



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

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

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 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
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parishes please call the central office so
we can update our census. Thank you!

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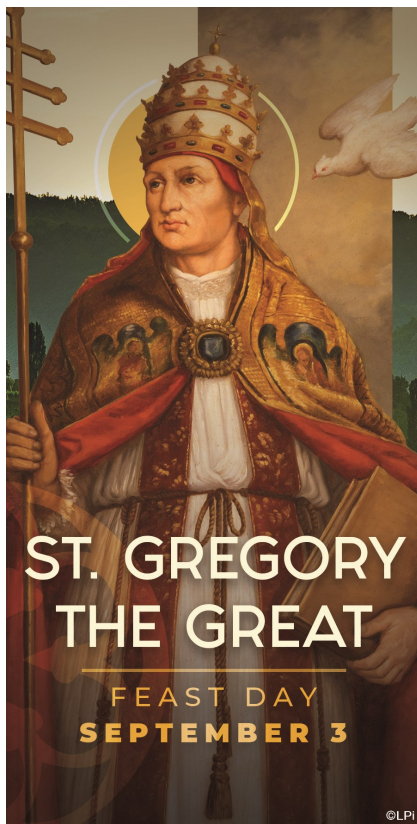


Saint Gregory the Great's Story

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion



of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory relied heavily on the Holy Spirit, as you can see by the dove depicted in the picture above.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. ~Franciscan media

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act. It ceases to exist". ~ St. Gregory the Great

New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

Eucharistic Revival– What's Next?

The Year of Mission

For a very long time people believed simply because they belonged, and so they came to the Church with minimal evangelistic effort; it no longer works that way. Like in the times of the Apostles, where only a few initially belonged to the emerging Church, the Apostles had to be missionary, to go out to the people where they were at. So today, like in the times of the Apostles, we must go to them, thus the "Year of Mission".

The Eucharistic Congress is over, and it is time to accomplish the next step.

I am forming a core team, details forthcoming, to discern how we can best encourage and foster missionary discipleship in our faith community. ** Please pray about becoming a member and contact me with questions. The approach of this core team will be one based on prayer and discernment, building each other up first, then what we "do" will come second. All of this is wrapped in the inspiration of the Eucharistic Revival. Below, Pope Francis expresses, in 2023, what his hopes and concerns would be post-Eucharistic Congress, which is now.

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Pope Francis To the organizing committee of the National Eucharistic Congress, June 19, 2023

"It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost."

If you are interested in the helping address Pope Francis' concerns above in our own faith community, please contact me, Deacon Dan Dullinger. Call the main office or email me at evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com God bless you!

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!

Call us if you would like to be added to the prayer list, are home-bound and would like to receive Communion or a bulletin (mailed or online) or if you are in need of a blessing for illness or an upcoming surgery.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no
Adoration
on September 2nd
due to Labor Day.



Be doers of the word and not hearers only..
(Jas 1:22)



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his prayers. Night Prayer is
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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-

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 Scegur and Rod Harren

News & Events

Minnesota State Fair

Going to the Minnesota State Fair? Go to Mass! Catholic Mass at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park takes place each Sunday of the fair starting at 9:15am.

54 Day Novena

Please join other faithful Catholics in praying a 54-day Rosary Novena starting on September 11th, and ending on November 3rd, (the Sunday before the Presidential Election). The 54-day Novena is split into two parts, praying the first 27 days in Petition to God for favors or blessings, and last 27 days in Thanksgiving to God for his many blessings, and those coming from praying this novena. Let's offer this novena for all Families, World Peace, Peace in our hearts, our country and our homes, and for the United States to elect politicians that will protect religious freedoms for Catholics & Christians to continue to practice their faith and that will protect the rights to Life for the most vulnerable, the unborn, the elderly, and the infirmed. Our Blessed Mother Mary has spoken of the need to pray the Rosary in many of her apparitions on Earth, especially in Fatima, Portugal, and has said that many graces and promises are granted to the faithful from our Lord to those who pray the Rosary. The families that pray together, stay together! ~Greg Eiyneck

Mass for Suicide Healing and

Remembrance: Sept. 28th

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral is open to everyone with a special invitation to those who have lost loved ones or community members to suicide. Visit the Mental Health Ministry page of the diocesan website: <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-mass-for-suicide-healing-and-remembrance/>

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)



Knights of Columbus

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!

Protect Our Children

We recently received an anonymous letter from someone who was concerned about the signs in front of our churches that say "God's Children Are Not For Sale" and how these signs could be a reminder for some of unhealed wounds. These signs are not intended to bring about memories of pain, but rather to bring to light another injustice that is currently happening and something that we should all be aware of and doing everything in our power to prevent. We can't ignore one injustice because of a different injustice. If these signs bring up wounds in your heart, please bring these hurts to the Lord especially in Adoration, and see what healing he has in store for you. The office staff would also be happy to pray with you. Typically we don't respond to anonymous letters as they are difficult to resolve without sitting down, but we felt this one needed to be responded to. If you ever have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask to sit down or sign your name if you prefer to write a letter so your concerns can be discussed more fully and completely and we can be sure that you receive a response.



Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



Natural Family Planning:

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in:

- Alexandria: September 16th at 6:30 p.m.
- Little Falls: Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 p.m.
- Sauk Centre: Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Cloud: Monday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

<https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org | (320) 258-7609



Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME

August 25, 2024

AS \$ 2,596.00

IC \$ 1,207.00

SC \$ 1,069.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

The Parish Office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 2nd
Thank you!

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 Sept. 15th and Nov. 10th. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for the class.

Parish Houses

Please be respectful of the privacy of those living in all the parish houses, that includes the indoor and outdoor spaces. Thank you for your understanding!

Men's Group

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

Women's Group in Sept. 9th

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!

Well-Read Mom: Sept. 10th

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 Crying Churches

Perhaps you have heard the saying, "if a parish isn't crying, it's dying"... Our parishes certainly have had lots of crying babies lately! And Praise God for that! Many couples in our parishes have welcomed babies this summer... so far our count is 9 with more couples still expecting! Thank you to our families who have been so open to the gift of life! Please pray for all of these families as well as those who are struggling with infertility or coping with a loss.

Mass Ministries

Would you like to assist in any of the Ministries for Mass? Lector, Usher/Greet, Serve? If so, call the office and we can get you added to the schedule!

St. Columbkille



Marriage Banns

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!

Ministry Schedules are in the back of church.

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Meeting on Sept 16th at 7:00 p.m. We would like to meet new parishioners-we'll have cookies! All ladies are welcome to join us! Questions: call Bernadette Larkey 320-345-0755

New Paint in Choir Loft

The railing in the choir loft was just repainted in June and there are already scratch marks in it. Please be respectful of all of our church property and do not vandalize it.

All Saints



Christian Mothers/ Women/Rosary Sodality

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be at All Saint's-St. Hedwig's church over MEA.

Oct. 17th 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 18th 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 19th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 20th 9:00 a.m. – noon

Clean, gently used items may be dropped off in the All Saints-St. Hedwig's church basement Oct. 13th thru the 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Oct 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Absolutely NO major appliances, electronics, exercise equipment, baby equipment, headboards or mattresses will be accepted.

DO NOT DROP OFF items OUTSIDE the door at any time. NO PRE-SALES. Any questions call Corrine Hadrich 320-310-1260.

Rosary


We are sponsoring the Rosary on KASM the week September 9th thru the 15th. Please pray with us to end abortions and for your own special intentions.

Asbestos Removal

Asbestos flooring was removed from the All Saints-St. Hedwig's kitchen floor. The cost was about \$5,000.

Building Committee

A few weeks ago, the Diocese came out with a statement that there is to be no new building or renovation projects within the Diocese for the next 2-3 years. This does NOT affect the All Saints Building Project! The Diocese still desires us to move forward with building a new Church. The success of this project is the ONLY way to secure having a Catholic Church in Holdingford for our children and grandchildren! Please pray for its success!

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>	The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)
Mon. Sept. 2	No Mass	Labor Day
Tues. Sept. 3	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> No Mass	
Wed. Sept. 4	8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Mary’s and Adoration	† Dora Kollodge
Thur. Sept. 5	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception and Adoration	† Frank & Gladys Larkey
Fri. Sept. 6	First Friday 8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Mary’s	† Leona Lashinski
Sat. Sept. 7	2:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	Wedding: Abigayle Starz & Derek Peters For the People
Sun. Sept. 8	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Mary’s 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	Grandparents’ Day † Jessie Scepaniak Joe & Shirley Burg 60th Wedding Anniversary

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

Religious Ed begins with Parent Night at 6:00 p.m. Sept 4th

We are still looking for teachers for Religious Education teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in teaching, call Katrina Kolles 292-1575 allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com
Newly confirmed students are eligible to teach!
A second Confirmation Director is needed to work alongside Bob Vouk. If you are interested in this, please talk to Fr. Gregory.
We are hiring for 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.

Upcoming Dates:

September 4th-Parent Night for Religious Education and Confirmation Students. Parents and students need to attend
September 11th-6:30pm Opening Mass in Arban (All Saints-St. Hedwig's if bad weather)
September 18th-First night of classes for Religious Education (All Saints-St. Hedwig's) and Confirmation (All Saints-St. Mary's). One parent/guardian must attend Confirmation with each student.

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.

Teach Me Prayer

Gracious Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Please send your Holy Spirit to give me understanding. You said that your Spirit will teach me all things and guide me into all truth. Give me wisdom and understanding in everything I do today.

When I become overwhelmed with the decisions that are placed before me, please give me the peace that surpasses all understanding. Clear my mind to follow you with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind and all my strength. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.