



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

*All Saints, Holdingford*  
*Immaculate Conception, St. Anna*  
*St. Columbkille, St. Wendel*  
*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 26, 2025*

## 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**

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**Holdingford, MN 56340**



## How well has your New Year Started Out?

### Ideas For A Better Spiritual Life This Year

As Catholics, it's important to keep spiritual goals at the top of our list. How is  
God calling you to grow spiritually in 2025?

### **Pay attention to the saints**

"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will  
happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God.  
And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear  
Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life  
closer to You." — St. Gemma Galgani

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not  
lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about  
remedying them—every day begin the task anew." ~ St. Francis de Sales

### **Practice simple acts of charity**

1. Smile at others knowing Jesus walks with you.
2. Greet people with Joy especially those that assist you everyday.
3. Listen to the stories of others with love as Jesus never tires of ours.
4. Be attentive to who needs you and ask God how you should help.
5. Cheer someone up with an encouraging word or act of kindness.
6. Celebrate successes of others and give credit to those who helped yours.
7. Correct with love.
8. Give what you don't use to those who need it.
9. Clean up after yourself and a little more.
10. Call your parents and grandparents to thank them for their guidance.



*To live charitably  
means not looking out  
for our own interests,  
but carrying the burdens of the  
weakest and poorest among us."*  
~Pope Francis

# New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger



In this Gospel scene from today, Jesus, now Baptized and filled with Holy Spirit, starts His Public Ministry by reading the Law and the Prophets and giving a very short but powerful homily. Jesus in essence said, I am the one Isaiah spoke about, I have come to set you free.

## What do you need to be freed from?

Notice Jesus did not say, I have come to shame and blame, nor have I come to condemn you. Jesus came to set us free from something we can't, sin and all its effects; it is an affliction we all are born with. Perhaps we feel like those in Ezra and Nehemiah's time, as they heard the scriptures, realizing their failure. But they were told don't weep, rejoice, He is giving us another chance.

In their Jewish tradition, in a Jubilee year (every 50 years), people were relieved of all their debt, slaves were released, and land taken away was given back. So, it is significant that Jesus continued quoting Isaiah when he said he came to "*proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord*" Ah yes, Jesus was proclaiming a new Jubilee, a forever freedom in Him. In this He was offering those same three gifts: to forgive our debt of sin, free us from the slavery caused by sin, and give us our land back, the promised land (heaven). Only through Jesus Christ can we be set free.

Wouldn't it be nice to pick one hardship in our life and have Jesus free us of it?

What we need to be freed from, more than any worldly hardship, is sin. Why? Because the effects of it steal our inner peace, or if serious sin, cuts us off from God's saving grace.

## Jesus did His part, what can we do for our part?

Obedience is a powerful act of love that aligns our hearts with God's will, but it requires the grace to overcome sin, selfishness, and pride. When we fully surrender to God, like the servants at the wedding feast of Cana, blessings will flow; we will be set free from any oppression, spiritual blindness, or spiritual difficulties.

Jesus set us free, and He continues to do so through the Ministry of the Church, the Mass and Eucharist, and in the Sacraments of Healing, which are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Whatever is oppressing you, blinding you from seeing the truth, or keeping you from God, turn to Jesus, who has come to set you free.

## 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, Frances Breth, Claude Opatz, Jim Ruprecht, Jerome & Darlene Young, & Craig Knudtson

## 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.

## St. Thomas Aquinas—Feast day: January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, at age 21 he traveled to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great to become a Dominican priest.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the

whole of Catholic  
theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

**St. Thomas, pray for us!**





## News & Events

### **Adoration at the Minnesota State Capitol**

From January through May you can join the Minnesota Catholic Conference Staff for Adoration on First Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit: [www.MNCatholic.org/events](http://www.MNCatholic.org/events) to RSVP. Questions? Call (651)227-8777.



### All Saints 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Here is another photo from the Consecration to our Eucharistic Lord. Check out last week's bulletin for more...p.s. Stay tuned to future bulletins...there's still more photos to come!

### **Candlemass Christmas Concert: Feb. 2nd**

Seven Dolors Church in Albany will host this concert at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy hot cocoa, apple cider, coffee and cookies after! All are welcome!

## Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

### **Life Awareness Retreat**

On Feb. 8th, the religious communities in the St. Cloud Diocese are hosting a Life Awareness Retreat for people ages 18 through 30 to help them discern the next steps God is asking of them.

Benedictine Sister Laura Suhr, assistant vocations director for the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, said, "Discernment is a huge piece of what young people deal with — they face so many life choices and often don't know how to make those decisions. So our religious communities are collaborating to offer a one-day opportunity to see where God might be calling them."

The Life Awareness Retreat includes the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, the Crosier Fathers and Brothers, the Benedictine monks of St. John's Abbey and the Maryknoll Missioners, in addition to the Sisters of St. Benedict. This is their first collaborative discernment retreat.

**What:** Life Awareness Retreat

**Who:** Catholic singles between ages 18-30

**When:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 8

**Where:** St Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph

**Cost:** A donation of \$20 is appreciated but not required.

To register by Friday, Jan. 31, visit <https://bit.ly/40MLlhS> or for more information contact Benedictine Sister Laura Suhr at 320-363-7100 or [lsuhr001@csbsju.edu](mailto:lsuhr001@csbsju.edu)

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



### **Valentine Mass & Meal**

St. Mary's, Upsala on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 5:30 p.m. with social hour to follow. Candle light dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$70 per couple). Contact the Upsala Parish office to register: (320) 573-2132.

### **Valentine's Day Mass & Dinner**

St. Stanislaus in Bowlus is hosting their annual Valentine's Mass (5:00 p.m.) and Dinner (6:00 p.m.) on Friday, February 14. The meal will be BBQ Ribs, Salad, potato, and more. Tickets are available at Psyck's in Bowlus or by calling Tom Fussy at 320-232-5703. Tickets are \$20 a person and a limited number will be sold.



### Weekly Offering

**PARISH INCOME:** January 19, 2025

AS \$ 2,320.00

IC \$ 980.00

SC \$ 1,202.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

## Parish News & Events

### **Mass Intentions**

We are accepting Mass Intentions for 2025. We will do our best to schedule all the requests we receive. Thank you for understanding!

### **Checks:**

Please note: If you are writing a check to one of the parishes, you need to make it out to that parish – All Saints, Immaculate Conception, or St. Columbkille. The bank will not accept checks made out to Two Rivers Catholic Community, St. Mary's, or St. Hedwig's as those are not the names on the bank accounts. Please make out Mass Stipend checks to "All Saints Mass Stipend Fund" as there is one fund for Mass Stipends for all three parishes. Also, when mailing something to the parish office, please use: PO Box 308, Holdingford, MN 56340. We do not have a mail box at the physical address. Thank you!

### **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.

### **Women's Group: Feb. 3rd**

We will meet from 10 - 11 a.m. at All Saints- St. Mary's basement on first and third Mondays. All women are invited to join in our discussions!

### **Men's Group**

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



### **Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council # 9307**

On Thursday evening, February 6th, the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus council #9307 will be conducting an initiation ceremony (exemplification ceremony) at All Saints- St. Mary's Church basement. Ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. Monthly meeting to follow with a wild game feed reception immediately afterwards to get to know the newest members. If you're a Catholic male 18 years old or older with an interest to join the Knights of Columbus, please call Marvin Eynck @ 248-2080. We welcome you to join us as we're always looking for new members.

### **Couples/Family Gathering: Feb. 1st**

Please join us at All Saints-St. Hedwig's on February 1st for our next couples and family gathering! This is an opportunity to get to know some of the other couples and families that are worshiping with you at Mass. We will be there from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. but feel free to come and go as you are able. We hope to see you there!

### **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

### **Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

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 All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at (320) 290-2877.

### **Immaculate Conception**

### **Christian Mothers**

We will have our next meeting on Feb. 10th at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

### **St. Anna Bazaar**

We are looking for a couple or 1-2 individuals that would like to work together chairing the kids games for the Annual Bazaar. Mary Kay & Amy have said that they will train whoever takes over, so you won't be going in blind. If you are interested, please call/text Tina VanHeel: 320-217-4022. Thank you to Amy & Mary Kay for all the years you put in. We are always looking for new people to step up and help out with the stands. If you think you would be interested in chairing or co-chairing a stand, please reach out. Be watching the bulletin for our upcoming meeting.

### **All Saints**



### ***Marriage Banns II* *March 1, 2025***



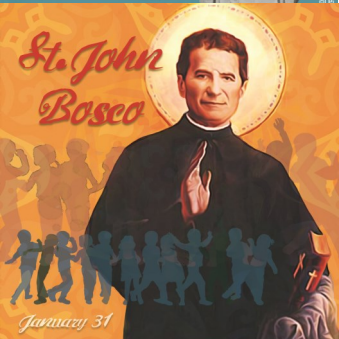
Samantha Young & Dylan Koehn

**Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality** Our next meeting is on Jan 27th at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's starting with the Rosary.

### **All Saints Building Committee**

Last week we presented to the Diocese the plans that the parish saw on December 15th. We were well prepared for the meeting and are now waiting to receive feedback from the Bishop. If you would like to see what the designs currently look like, please visit the website at <https://tworiverscatholic.com/buildingproject/>. We are also looking for people who want to serve on a committee for this project. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you! Keep praying for the success of our new church!



	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
<b>Mon. Jan. 27</b>	<i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i> <b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille &amp; Adoration</b>	† Jim Krych	
<b>Tues. Jan. 28</b>	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> <b>12 noon All Saints –St.Hedwig's</b>	† Evelyn Locnikar	
<b>Wed. Jan. 29</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Mary's &amp; Adoration</b>	† Jeanette Waletzko	
<b>Thur. Jan. 30</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception &amp; Adoration</b>	† Jerome & Elenor Mohs	
<b>Fri. Jan. 31</b>	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i> <b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Sat. Feb. 1</b>	<i>First Saturday</i> <b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	† Darwin Johnson	
<b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>	<i>The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	† Mary Heitzman & Russ Heitzman For the People	

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

### Religious Education Director:

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 Jenny Revermann 249-9938

**Assistant:** Katie Urbanski  
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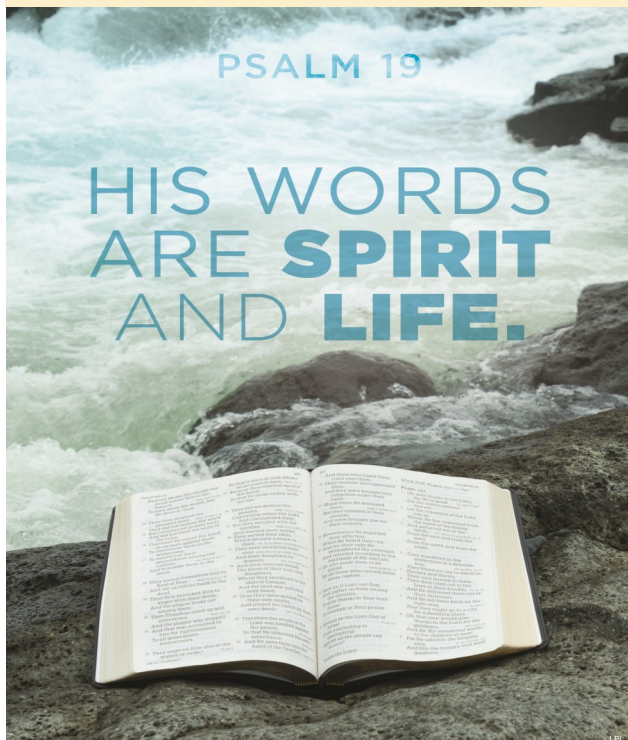
### Festival of Families: Feb. 2

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Francis Xavier, Sartell Cost per family: \$25 (no matter the size) **Breakout sessions for the whole family:**  
Parent/caregiver Sessions – Designed to address the needs of parents today, with multiple topics to choose from, pick two that meet your needs.

Teen Session – Intended to engage teens in a different way, this fast-paced session provides an opportunity to encounter Jesus anew and strengthens their connections with one another.

Children Session – Using the Vacation Bible School model, children will rotate through activities (bible story, snack, music, crafts, games, etc.) that bring to life their Catholic faith. Register at [stdio.org/2025-Festival-of-Families](http://stdio.org/2025-Festival-of-Families) by January 27th.

For more information call Christine Pinto (320) 258-7637.



**Jan. 29th**

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Mega-Fun Games! Faith-Filled Friendship!

Every Person In Christ

**What:** EPIC Youth Nights

**Who:** All Students Grades 6-12

**When:** Wed. after 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!**