

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

*All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 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!

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Living your Catholic Faith

Christian Fellowship is completely different from other relationships because first and foremost it is centered on Jesus Christ. Because of this, true fellowship is transformative. It helps us to grow in virtue, encourages us, strengthens our character, and forms us. If we do not have Christian friends to support and encourage us, it is going to be so much harder to be faithful to Jesus Christ and the Church. It will be so much easier to be lukewarm in our relationship with Jesus and to begin caring more about worldly pleasures than being faithful to the Lord and striving for Heaven.

Are you trying to live the Catholic faith by yourself? Are you surrounding yourself with people who lead to Jesus or people who lead you away from Jesus and toward sin? Who are some people that you could surround yourself with more intentionally in order to have that authentic fellowship we need in the Christian life?

Our faith community has many opportunities to grow in fellowship with people in a similar state of life as you:

The Rural Catholic Young Adult Group - everyone 18-30 years old is welcome to come regardless of if you are single, dating, or married. We typically will do something related to the faith (rosary, video and discussion, etc.) snacks, and games. This summer we are looking at going kayaking, hiking, and biking. Contact Katie Urbanski (320) 423-2203 or Marissa Throener (320) 630- 2433 for more information or join us on March 15th at 7pm in the ASSM basement.

Couple/Family Gatherings - Once a month, couples and family from our parishes gather on a Saturday morning at 8:30am at ASSH. It is a time of visiting, snacks, gaga-ball, games, and a craft for the kids. Our next gathering will be March 8th at 8:30 am. All couples and families are welcome!

Rural Catholic Singles - join us for prayer, topical information, discussions and social activities for those ages 30-59. If you are interested in joining us, come to All Saints-St. Mary's on March 8 at 8pm or contact Janel Heinen at 290-2877.

Men's groups, women's book studies, and bible studies are also available. Call the parish office and we can connect you!

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger



To be happy in the next life, we must accept the cross in this life.

This past week on Tuesday we celebrated the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. One of the better-known apparitions of Our Lady took place in Lourdes, France in 1858. The shrine there today continues to be one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world. Thousands of people visit this shrine every year, a special place of devotion to Our Lady. In this apparition, a miraculous spring of water welled up from the ground at the apparition site. Thousands of verified and recorded physical healings, not to mention countless unknown emotional and spiritual healings, have taken place and are attributed to this holy site and this spring of water.

Beginning with her first apparition of February 11, 1858, Mary appeared eighteen times to Bernadette Soubirous, now Saint Bernadette, a girl of only fourteen years of age. When Bernadette asked the Lady who she was, she received the reply, "I am the **Immaculate Conception**."

So, what does that mean, Immaculate Conception? (Pope Pius IX) *"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was from the first moment of her conception, by the singular, grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin"*. Mary received the saving grace of the Cross of Christ, before it happened in space and time.

This heavenly message of this apparition can be summed up in the following points: confirmation of the Church' teaching (dogma) on the Immaculate Conception, to live the virtues of Christian poverty [of heart] and humility, **to be happy in the next life, we must accept the cross in this life**, prayer and especially to pray the Rosary.

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



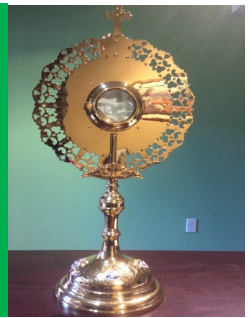
Pray For...

Donald Doll, Carol Kuklok,
Keith Woitalla, Fr. Gregory,
Jayne Wruck, Amy Ostendorf,

Dave Yurczyk, Katie Yurczyk, Jim Binsfeld, Frances Breth, Claude Opatz, Jim Ruprecht, Jerome & Darlene Young, Craig Knudtson, George Bieniek & Theresa Johannes

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!



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.

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.



2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Voices of Hope: This is Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift with your offering today in your parish collection or at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the
LORD, whose hope is the LORD.
(Jer 17:7)

Call the Parish Office if you would like to be added to the prayer list, are homebound 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.

MARDI GRAS POTLUCK & DANCE

Come to the Holdingford Legion on Sunday, **March 2nd** for our annual Catholic Mardi Gras Potluck and Dance. Chicken strips, French fries, Lemonade, water, and coffee will be provided; please bring a dish to share if you are able. A cash bar will be available. The Old Tyme Country Boys will be playing from 2-5:00p.m. Help needed to: Set up from 12-2:00 p.m., greet and help with the food tables from 2-5:00 p.m., Clean-up from 5-6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation Students to spend time volunteering. If you can help, call Virginia 651-214-9791.

St. Cloud DCCW Lenten Retreat: The Secret of the Holy Face: March 8th

All are welcome to attend this retreat in Buckman, MN from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 if you register before Feb. 28th. If you are a member of the All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/ Rosary Sodality contact Teresa 247-2990 to register. All others can register by mailing a check to St. Cloud DCCW to 14267 Fairway Lane, Becker MN 55308.

Knights of Columbus

Tom Heitzman is the 4th generation of the Heitzman family to be a member of the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus! Lenny's Dad, Ervin, transferred to the St. Isidore Council from Albany when the council here was formed. Pictured is Lenny Heitzman, Fr. Gregory, Tom Heitzman, and Louis Heitzman.



40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

This campaign begins March 5th and ends April 13th. The Opening Rally is set for Sat., March 8th from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the vigil site (451 E. St. Germain St.) then to St. Augustine Church. More details can be found at <https://stcdio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/>. Our parishes are covering Thursdays from 1-7:00 p.m. Contact Marilou Sommers at 247-9838 to sign up for an hour. Be a part of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion!

Bring the Light of Jesus into your heart and home!



Candlemas Christmas Concert

Thank you to Marie St. Marie, Lois Schmit, the All Saints Choir, soloist, readers and all who participated & attended the Candlemas Christmas Concert honoring Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The music and sing-a-long was enjoyed by all!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



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

JANUARY ONLINE GIVING

AS \$ 3,236.00

IC \$ 6,535.00

SC \$ 745.00

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: February 9, 2025

AS \$ 4,757.00

IC \$ 2,138.00

SC \$ 805.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

Soup for the Widows/Widowers Our family will be preparing turkey wild rice soup this year. All widows/widowers are invited to call Amy at (320) 248-3440 to reserve a quart of soup. You may order as a group or individually. Please call by February 16th. Soup will be ready to pick up on Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in St. Anna.

Women's Group: Feb. 20th

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!

Master Calendar Having a meeting, practice or Bible study that you are hoping to host in one of our parishes? Please call the Parish office to schedule to avoid double booking our spaces.



Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council # 9307

At our February 6th meeting, St. Isidore's council initiated four men who have become third degree members: Jeff Johnson, Will Johnson, Josh Revermann & Tom Heitzman. Two of our former first degree members joined them to receive their second and third degrees: Cody Winter & Nick Knettel. Congratulations to all!

Pro-Life Rosary

Join us outside and inside of All Saints-St. Mary's to pray for Life. We will meet at 4-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in March 11th, 18th & 25th and in April 1st & 8th.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

Feb. 15th Join us on for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on third Saturdays. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. Contact Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

Immaculate Conception

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Christine Maleska

Passed: February 8, 2025

Funeral: February 13, 2025

Bazaar Committee Meeting

On Sunday Feb 16th at 7:00pm we will meet in the church basement. All Bazaar chair people are asked to attend. We are looking for 1-2 people who would like to take over the Kids Games as well. If this is something that interests you, please call/text Tina VanHeel 320-217-4022. Or just join us at the meeting.

All Saints

All Saints Building Committee

We are still waiting on feedback from the Diocese following our meeting with them at the beginning of January. If you would like to see what the designs currently look like, please visit the website at <https://tworiverscatholic.com/building-project/>. 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!


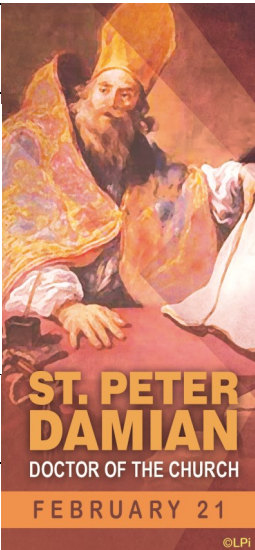
All Saints Fellowship: Feb. 16th



Come down with your sweetheart for a sweet treat of donuts, fruit, a treat, and refreshments. Sponsored by the All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality.



Marking the end of the Christmas season we celebrated Candlemas on Feb. 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord, to bring light and renewal to us and our homes!

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>	
Mon. Feb. 17	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> No Mass	<i>Presidents' Day</i>
Tues. Feb. 18	No Mass	 <p>Fr. Gregory will Be on retreat This week. Please keep him in your prayers!</p>
Wed. Feb. 19	No Mass	
Thur. Feb. 20	No Mass	
Fri. Feb. 21	<i>St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> No Mass	
Sat. Feb. 22	<i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Glenn Brix
Sun. Feb. 23	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For the People Deceased members of the Scegura Family

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

Mar. 12th

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 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!

Religious Education Director:

Katrina Kolles 292-1575

allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com

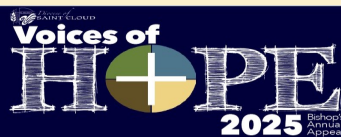
Confirmation Directors:

Bob Vouk 249-3398 &

Jenny Revermann 249-9938

Assistant: Katie Urbanski

confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com



Support our students: Give to the Appeal!

GIFFT Night

Night of Healing in the Eucharist

February 26th, 6:30 PM at All Saints Saint Hedwigs.

Many people, although they may appear to be just fine, are hurting inside. There is an epidemic of loneliness, anxiety, depression, we've been hurt by someone, or we are suffering from the consequences of our own actions and sins. Become unbound! Jesus came to set you free and he does this through His Church, through His True Presence in the Holy Eucharist. So please, join us! Come and experience a "Night of Healing in the Eucharist", which will be modeled after a healing session done at the Eucharistic Congress last summer. We will start with a talk, small group interaction, followed then by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament while praying through some interactive healing prayers in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Hope to see you there! All families in faith formation should plan to be attend together.

Upcoming Seminary Visit: March 15th-17th

This visit will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Men ages 16 and up are invited to join these impactful days with seminarians to engage in daily Mass, adoration, discernment talks, visits to a classroom, listening to seminarians, open gym and a night out with the seminarians of St. Cloud! When men meet real seminarians, all the stereotypes break down! It is a game-changer for their ongoing discernment. Contact Fr. Gregory or Father Doug: dougliebsch@gmail.com or (320) 533-0291.

2025 Vocations Camp-Called to Adventure: June 24th-26th 7th-12th

grade men are invited to attend a Vocations camp right here within our parishes! It will be hosted at the Kroll residence just outside of Avon. More information to come!