Solomon, for example, had 700 wives and 300
concubines (1 Kings 11:3). It would have been impossible to bestow the
queenship on 1,000 women! Yet, since each king had only one mother, the
queenship was typically given to her.*

The queen mother was given the title "Great Lady," and we can see her
importance in a number of passages from the Old Testament. For example,
when 1 & 2 Kings introduces a new king in the Kingdom of Judah, it almost
always mentions the name of the king's mother alongside her royal son. The
queen mother also is portrayed as a preeminent member of the royal court,
wearing a crown on her head (Jeremiah 13:18) and heading the list of palace
officials in the kingdom (2 Kings 24:12-15). Furthermore, the queen mother
had a real share in her son's reign, helping in his mission to shepherd the
people (Jer. 13:18-20) and serving as a trusted counselor (see Proverbs
31). But most of all, the queen mother served as an *advocate for the people*,
hearing their petitions and presenting them to the king.

Mary continues to serve as an advocate for the people in God's kingdom
today. As queen mother, she is the most powerful intercessor in Christ's
kingdom, presenting our needs before His throne. Therefore, let us approach
our queen mother with confidence, knowing that she faithfully carries our
petitions to her royal Son, who responds to her as Solomon did to his mother,
Bathsheba, saying: "I will not refuse you" (1 Kings 2:20). ~excerpt
from <https://edwardsri.com/2014/12/27/is-marys-queenship-biblical/>

Pray for us that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ!

New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger



This is enough,
O LORD!
Take my life, for I am
no better than
my fathers."

In last week's first reading (1 Kgs 19:4-8) Elijah, the Prophet of the Lord, was on the run and worn out. He just slew hundreds of the prophets of the pagan god Baal, and therefore some wanted to kill Elijah. He wanted to give up, he felt unworthy, and in exhaustion he fell asleep under a broom tree.

The Lord sent an Angel, and the Angel ordered Elijah to get up and eat. He ate the hearth cake, and drank water the Angel provided, but again fell asleep. The Angel again ordered him to eat. This gave Elijah the strength he needed to continue his journey to the mountain of God, Horeb.

In a homily I heard last week, the Priest posed a question. How often to do we come here to Mass, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, and then "fall asleep" again?

The passage from Elijah said, "*get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!*" Do you have days that the thought of attending Mass or saying your prayers takes more energy than you have? We must not give up because our journey is to eternal life with Christ. The source of strength to overcome our physical or spiritual exhaustion is "*the bread that came down from heaven*", Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus in His Word and Sacrament is the encouragement and the strength we need wake up and stay awake to continue the journey, and help others do the same, even when we don't feel like it.



Call us if you would like to be added to the prayer list, are homebound and would like to receive a bulletin (mailed or online) or if you cannot attend Mass and need 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 Euteneuer, Fr. Gregory, Claude Opatz, Linda Harren, Carol Kuklok, Stanley Symanietz, Jayne Wruck, Tom Studniski, Donald Doll, Emily Becker, Bernice Ebnet, Katie Yurczyk, Cass MacDonell, Jim Ruprecht, David & Anita Scegura and Rod Harren

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!



Listen to the Rosary

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



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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 400 views each
night. You can ask for a re-
quest that Father keeps in
his prayers. Night Prayer is
added to our webpage the
next day to watch anytime.
www.tworiverscatholic.com

WATCH ON FORMED



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Setup a free account on FORMED.org See tworiverscatholic.com/formed for instructions.
FORMED.ORG is paid for by our parish, and free
to all parishioners.

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. 18th

The annual Rural Life Celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with outdoor Mass with Bishop Patrick hosted by St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish in Long Prairie. The event will take place on the Nathan and Samantha Middendorf farm (17655 Co. Rd. 36). This event, which raises funds for the Rural Life Fund, will include the presentation of the Catholic Century Farm Awards and Catholic Rural Business Award.

St. Francis Fall Festival: Aug. 25th

Join us for the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church with music by LaVerne and the Starlites. Dinner of roast beef & ham with all the fixings will be served followed by Silent Auction, Bingo, Straw Stand, Country Store, Cake Walk, Fancy Work, Pull-tabs and more. Live music by The Eagle Valley Playboys. Grand Raffle at 7:00 p.m. Call (320) 573-2132 for raffle tickets.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control Gal 5:22-23

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit! LPI

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:55)



Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council # 9307

Winter Coat Drive

We are seeking donations from businesses to help purchase winter coats for our school aged children. If any parishioner would like to contribute to this program, make checks payable to Knights of Columbus and either leave them with our parish office, or send to Marvin Eiyneck: 19747 Morningstar Rd., Avon, MN 56310. Coats will be distributed by our local elementary schools in early October. Thank you!

Events Sponsored by the Knights:

Coats for Kids, Chicken & Ham Dinners in spring and fall, Widows/Widowers Free Meal, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Holiday Cheer Gift Cards, Free Throw Contest, Tootsie Roll Weekend, Roses for Life Weekend, Baby Bottle Drive, Sponsor a Local Seminarian & The May Raffle. If you would like to become a Knight, call Marvin Eiyneck (320) 845-7797

St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party: Sept. 7th

All are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party in downtown St. Cloud on September 7. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Cloud with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding at the 4:00 pm Mass in the Cathedral. Food, music, and fun follow until 10:00 pm. Harper's Chord takes the stage at 6:00 pm, followed by Janelle Kendall's Perfect Storm at 8:00 pm. Enjoy a silent auction, wine wall, bingo, 50/50 raffle, kid's games, inflatables, beer garden, burgers and more.

Frassati Outdoor Club Event

Boundary Waters Fishing/Canoeing/ Hiking: Sept 12th -15th

Private or shared lodging options in bunkhouses or tent campsites are open. Carpool(s) from Immaculate Conception, St. Anna, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Text or call Rachelle with questions (320) 200-8331.



Weekly Readings

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Jos 24:1- 2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



Online Giving:

Go to the URL address for your church as listed below. Click on "Sign up for Your New Account" and complete your initial registration. Please call 800-348-2886 Option 2 for assistance. Thank you!

URL Addresses:

All Saints, Holdingford, MN

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Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

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St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1721

Monthly Online Giving

JULY ONLINE INCOME

AS \$ 2,916.00

IC \$ 3,165.00

SC \$ 710.00

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME

August 11, 2024

AS \$ 3,230.00

IC \$ 735.00

SC \$ 1,564.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Book Club: August 22nd

Men and women from our area are invited to a group discussions, We will meet in the basement of All Saints-St. Mary's in Holdingford on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of the month at 9:45-11 a.m. Please call or text Susan Heroux at (320) 224-6052 if you are interested or have questions.

Well-Read Mom

Are you interested having more in depth conversations with women? We will soon be beginning a new year of Well-Read Mom and would like to welcome new members. In Well-Read Mom we read a book each month and meet to discuss the book and how it impacts our lives. The books are varied and if you can not finish the book there still will be something you can share because we talk about how the books form us and reflect our experience. We meet on the **second Tuesday** of the month from 7-9:00 p.m. at Neighbors in St. Joseph. All women are welcome. To find out more go to wellreadmom.com or call Susan at (320) 224-6052. Our first meeting this year is on September 10th.

Women's Group in September

Due to Labor Day, Women's Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in September at 10:30 –11:30 a.m. We are starting a new book titled 'You are Called to Greatness' by Leo J. Trese. All are welcome to join us!

Mass Intentions

We are booked for Mass Intentions until September. In the meantime, we can help facilitate sending Mass Intentions to other parishes, priests, and religious orders or you can send it to: Diocese of St. Cloud Mission Office, 11 South 8th Ave., St. Cloud. MN 56303.

Sacristies

The Sacristies are places for liturgical ministers only. If you have business and need to talk to Father, please wait outside of the Sacristy until he finishes up. Thank you !

Couple/Family Gathering

How important it is to surround ourselves and our families with those who have similar values! Come to the Holdingford School Playground on August 24 at 8:30am to meet other couples and families from our parishes and grow in friendship with those who share similar values. In case of rain we will meet at All Saints - St. Hedwig's.

Baptism Class

If you are a new parishioner or having your first child you will need to attend a baptism class prior to scheduling the baptism. The remaining classes for the year are September 15th and November 10th. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for the class.

Men's Group

Our men's group meets every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement.

Immaculate Conception

Missing

We are missing a red tote from the church basement. Who ever used it, please return to the basement.

Thank you

The family of Dorothy Panek thanks the Christian Mothers for the Rosary, Fr. Gregory for parish prayers, the beautiful funeral Mass, the choir, Marie for playing, the funeral lunch group that served the meal. To all who brought food to the house and the night of the wake-it was deeply appreciated. Thanks for the donations and Masses in our time of grief, May God bless you!

St. Columbkille



Congratulations!
Newly Married

Breanne Skroch & Landen Ostendorf
August 10, 2024



Marriage Banns
BANNS I

Amanda Burton & Tyler Huls
September 20, 2024

St Columbkille Christian women will be having a meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the room behind the sacristy. All women are welcome!

All Saints

Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, August 26th starting at 6:30pm with prayer in ASSM Church Basement.

Rummage Sale

will be happening over MEA break. If you want to volunteer, contact Corrine Hadrich. (320) 310-1260.



Holy Baptism

Wyatt Theodore Sowada
Son of Ryan & Sara
Baptized 8/11/2024



Marriage Banns
BANNS III


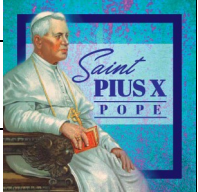
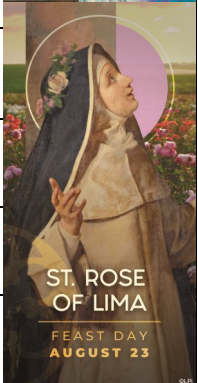

Amy Arnold & Eugene Ostendorf
September 14, 2024



Marriage Banns
BANNS III

Katelyn Vouk & Gabriel Urbanski
September 14, 2024

Grow in your Faith! Trust in Jesus!

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. Aug 19	<i>St. John Eudes, Priest</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille and Adoration	† Tony & Ann Marie Hartung & Deceased relatives	  
Tues. Aug 20	<i>St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> 6:30 p.m. On the Road Mass	Jake Knapp 520 River Street, Holdingford	
Wed. Aug 21	<i>St. Pius X, Pope</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's and Adoration	† Leo & Frances Lange	
Thur. Aug 22	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception and Adoration	Living and deceased members of the Elaine Eiyneck Family	
Fri. Aug 23	<i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> No Mass		
Sat. Aug 24	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Claude Skroch	
Sun. Aug 25	<i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Mary & Russ Heitzman For the People	

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



RCIA

Please keep Amy Arnold in your prayers!
She received the Sacrament of Confirmation
on August 6, 2024 at All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Convalidation, RCIA, Confirmation... Yes please!

Are you married outside of the Catholic Church and want to have your marriage recognized by the Church? Are you thinking about becoming Catholic or even just learning more about what the Catholic faith teaches? Were you baptized Catholic but never Confirmed and want to be? Give us a call! We would love to sit down with you and accompany you during this time!

Youth Minister

Are you being called to lead our Youth? We are hiring a Youth Minister. This position is up to 10 hours a week and would be running the Wednesday Night EPIC (Every Person in Christ) Youth Program. Please contact Fr. Gregory or the Parish Office.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents if you can have a snack of grape juice and bread today. Talk about how the Israelites came to get manna every morning. How can you as a family make Jesus a part of your day, every day?

Jesus, I love you more everyday!