



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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 2024

Central Office in Holdingford

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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

P.O. Box 308

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Prepare for Advent!

This isn't just
another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN A
SACRED JOURNEY—

*a Spiritual
Pilgrimage*



33 day Consecration to the Eucharist

Join us on this journey, the first of
its kind! Consecration books are
available in the back of our church-
es soon! This 33-day preparation
for a formal consecration to the
Eucharist consists of just a couple
pages a day of prayers and very
easy to understand meditations; it
will bring blessings to your family
and will transform your life.

**Let's do this together and change
our parishes forever!**

You can start between December
1st and no later than December
11th with consecration day at the
Masses on the weekend January
12th (The Baptism of the Lord).

**Too busy!!! This is your chance to
take the next step in your faith.**

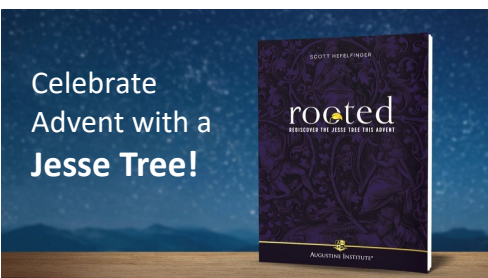
This can be done in your homes,
with your family, or with friends,
on your schedule. Stay tuned for
study groups forming or form your
own. See [dynamiccatholic.com/33-
days-to-eucharistic-glory.html](http://dynamiccatholic.com/33-days-to-eucharistic-glory.html) for
more information or call our offices
and ask for Deacon Dan.

On December 1st Advent begins:

Advent is the beginning of the Catholic
Church's liturgical year, consisting of
the first four Sundays and subsequent
weekdays before Christmas. The word
"Advent" comes from the Latin
"adventus," which means "a coming or
approach." It is a time of preparation
intended to direct the Church toward
the Second Coming of Christ as we also
remember the Nativity of our Lord.

Advent on FORMED

This Advent, reclaim your peace
with *Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree*.
This 25-episode series offers a simple
way in just 7 minutes a day to reflect
on the true meaning of Advent.



Celebrate
Advent with a
Jesse Tree!

Sign up for these reflections at [https://
daily.formed.org/advent?](https://daily.formed.org/advent?) And when
you do, sign up for the interactive
Advent calendar and Jesse Tree coloring
pages. The calendar includes activities
for kids to watch and do as well as adult
reflections.

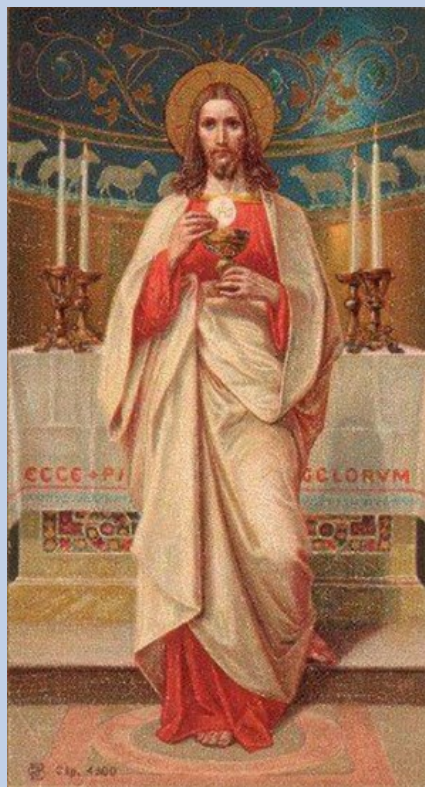
For more on Advent go to our webpage:
www.tworiverscatholic.com/advent to
subscribe to daily reflection emails, find
recommended podcasts and videos for
this season and to subscribe to FORMED.

Advent Reconciliation Service is December 8th from 2-4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Upsala

New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

... and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me
(Galatians 2:20)

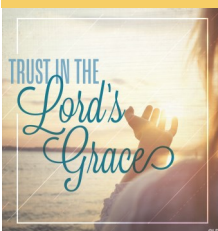


If you asked me, what is the most common topic that comes up in requests for advice, needed prayers, or just being a shoulder to lean on, hands down it is that loved ones are away from Christ and His Church; nothing else comes up more than this! I think sometimes we forget that it is the Lord's Presence, through the Power of the Holy Spirit that does the work of conversion. We are all called to assist in this work, and it's not about success, it's about making the effort. God willing, one day we will see just how much a simple invitation, a prayer, or a witness of

hope, had made in another person's salvation. You are not alone! St Peter Julian Eymard said it well when he said...

*"It is a fire whose heat will warm and cheer those around you. They will breathe the Eucharistic presence. The sweetness which you will draw from your Communion will have its effect on your conduct, and you will so attract all hearts, first to yourself, and then to Him whom you carry in your breast. **Have faith in the influence of the presence of the Lord.**"*

Prayer Lines



All Saints: Call or text Joan Frie (320) 241-3264
Val Hommerding (320) 746-9921

Immaculate Conception: Call or text
Marissa Studniski (507) 848-1104

St. Columbkille: Esther Struzyk (320) 251-4984
& Susan Opatz (320) 363-8160

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Euteneuer, Fr. Gregory, Claude Opatz, Linda Harren, Dave Yurczyk, Carol Kuklok, Jayne Wruck, Tom Studniski, Donald Doll, Emily Becker, Bernice Ebnet, Katie Yurczyk, Cass MacDonell, David & Anita Scegura, Jim Ruprecht, Christine Maleska, Landon Czech, Frances Breth, Donna Paggen, Cheryl Barnes, Lloyd Ebnet, Joe Scepianiak & Keith Woitalla

Eucharistic Adoration

All Cluster Adoration
is every Monday at
All Saints—St. Hedwig's
from 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.

Night Prayer

Join Fr. Gregory in prayer
most nights at 9:00 p.m. on
his Facebook page. We are
averaging 1000 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

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.

What is a Jesse Tree? Taken from the genealogy of Christ in the Gospel of Matthew, a Jesse Tree represents the family of Jesse, the father of David. Made from paper, cloth, or a Christmas tree, families often make or add an ornament each day depicting one of the ancestors of Jesus Christ. The origin of Advent traditions like the Jesse Tree stems from centuries-old traditions.

Our prayer list will be refreshed on Dec. 1st, the start of our new Liturgical Year. If you would like to stay on the prayer list please call the office.

Do you believe in the power of prayer?

Prayer lines are an opportunity to pray for fellow parishioners and have your needs prayed for. Contacts for your parish are listed above. Your intention will be passed down to all those on the prayer line. You can be as specific or as vague as you desire.

Want to participate in praying for others?

Contact the person at the head of your parish's prayer line and say you want to participate! Many of our prayer lines are hoping to increase in numbers.

News & Events



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray...

*Generous and merciful God,
we thank you for your abundant
gifts to us.*

*As we celebrate this Thanksgiving
feast, we ask you to send your Spirit,
to open our hearts to you and our
neighbor, that we may share the
gifts you have given us as your Son
Jesus taught us to.*

*Thank you for the many blessings of
our lives:*

*our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.*

*We ask your blessing on all gathered
here today, and all your people
throughout the world, through
Christ your Son. Amen. ~LPI*

Questions of this Week's Readings

First Reading: Daniel had visions of Jesus ("Son of man") receiving everlasting dominion, glory, and kingship from God ("The Ancient One:"). Why do you think some people receive visions?

Second Reading: Revelation teaches that Jesus loves us and has made us into a kingdom of priests for God. What do you think Jesus expects from us in return?

Gospel: In his trial, Jesus tells Pilate he was born to testify to the truth. Can you think of a time in your life when you had to tell a difficult truth to someone?

Faithfully Yours: Discover Natural Family Planning (NFP)!

NFP cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love.

Alexandria on Mon., Dec. 16th at St. Mary's Church. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 290-8751.

Little Falls on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. Contact Mary Bontjes 631-5660 or bontjesmary@yahoo.com.

Sauk Centre on Thur., Dec. 19th at St. Paul's Church or Sauk Centre Hospital. Contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 290-8751.

St. Cloud on Thur., Dec. 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of Marriage & Family. Contact Sheila Reineke 258-7609 or omf@gw.stcdio.org.

All classes are approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

St. Cloud Mission Office Advent/Christmas Fair Trade Sale December 2nd-December 19th. Come in during regular business hours Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and shop all Fair Trade items, quilts, candy & more and receive 10% off your total purchase. This is the perfect opportunity to get Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers or just come in to treat yourself and support Fair Trade too! We look forward to seeing you!

Our God is Faithful!

*His dominion is
an everlasting dominion
that shall not
be taken away,
his kingship shall not be
destroyed. (Dn 7:14)*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1723

Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1720

St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1721

Monthly Online Giving

OCTOBER ONLINE GIVING

AS \$ 3,106.00

IC \$ 3,140.00

SC \$ 710.00

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME

November 17, 2024

AS \$ 5,583.00

IC \$ 1,440.00

SC \$ 1,404.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 9th

This a Holy Day of Obligation: 7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's, 12 noon, St. Columbkille, & 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception.

Please note the offices will be closed for the Solemnity.

Sacramental Seal

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

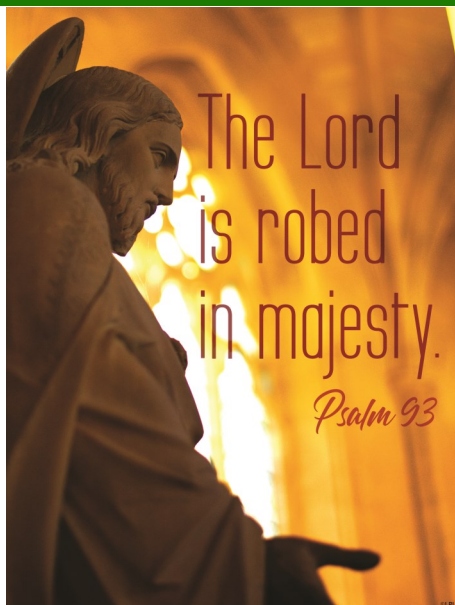
Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments.

A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions.

This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people.

Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness. ~LPi



Christian Women

If you would like to join, call the contact person from your parish:

All Saints Christian Mothers/
Women/Rosary Sodality:

Teresa Ripplinger 320-247-2990

Karen Solarz 320-250-6903

St. Anna Christian Mothers:

Bernie Larkey 320-345-0755

Betty Hartung 320-356-7419

St. Wendel Christian Women:

Sue Burg 320-250-8810

All Saints

All Saints Building Committee

The building committee members have been touring various churches that have been built recently to determine things they do and do not want to see in our new church. We are encouraging parishioners and even those who are not Parishioners to do the same. If there are aspects of Catholic churches that you would or would not like to see in the new church building, take note.

In upcoming months, there will be presentations and listening sessions to look at current plan options and to be able to receive parishioner feedback and desires. The first is meeting is **Dec. 15th at 3:00 p.m.** at All Saints-St. Mary's in the church basement.

*Please note the time change.

All Saints Building continued

In 2025, we will launch the Capital Campaign to build our new church. If you have experience and would like to assist or be the Director for this Campaign, please call the parish office or send us a resume. If you would like to give a gift toward the Building Fund for a tax benefit in 2024, we do have a separate fund specifically for the building of our new church already established. Just place your donation in the collection in an envelope marked "All Saints Building Fund." Please pray for the success of this project!

St. Columbkille

St Columbkille Christian Women Annual Christmas Gathering

We will be having our Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship and games. If your schedule allows bring an appetizer to share.

Poor Clares

We are collecting items for the Poor Clares. There will be a box in the back of the church. Here is a list of items they could use. postage stamps, white out tape, vitamin C drops, air fresheners, (cone type), liquid hand soap, individual and refills, number 10 envelopes, plain and security, preferably self sticking, calcium magnesium 600 mg and dry erase markers. Please have items in the box by December 20th. Blessings to all.

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Meeting

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on November 25th for our Christian Mother's meeting. As Christian Mothers, we strive to be models of faith and support our families, children, grandchildren, and spiritual children. Contact Bernie Larkey with any questions at 345-0755.

 <h1>Mass Schedule</h1>			  <p>ST. ANDREW FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 30</p>
Mon. Nov. 25	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i> 8:00 a.m. Mass & Adoration	† Jack Opatz	
Tues. Nov. 26	8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Hedwig's & Adoration	† Jerome Tschida	
Wed. Nov. 27	7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	† Donna Knapp	
Thur. Nov. 28	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 9:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	† Harlin & Rita Schiller	
Fri. Nov. 29	No Mass		
Sat. Nov. 30	<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People	
Sun. Dec. 1	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints - 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Andrew Solinger † Raymond Weitalla & Elisabeth Studer	

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

Faith Formation Directors

Religious Education:

Katrina Kolles 292-1575

allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com

Confirmation: Bob Vouk 249-3398 &
Jenny Revermann 249-9939

Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski
confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com



"For the LORD your God is a consuming fire..."

Steubenville 2025:

Join us!

In St. Paul, MN on July 25th-27th

Registration is now open!

Contact Shelley Vouk

Interested in attending?

call: (320) 248-2860.

December 4th

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

Have a blast with friends
and grow closer to God!

WE WANT YOU HERE!

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." Jn 18:36

