



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

*All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2024*

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Confession Times: Before daily Mass
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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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“On the 8th day of
Christmas my true love
gave to me...”
Everyone is familiar with
the carol “The Twelve Days
of Christmas.” And
although some people
have already thrown their
Christmas tree to the curb
and taken down their

Christmas decorations, there are the
reminders to “Remember, Christmas is
not just one day.”

True, Catholics recognize that Christmas
is not only on December 25th. The carol
reminds us there are twelve days of

Christmas to January

6th, the Epiphany. But

the Church’s liturgy actually emphasizes the eight
days or octave of Christmas. The Church recognizes
that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating
the solemnness of Christmas for eight days,
concluding on a high note with another solemnity

that echoes the solemnity of the of the Nativity of the Lord. From
Christmas Day until January 1st, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, the Mother of God, is the Octave Day of Christmas. The Liturgy
gives the clues that every day with in the octave is
treated the same as the original feast day of the Na-
tivity of our Lord. The Liturgy of the Hours repeats
Sunday Week I every day of the octave.

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Keep Jesus in your heart all year!



New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

Joy to the World!



Evangelization starts in the home! To help with that, I encourage you all to pick up a free Mary and the Saints Area Catholic Community Calendar. Why? This calendar, day by day, draws our attention to what the Church is celebrating that day; the liturgical flow of the Church year. This calendar shows each day's liturgical color for Mass, which Saint, Feast Day, Solemnity, and season we are celebrating. For those

who hunt and fish, it even shows the moon phases. Why is that a good thing? Parents are the primary educators of their children. Discussing what is on the calendar each day, sharing that with our children and grandchildren, is a very simple, quick, and effective way to engage, teach, and inspire your family in their Catholic Faith. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God richly bless you and your loved ones, may he grant you joy and peace the whole Christmas Season. Merry

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!



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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.

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
request that Father keeps in
his prayers. Night Prayer is
added to our webpage the
next day to watch anytime.
www.tworiverscatholic.com

Beloved, we are God's Children now; what we shall
be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)



News & Events

WATCH ON FORMED

Here are some programs from FORMED to make it easy to bring faith-filled moments into your home during this Christmas season:



Christmas Special/Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Watch as Margot, Lexi, Miguel, and Logan take your kids on a heartfelt journey through the Christmas story. This retelling will help your family see God's promise fulfilled in Jesus, filling your hearts with hope.



The Story of Christmas/Benjamin Cello

Experience the Christmas story in a way your family will never forget. From Creation to the Christ Child, this hour-long special combines shadow puppets, a fully orchestrated score, and stunning music to tell the greatest story every told.



Drawing Closer to God

Gather your family for creativity and Scripture with Ms. Kim. As your kids draw scenes like the Nativity and the Annunciation, they'll see God's big story come to life—and discover their special place within it.



Mary and the Saints ACC

Our current ACC members are finishing their first 3 year term. We are opening nominations during the month of December to fill 1 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. Members are also involved in discussing topics brought to the ACC by the diocese and any issues that are brought up by members or parishioners. If you have questions about the position, please feel free to contact any of the council members. If you would like to nominate someone for this position, please contact Katie at the parish office in Holdingford by the end of December. New members will be appointed in January to start their term in July.



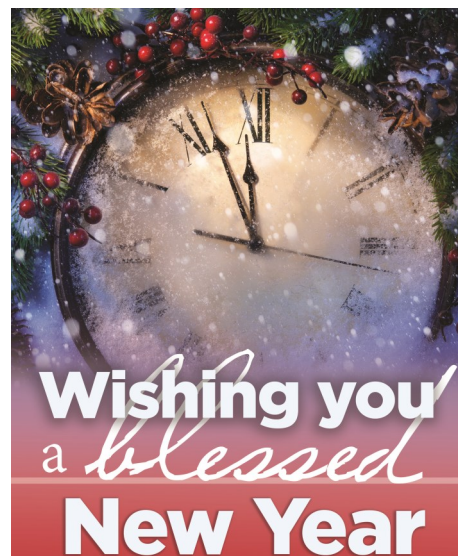
Opening Mass of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis has declared the new Jubilee year as the Year of Pilgrims of

Hope. This Jubilee Year will officially open at the diocesan level on Sunday, December 29th, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, with a solemn Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 6:00 p.m., beginning in the lower level. A candlelight pilgrimage procession will proceed to the front doors of the cathedral and veneration of the diocesan Jubilee Cross.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1/1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Contribution Tax Report

Reminder: Your 2024 Contributions will need to be in the office by December 31st to be included in this year's Tax form. Thank you!

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: December 15, 2024

AS \$ 5,445.00
 IC \$ 1,922.00
 SC \$ 1,540.25

PARISH INCOME: December 22, 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

The Twelve Days of Christmas

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "Catechism songs" during the 1550-1800's when it was illegal to be Catholic to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in *writing* indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged. The songs' gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. The other symbols mean the following:

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine (Apostle's Creed)



Thank you to Audrae & Peggy for helping decorate EPIC COOKIES, Emma & Isabel for leading as Confirmation students and Emma for baking all the cookies! See the Family Formation page to see all the decorated cookies!

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!



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!

Our Savior is Born!

New Year's Mass times

Dec. 31st

4:00 p.m. St. Columbkille
11:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's, Candlelight Mass

Jan. 1st

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception

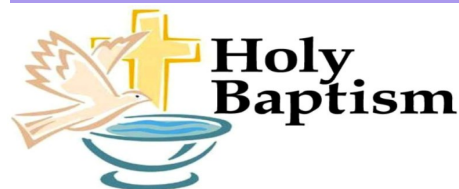
New Year's Eve Party!

Join us for potluck in the All Saints-St. Mary's basement along with cards and games on Dec. 31st at 8:00 p.m. There will be water, apple cider, and hot cocoa. Bring something to share. Mass begins at 11:30 p.m. to ring in the New Year with the Eucharist.

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Deacon Dan invites you to an informal 'check-in' and sharing session to talk about your journey towards Eucharistic Consecration. Join us on Dec. 30th from 10-11:00 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

Immaculate Conception



Callie Carol Villa

Daughter of Josh & Kaitlyn
December 15, 2024

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!

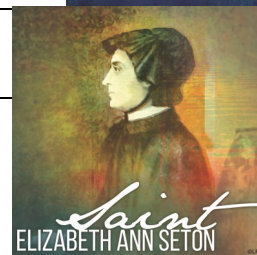
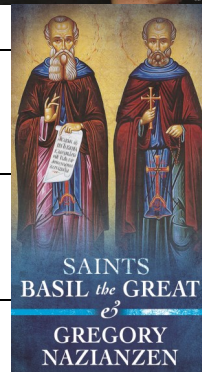


Mass Schedule

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.



Mon. Dec. 30	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Louise Winkler
Tues. Dec. 31	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil, New Year's Eve</i> 4:00 p.m. St. Columbkille 11:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	For the People † Emily Becker
Wed. Jan. 1	<i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of peace.</i> 9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	Living and Deceased members of the Larkey & Woitalla Families
Thur. Jan. 2	<i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> No Mass	
Fri. Jan. 3	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> No Mass	
Sat. Jan. 4	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Jack Opatz
Sun. Jan. 5	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For the People Living & Deceased members of the Al Zierden Family



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

EPIC
*Christmas
Cookie
Decorating*



*Jesus is
with us
now and
forever!*



Thank you to everyone who helped bake cookies and those who decorated! **Merry Christmas!**