



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

*All Saints, Holdingford*  
*Immaculate Conception, St. Anna*  
*St. Columbkille, St. Wendel*  
*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 9, 2025*

## **Central Office in Holdingford**

**Hours:** Mon.-Wed. 10—3, Thurs. 1 - 5

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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**

**Holdingford, MN 56340**



## **Celebrate Marriage Week Feb. 7-14th**

The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament. CCC, 1601



## **NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK Launches 2025 theme of “Pursuing a Lasting Love”**

This annual celebration is dedicated to promoting the institution and value of marriage with this year’s mission aimed at speaking to everyone's core longing - to be loved - and to address how to help that love last. Be a part of this celebration! Visit [marriageweek.org](http://marriageweek.org) to learn more.

## **Resources for Marriages**

<https://smartloving.org/discern/>

It is always good to be reminded to invest in your marriage. A Strong marriage overflows with love and compassion to your family and beyond.

<https://cathfamily.org/category/articles/marriage/>

An online database dedicated to assisting families in making the home the living heart of the church. Resources include craft activities, games, drama, recipes, & prayer rituals celebrating the seasonal feasts and Catholic culture.

<https://www.marriageweek.org/free-resources>

Thrive in Marriage Video Series; Couple Connection Plan & Date Ideas for Couples. Free video: Rebuilding Trust Guide

## **Active Celebration and Discernment**

### **For Married Couples:**

Make a list of some of the strengths and weaknesses of your marriage.

Take time to discuss and pray about couples counseling. Could this help your marriage?

What is your favorite thing about being married?

What do you love most about your spouse?

### **For Those Who Are Single:**

How are you praying about your vocation? Make a commitment to spend a few minutes in prayer each day asking the Lord what He has in store for you.

What characteristics are important to you in your future spouse?

How can you best serve God today? ~[catholic-link.org/sacredheartcleveland.com](http://catholic-link.org/sacredheartcleveland.com)

Happy Valentine’s Day! Celebrate God’s Love for us!

# New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger

## Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass (excerpts from an OSV News article)

If you take Holy Communion to the homebound or have attended Adoration and Benediction here at our parishes, you may notice some changes taking place. Below are parts of an article from OSV News, and some information for our homebound ministers and Eucharistic Adorers.

[article] "Father David R. Price, associate director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Divine Worship, told OSV News that "the main thing to keep in mind" regarding the revisions is that **"this is a new translation of the ritual book that was given in Latin in the 1970s — so it's a new translation, it's not a new ritual book per se"**.

### What is the goal of these changes?

[article] "In its January newsletter, the USCCB's Committee on Divine Worship said **"the goal of the adaptations is to harmonize the book with existing customs for Eucharistic Adoration in this country."**

[article] "This new translation of the ritual should hopefully be a way for people to continue to grow and deepen in their faith and to have a **sense of unity** with the universal church, in that we are praying with words in English that are similar, that are the same in meaning, as words that people are praying these same prayers in other languages..." said Father Price. "And that shows the universality of the church."

### Homebound Ministers

The new ritual script to distribute Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, reflecting these changes, is available at the main office or in the sacristies at our parish locations. If you need assistance, please contact me, Deacon Dan.

### Eucharistic Adoration

You may notice the presider (Priest or Deacon) consistently wearing a cope during Benediction, a few new gestures, but the most noticeable changes are as follows. There is no more echo – response in the Benediction prayer said by the presider; he just says the prayer. Additionally, the Divine Praises are said in unison, both presider and adorers at the same time. The Divine Praises are in our hymnals #139.

## 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



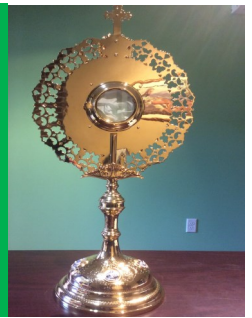
Pray For...

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 & Christine Maleska

## 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

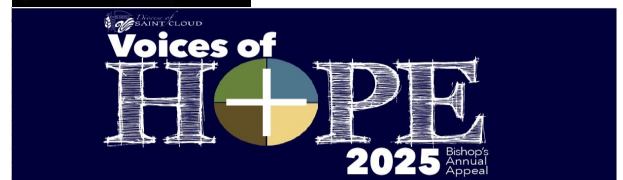
led by Fr. Gregory and  
Fr. Mark Stang on KASM  
1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.

### 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.

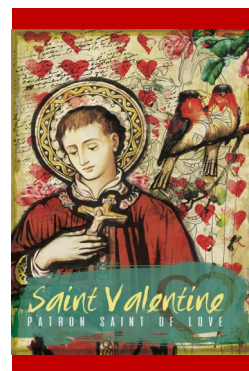
### Night Prayer

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.



### Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025:

The 2025 Appeal launches soon. Your offerings change lives in so many ways through ministries that reach out to the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.



Persecuted by the emperor  
Claudius II, St. Valentine was  
arrested for converting people  
to Christianity and marrying  
Christian couples. In prison, as  
a test he was presented with a  
judge's blind daughter and  
asked to restore her sight.  
When successful, St. Valentine  
converted many but was put  
to death on Feb. 14, 269.



# 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.

## Catholic Men's Conference

**Date:** Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Bishop Patrick Neary will celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. and attend the conference.

**Location:** St. John's University in Collegeville

**Keynote speaker:** Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation. Various Workshops will be available, including topics for young men ages 15 and up.

**Cost:** \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, includes morning refreshments & lunch. Men ages 15 – 22: \$10.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025

**Registration Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>

**Questions:** Contact Janet at 320-258-7616 or [janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org)

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10)



Scouts Pinewood Derby. Thank you to all those who participated and made this event possible The Scouts are sponsored by the All Saints Parish.

## Quilt Bingo

Please join us at St. Mary's, Upsala on Sun., February 9th at 1:00 p.m. for your chance to win a hand stitched quilt! \$10 a card. Free lunch provided.

## 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.

## Weekly Offering

**PARISH INCOME:** February 2, 2025

AS \$ 3,191.00

IC \$ 1,821.30

SC \$ 1,589.50

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Luke 12:34

## Parish News & Events

### **Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles**

**Group: Sat., 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.

**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.

### **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.

### **Called & Gifted Workshop**

What is Jesus' plan for your life? What are your gifts? Come find out at the Called and Gifted Workshop on March 8th from 9:00 - 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. It's a free program to help you discern your spiritual gifts and will give you guidance on how to use them. This is a very popular workshop that the Catherine of Siena Institute has put together for lay people to discover God's call through charisms. This workshop is for everyone! Please sign up by calling Tamara Lange at 320-250-4688.

### **Well-Read Mom: Tues., Feb. 11th**

We will be meeting at 7-9:00 p.m. at Neighbors in St. Joseph. This is open to any woman who desires to have deep conversations arising from our shared reading of classics. We meet on **second Tuesdays**. For more information please call or text Susan at (320) 224-6052 or visit [wellreadmom.com](http://wellreadmom.com)

### **Book Club: Feb. 13th**

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 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. For more info. contact Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

### **Stewardship as a Way of Life**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" – Isaiah 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, *"Whom shall I send?"* Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, *"Here I am, Lord."*

Here I am, Lord!

### **St. Columbkille**

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Carol Opatz

Passed: January 22, 2025

Funeral: February 15, 2025

### **Immaculate Conception**

#### **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.

#### **Christian Mothers**

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

### **All Saints**

#### **Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary**

**Sodality** The All Saints Christian Mothers will be having a Mass on February 16th at 8:00 a.m. at All Saints St Mary's! 50 year members will be honored and given their gold medal! All Members are invited to show support and share in the celebration of these women!


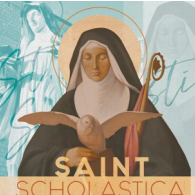
#### **All Saints Building Committee**

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.



	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
<b>Mon. Feb. 10</b>	<i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> <b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Ted Solarz</b>	<b>SAINT SCHOLASTICA</b>
<b>Tues. Feb. 11</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <b>10:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b>	<b>Joe and Andrea Larson Wedding Anniversary</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 12</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† For deceased relatives and friends of Ron and Joan Frie</b>	
<b>Thur. Feb. 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>	
<b>Fri. Feb. 14</b>	<i>Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day</i> <b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Sat. Feb. 15</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>For the People</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints - St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality 50 year members</b> <b>† Dorothy &amp; Alois Panek</b>	<b>SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS</b>

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

**Feb. 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!**

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**Confirmation Directors:**

Bob Vouk 249-3398 &

Jenny Revermann 249-9938

**Assistant:** Katie Urbanski

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

### GIFFT Night

#### Night of Healing in the Eucharist

February 26, 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.

#### Guiding Star Workshop

Today it is more important than ever for young girls to have high self-esteem 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.

#### Confirmation

Our students had their retreat on February 1st. Confirmation is on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's. Pray for our students!

**In the sight of the angels  
I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
(Ps 138)