



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

*All Saints, Holdingford*  
*Immaculate Conception, St. Anna*  
*St. Columbkille, St. Wendel*  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 5, 2025*

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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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**Epiphany** means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6th. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6th. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

## **Epiphany Blessing**

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God’s blessing on all who enter one’s home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God’s blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.”

## New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

O, come let us adore Him - Christ the LORD



The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. (Catechism #528)

Maybe each year on the Epiphany some of us ask... "What were those three things again? Perhaps it is not as important to remember the official list as it to review how the Epiphany story "manifests" itself in our spiritual lives and obligations.

Ask yourself these questions: Am I, like the Wisemen, adoring Jesus, giving Jesus gifts of my time, talent, and treasure? The Wisemen had to take a different route home to avoid King Herod, am I taking a different route, as to avoid worldly living? Jesus was baptized, am I living out my baptismal call to evangelize, to make Him known so others can have the epiphany that this world is not the end? At the wedding feast, Jesus turned the water into wine, am I allowing Jesus to transform me? I hope and pray you enjoyed a blessed and peace filled 12 days of Christmas. (Deacon Dan)

### 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



Pray For...

Donald Doll, Carol Kuklok, Keith Woitalla, Fr. Gregory, Jayne Wruck, Amy Ostendorf, Dave Yurczyk, Katie Yurczyk, Gregory Binsfeld & Jim Binsfeld

### 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. We have refreshed our prayer list with Advent to begin our new year. Please call the office if you want to be on the Prayer line, receive a bulletin or Communion at home.

## Eucharistic Adoration

All Cluster Adoration  
is every Monday at  
All Saints—St. Mary's  
from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00  
p.m. Come encounter our  
Eucharistic Lord!



**A huge thank you!** We are so grateful to all those who made our Christmas Liturgies so beautiful! The choirs, music directors, decorators, and Mass ministers worked so hard to make our churches and celebrations radiate the joy of Christmas. A special thanks to those who set up the manger scenes outside of each of our churches-Gerry & Eric Heitzman (ASSM), Bob & Alice Kobylinski, Sam & Larry Scepianiak, Ernie Schmit & Paul Kobylinski (ASSH), Paul and Becky Dobis and family (IC), and Greg Solarz (SC). Merry Christmas!



## News & Events



### GUIDING STAR CYCLE SHOW

#### Guiding Star

Today it is more important than ever for young girls to have high self-esteem regarding the changes in their bodies.

Research shows it is better to prepare girls for these changes before the onset of puberty not just when they are in the middle of it. Participation in the Guiding Star Cycle Show Workshop helps girls value and respect their bodies in healthy ways as they move into their teenage years. Registration is now open for the Workshop on March 1st. Created for girls 9-12 years old. Cost: \$50, Place: St. Mary's, Upsala, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a Parent Presentation the night before, Feb. 28th at St. Mary's 7-8:30 p.m. To learn more and register visit: [GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show](http://GuidingStarProject.com/Cycle-Show).

Contact: Roseanne Throener 360-2196.

Merry  
Christmas  
and  
Happy  
New Year!



May God  
bless you!

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

### WATCH ON FORMED



#### Sign up for your free FORMED account

Visit: <https://tworiverscatholic.formed.org>. Enjoy this free gift of inspiring movies, audio talks & Bible Studies from your parish to help you grow in your faith.



### Weekly Offering

#### PARISH INCOME: December 22, 2024

AS \$ 7,146.00

IC \$ 1,456.00

SC \$ 2,429.25

#### PARISH INCOME: December 29, 2024

AS \$

IC \$ Unavailable due

SC \$ 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

### **Book Club: Jan. 9th**

Men and women from our area are invited to a group discussions. We will meet in the Fairview Community Room, Holdingford on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10-11:00 a.m. Please call or text Susan Heroux at (320) 224-6052 if you are interested or for questions.

### **Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Jan. 11th**

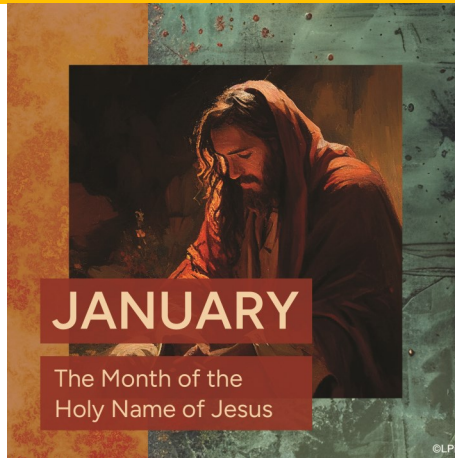
Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **second Saturday** of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at (320) 290-2877.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are accepting Mass Intentions for 2025. When making your request, please note that there is no guarantee that you will get your requested day/church. We will do our best when scheduling but there are a lot of requests and it is impossible to meet every request every time. Oftentimes, your Mass will be offered sooner if you aren't specific to a date or church. Thank you so much for understanding!

### **Mary and the Saints ACC**

Our current ACC members are finishing their first 3 year term. We are accepting nominations to fill one position from each parish. The ACC serves as an advisory committee to the priests of the parishes. As an ACC member, you meet with Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Gregory and all the other members quarterly to discuss and plan events involving all parishes. If you would like to nominate someone for this position, please contact Katie at the Parish Office. New members will be appointed in January to start their term in July.



### **The Holy Name of Jesus** **A Name Reverenced by All**

St Paul tells us in his Letter to the Philippians, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (2:10). The name of Jesus was first spoken by an angel and is the cause of adoration by the heavenly court. It is a name revered especially during the Mass, as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs the priest to bow his head at the mention of Jesus' name. It is a name that evil fears, and when invoked can cast out demons. We honor and celebrate the name of Jesus because the name of God deserves reverence.

### **It is the Name by Which We Are Saved**

The angel tells St. Joseph to name the child Jesus because he will save us from our sins (Mt 1:21). By His incarnation, God made man takes on a name indicating he comes to save us. Jesus becomes the source of our salvation. Since apostolic times. The name of Jesus has been preached and proclaimed. First, by the apostles as they sojourned on their missionary efforts, then by their successors who sought to evangelize...We celebrate a feast in honor of Jesus' holy name because it has been spoken throughout the world, and when proclaimed to those who have never heard His name, lives are changed. Fr. Edward Looney/  
<https://www.simplycatholic.com>

### **Fr. Gregory's Open House**

All are invited to come to the All Saints-St. Mary's Rectory following noon Mass on January 7th for Fr. Gregory's Open House. Come see the Christmas decorations and enjoy some time of fellowship!

### **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

### **St. Columbille**

### **St. Columbille Christian Women**

At the request of our own Sister Mary Rebecca (Norma) Majeski, we are planning a visit to the Poor Clare Monastery on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. The half-hour visit will take place in the parlor. If you'd like to carpool, please meet at the church at 1:45 p.m. or meet us directly at the monastery: 421 S. 4th Street, Sauk Rapids. We would be honored by your presence and participation. Call Sue at (320) 250-8810 if attending.

### **All Saints**

### **All Saints Building Committee**

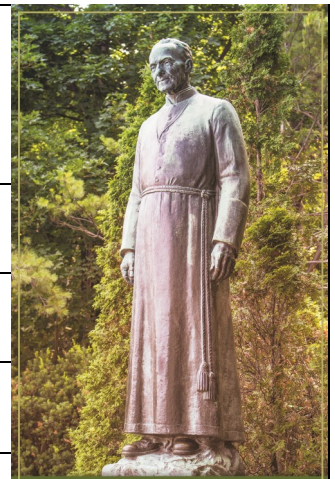
There was a meeting on December 15th to look at the current plans for our new church. These plans are not final drafts, but a step in the process. If you would like to see what the designs currently look like, visit the website at <https://tworiverscatholic.com/buildingproject/> We are looking for individuals who will be prayer warriors for this project. Please call the office and let Katie know if you are interested in supporting this project in this way!



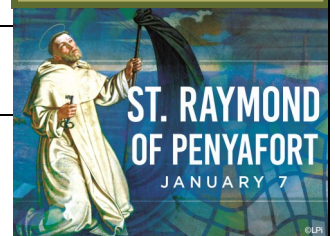


# Mass Schedule

<b>Mon.</b> <b>Jan. 6</b>	<i>St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i> <b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille &amp; Adoration</b>	† Antonia & Joseph Solinger
<b>Tues.</b> <b>Jan. 7</b>	<i>St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i> <b>Noon All Saints-St. Mary's</b>	† Andy Solinger
<b>Wed.</b> <b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Hedwig's &amp; Adoration</b>	† Gary Lange
<b>Thur.</b> <b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception &amp; Adoration</b>	† Eric White
<b>Fri.</b> <b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat.</b> <b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sun.</b> <b>Jan. 12</b>	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	† Dorothy Thell † Ed & Peggy Prososki



**ST. ANDRÉ  
BESSETTE**



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



### All Saints Christmas Pageant

Everyone is welcome to join us at All Saints-St. Hedwig's on January 8th at 7:15 p.m. for this year's pageant. Come support our Youth!

### Religious Education Director:

Katrina Kolles 292-1575  
[allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com)

### Confirmation Directors:

Bob Vouk 249-3398 &  
Jenny Revermann 249-9938

**Assistant:** Katie Urbanski

[confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com)

It's going to be **EPIC** **Jan. 15th**  
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!**

### WATCH ON FORMED



### The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the

importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness of someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



**Consumed**

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

### Steubenville Meeting

This summer join in with other youth in grades 8-12 to grow in your faith together on July 25th-27th in St. Paul. **We have a meeting on Jan. 5th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.** For more information contact: Shelley Vouk 248-2860 or Katelyn Urbanski 423-

*Jesus  
is here!*

