

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

All Saints, Holdingford Immaculate Conception, St. Anna St. Columbkille, St. Wendel Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

Central Office in Holdingford

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<u>Confession Times:</u> 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.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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





All Saints First Communicants

Mckinley Breth daughter of Melvin & Jolene
Addelyn Czech daughter of Joseph & Jacqueline
Paige Fleck daughter of Jonah & April
Nolan Kierzek son of Lance & Christina
Alison Klein daughter of Adam & Kayla
Quinn Pohlmann daughter of Anthony & Ada
Baron Przybilla son of Matthew & Tera
Keaton Rooney daughter of Darron & Sara
Peyton Sand daughter of Steven & Kari
Thea Scegura daughter of Michael & Megan
Lucas Tschida son of Aaron & Kelly
Vaida Udermann daughter of Chad & Wendy
Addelyn Voss daughter of Adam & Cassandra

Immaculate Conception First Communicants

Johnathan Loso son of Jacob & Emily Isaac Ritter son of Cody & Amber

St. Columbkille First Communicants

Jonathan Rozek son of *Rodney & Tricia

Seven Dolors First Communicants

Kenadi Achman daughter of Zachary Achman & Saundra Weishalla

New Evangelization Corner

"... but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray" (Lk 5:16)



Our communal prayer in Holy Mass is vital to our Catholic faith, the Body of Christ, but there comes a time when we must go into the desert (so to speak) and pray alone. The weekdays following Easter I did not go into a desert, but I did go very far out into some fields near Dubuque Iowa as part of my retreat at New Melleray Abbey. There the Trappist Monks own more than a thousand acres, much of it is farmland, with beautiful long rolling hills and miles of short grass trails to walk on. I felt I was overdue for some time away to clear my head, unwind, and spend time with the Lord one on one.

My retreat started a bit rough, I had my agenda, lists of things to work on, books to read, how it would all go, and it wasn't working out; I almost left. I was agitated and was finding no peace. I clearly heard the Lord say interiorly..."I want you to find peace....HERE", (emphasis on "here"). At this point I surrendered my retreat to the Lord, to His agenda.

I thought I would spend more time in the chapel than outside, but the Lord drew me to a very secluded place to pray they called, "The Grove". The Grove was a wooded and grassy one-acre high point, with an amazing view, miles in some directions. There I was able to unwind, pray, and better hear the Lord; it was life changing. After spending many hours out in sun and warm breeze, I found my prayer time back in the Chapel began to bloom and was very fruitful compared to when I first came.

Hopefully you can find your "grove", even if only five minutes here and there in your daily life. Put your agenda aside and make time to spend with Jesus in the desert (or the fields).



Pray For... Carol Kuklok, Keith Woitalla, Amy
Ostendorf, Fr. Gregory, Jayne Wruck,
Katie Yurczyk, Jim Binsfeld, Claude

Opatz, Jim Ruprecht, Jerome Young, Darlene Young, Craig Knudtson, George Bieniek, Theresa Johannes, Darlene Salitros, Nancy Linz & Brenda Dobis

Eucharistic Adoration

All Cluster Adoration is every Monday at All Saints—St. Hedwig'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

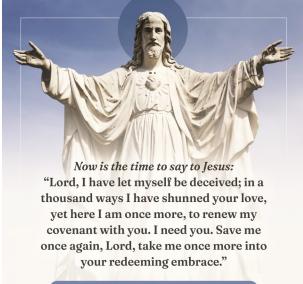
led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.

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



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Missionary Visit

We will have 2 Sisters of the Emmanuel visiting us the weekend of May 31st-June 1st who need a place to stay. If you have a spare room or 2 with beds, will you please consider hosting them? Please call the parish office if you are willing and able to host them.

News & Events

Women's Group: Mon., May 5th

We will meet from 10 - 11 a.m. at All Saints- St. Mary's basement. All women are invited to join in!

Deanery Meeting: May 6th

West Central Deanery Women and Spiritual Advisors are invited to the Spring general meeting Tuesday, May 6th at St. Mary Help of Christians Church (24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta). Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with Mass at 6:00 p.m. A light supper (\$6.00) will be served followed by a short meeting and speakers.

Central MN Koinonia: May 16-18

Journey to Eternity...Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program for adults sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 16-18, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Visit: www.centralmnkoinonia.org

Seven Sisters Apostolate

A gathering for those who pray one Holy Hour for one priest each week and those who are interested. Saturday, May 17th at Holy Spirit Church (2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. Send check to Carrie Ellis 6272 County Road 8 S.E., St. Cloud, MN 56304. (320) 253-1692.



Bishop's Charitable Golf Tournament

June 9th will be the annual Golf Tournament at Territory

Golf Club with proceeds going to support our seminarians. \$100 per individual golfer or \$400 for a team of four. Visit:

www.catholicfoundation.info



When: May 16-18 Where: Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

Contact: Brent &

Tracy Chessen, 612-234-7440 https://wwme.org/

A CARDINAL'S ATTIRE

Mainly red, specifically Scarlet, representing a willingness to die for Catholic Faith.



Readings Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24,

26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a,

4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9,

16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn

6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-

13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-

30



Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: April 27, 2025

AS \$3,855.00

IC \$3,042.00

SC \$2,140.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events



Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council # 9307

St. Isidore's council will be handing out baby bottles on Mother's Day weekend masses. We are seeking donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center and Elevate Resource Center (formerly Birthline). We wish to have the bottles returned by Father's Day weekend We really appreciate your participation in this event. These donations help lots of people, while promoting the choice for life. Thank you all!

The Thursday Morning Book Group

May 8th We are reading: "The Power of Silence-Against the Dictatorship of Noise" by Robert Cardinal Sarah. All men & women are welcome to meet in the community room at Fairview Apartments (111 -3rd St. Holdingford) from 9:45-11:00 a.m. contact Susan Heroux 320-224-6052.

Well-Read Mom: Tues., May 13th

We'll meet at Neighbors, St. Joseph from 7-9 p.m. This is open to women desiring to have deep conversations arising from our shared reading of classics. We meet on second Tuesdays. Contact Susan at (320) 224-6052 or visit wellreadmom.com for more information.

Family Gathering: May 17th

Weather permitting, we will meet at the Holdingford School Playground on May 17th at 8:30am for snacks and fellowship with other families in similar states of life who share values and the Catholic Faith. (If weather is bad, we will meet at ASSH church basement). Stop by if you are interested! If you have any questions, please call Katie at 320-228-0105. All are welcome!

God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:31)







Easter at St. Columbkille

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: May 10th

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 290-2877.

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

May 3rd Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions,, and social activities for people ages 18-30. This May we are planning to meet on the morning of May 3rd (instead of the 17th) to go kayaking. If interested in joining us please message Katie (423-2203) or Marissa (630-2433).

Immaculate Conception



Meeting

Our next meeting will be on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All ladies welcome to attend!

Church Cleaning-Thanks!

A sincere thank you to all who helped clean the church before Palm Sunday. The church looks so nice and your help was greatly appreciated!

Parish Bazaar News

Our parish bazaar on Sunday, June 29 is approaching fast! The raffle books, worker's list and important updated bazaar information are ready for parishioners to pick up in the entryway of the church. Please contact Brenda Dobis at 241-6962 for extra raffle tickets. All raffle tickets must be returned to the quilt and raffle stand by the 5:00 p.m. drawing.

Prize donations needed: Deadline – Sunday, June 15

<u>Country Store</u> - Canned goods, candles, jewelry, jellies, plants, gently used household items, no broken items accepted.

<u>Paddle Wheel</u> - Adult gifts such as as garden items, movie passes, gas or retail gift cards

<u>Kids Games</u> - Suitable for children – coloring books, crayons, markers, reading books, Summer items: bubbles, sunglasses, sand pail sets, beach and water toys.

<u>Silent Auction –</u> Gift certificates, Large hand crafted items: dish towels, wood items etc., Contact Pat Schmainda, 320-420-6774

**Please bring your donations for the Country Store, Kids Games and Silent Auction to the church basement before or after the 10:00 am Sunday morning Mass. Please label them: "Bazaar prizes". Contact Pat Schmainda with questions 420-6774.

	Mass Schedule			
Mon. May 5	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration			
Tues. May 6	11:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's		† Mark A. Larson	
Wed. May 7	6:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's Faith Formation Closing Mass		For a greater belief in the Real Presence	SAINT JOHN OF ÁVILA
Thur. May 8	8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration		In Thanksgiving - offered by Bernie Larkey	MAY 10
Fri. May 9	No Mass			
Sat. May 10	St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church: St. Daimien de Beuster, Priest			
	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	May	† Mavin Kremers	ST. DAMIEN
Sun. May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	May Crowning	For the People † Frank & Gladys Larkey	DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I

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

Youth Fundraiser

Youth will be selling meat sticks following Masses on May 17th and 18th. Please support our young people!

On the Road Mass

Join us this summer for On the Road Masses for prayer and fellowship. Our first one is at Trevor & Joy Swanson's house (42309 115th Ave., Holdingford) on May 13th. If anyone would like to sign-up to host an On the Road Mass please call the Parish office to schedule. This is an event for the whole family. It is not required that the hosts provide food.

Please pray for our students who will receive First Communion on May 4th.

Thank you to our teachers, parents and Fr. Gregory who prepared them.

Novemdailes

Following the death of a Pope, the Church goes through a mourning period of 9 days called Novemdailes that transitions into the conclave to set a new pontiff. You may notice some churches in the area with a black cloth draped over the entrance of their church. This will remain until a new pope is elected and then it will be changed to white.



Invocation of the Holy Spirit: Praying for Wisdom in the Upcoming Conclave

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Counselor, enter the hearts of the Cardinals gathered in sacred duty. Dispel all fear and division; kindle in them the fire of Your love. Grant wisdom beyond words, clarity beyond sight, that they may choose a shepherd after Your own heart. Guide them gently but surely, that through their discernment, Your Church may be renewed in faith and unity. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

