



Hope

The Catholic Communities of Holdingford, St. Anna and St. Wendel *All Saints, Holdingford* *Immaculate Conception, St. Anna* *St. Columbkille, St. Wendel* *Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe* November 23, 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!

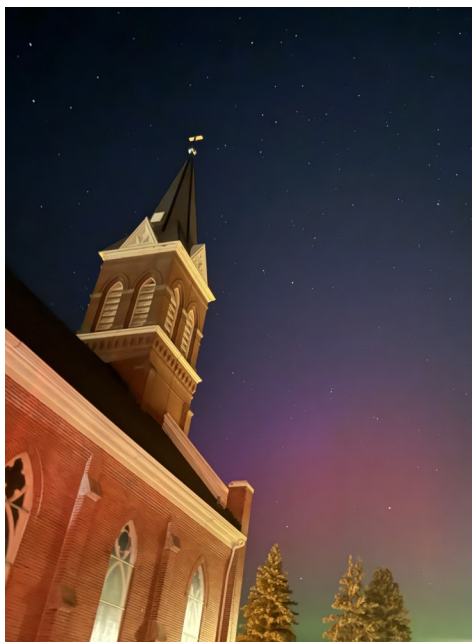
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*In Thanksgiving, remember to look up
and wonder what God is doing for us!*



New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek



Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his companions

Feast Day: November 24

Patron saint of: Vietnam

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc,
Pray for us!

Martyrdom means precisely witness. Every Christian without exception is called to this by living his daily life in holiness, ever ready 'to account for the hope' that is in him.

- Saint Pope John Paul II

1. This feast day is named for Andrew Dũng-Lạc, a priest, but celebrated together on this feast day are a total of 117 of the faithful. They were bishops, priests, and laypeople who gave their lives for Christ in the 1600s, 1700s, and 1800s. Ninety-six were native Vietnamese, and 21 were Spanish or French missionaries to Vietnam. This group of 117, canonized together by Pope John Paul II in 1988, in turn stands for a nameless multitude estimated at between 100,000 and 300,000 martyrs of Vietnam.
2. Around the year 1795, Andrew Dũng-Lạc was born as Dũng An-Tran in an impoverished family in northern Vietnam. When he was at least 12, he met a Christian catechist; subsequently he was baptized with the name Andrew.
3. In 1823, Andrew was ordained a priest. His preaching and simplicity led many to be baptized.
4. In 1832, the Emperor Minh-Mang banned foreign missionaries and commanded Vietnamese Christians to trample on crucifixes (dramatized in the film "Silence," an adaptation of the novel of the same name by Shūsaku Endō) to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ. Many would not. Some of these faithful were beheaded, suffocated, flayed alive, or hanged in cages in public squares.
5. Fr. Andrew was first arrested in 1835, but his parishioners ransomed him. He changed his last name to Lạc, but persecution followed him. He was arrested again, tortured, and finally beheaded in Hanoi on Dec. 21, 1839.

Sources: vaticannews.va, catholicnewsagency.com

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

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!



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

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.

"O Jesus, good King, I await the sword for Thy
sake; do Thou deign to receive my spirit, and to
show mercy to those who honor my memory."

St. Catherine of Alexandria



Carol Kuklok, Keith Weitalla,
Amy Ostendorf, Fr. Gregory,
Jayne Wruck, Katie Yurczyk,
Abby Doll, Claude Opatz,

Jim Ruprecht, Darlene Young, Theresa Johannes,
Darlene Salitros, Nancy Linz, Brenda Dobis,
Patricia Caspers, Linda Harren, Chris Breth,
Delrose Symanietz, Jackie Pempel, Don Elfering,
Donnie Wentland & Josh Wentland.



Our prayer list will be refreshed on
Dec. 1st, the start of our New Litur-
gical year. If you would like to stay
on the list, please call the office.
Thank you.

News & Events

Quotes perfect for Thanksgiving

1. "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."
William Arthur Ward
2. "Thank God ahead of Time."
Ven. Solanus Casey
3. "Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, look forward to the future with Confidence."
St. John Paul II
4. "The real gift of gratitude is that the more grateful you are, the more present you become."
Robert Holdon
5. "The struggle ends when gratitude begins."
Neale Donald Walsch
6. "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."
Robert Brault
7. "When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." GK Chesterton
8. "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."
St. Gianna Beretta Molla
9. "Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty." Doris Day
10. "You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink." GK Chesterton
Catholic-link.org

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



St. Catherine Labouré
Feast Day
November 28th
Pray for us

St. Catherine Labouré was a nineteenth-century mystic who is most known for her visions which led to the creation of the Miraculous Medal of Our Lady of Graces, a devotional object which remains popular today. She was a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in France. In the beginning of her time in the order, she had visions of Mary from which came the creation of the Miraculous Medal. Even after these mystical experiences, she remained obedient to her superiors and spent the next forty years of her life caring for those in hospice care. She is a patron saint of the elderly and the infirm as well as the patron of the Miraculous Medal.
@cathapostlectr

Buy Local: Is there any professional bakers, cookie decorators or crafters in our ACC? Would you like a small bulletin note added for the holiday season? Please call the office at (320) 228-0105 or email bulletin@tworiverscatholic.com

Jingle Mingle

A Christmas Mixer For Catholic Singles (Ages 19-39)

Friday
5
December
At 7PM

Tis the Season For Catholic Singles To Mix, Mingle, And Make Spirits Bright!

Bring A Friend, Bring A Snack, And
Reserve Your Spot:
TINYURL.COM/3HZHYNDZ

QUESTIONS?
TRICIA: (320) 248-7358
HANNAH: (320) 310-5252

The Gathering Barn of Avon

Readings Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: November 12, 2025

AS \$	Unavailable at this
IC \$	time due to early
SC \$	bulletin deadline.

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

Parish News & Events

Please pray for our ACC Committee members who are going on retreat for All Things New.



Please welcome Steve and Kathy Fiecke. They are new to our homebound ministry. They will be visiting, praying and giving the Eucharist to the homebound, picking up where Jessie and Jeff Johnson have left off. Thank you for taking on this role of being good stewards to those in our faith community.

Jessie and Jeff Johnson have stepped down from parish nurse duties and visiting the homebound. Thank you for your dedication over the past 10 years. Your time, talents and treasure have been appreciated by many in our parish community.

Please pray for Steve, Kathy, Jessie and Jeff on their new journeys.

Please call the parish office if there are any family members that you would like added to the homebound list for our parishes.



If you have some images of the Northern Lights, that you would like to share, please send them to ... bulletin@tworiverscatholic.com

Thank you to the following people for the courtesy of using their dazzling images of the Northern Lights as a breathtaking backdrop to some of our parishes.

Fr. Gregory J. Mastey- (ASSH)

Jean Huls -(SC)

Deb Peters-(ASSM)

Dawn Wenderski-(IC)

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Any items you would like in the Dec. 7th bulletin need to be in by Nov. 26th at noon.

Any items you would like in the Dec. 14th bulletin need to be in by Dec. 1st at noon. Thank you.

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Journeys of Hope

*Come be inspired with faith stories from
April Bechtold,
Julie Scegura and
Steve Fiecke*

*Sunday, November 23,
11:15-1:30*

*(following 10 am Mass)
Immaculate Conception
Church
St. Anna, MN*

*All are welcome for talks,
prayer and chili with
fixings.
Free with no registration
needed.
Come to prepare for your
best Advent ever!*

Men's Group

Join us, Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's basement. This is a great way to grow in your faith!

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers will have a meeting at 6:30 pm, Dec. 1st in the church basement. All women are welcome & invited to join.

Decorations are out of the cemetery and in the church basement in 3 boxes. Stakes are there too. They can be picked up before or after mass on the weekday or Sunday.

Church cleaning: Bring a bucket and rag on December 13th at 9:00 am. Many hands make light work.

St. Columbkille

Poor Clare's Monastery

St. Columbkille Christian Women are asking for help in collecting items for the sisters at Poor Clare's Monastery.

There will be a box in the back of church Nov. 29 until Dec. 21.

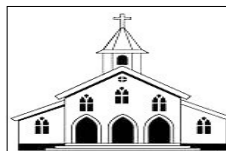
Items needed are nightlight bulbs, white out correction tape, AA batteries, 60 W LED lightbulbs, stamps, self-adhesive business envelopes, and black ink pens.

Thank you for your continued support.


St. Columbkille Christian Women

They will be having their annual Christmas gathering on December 2, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Please join us in an evening of fun. If time allows, please bring an appetizer to share. Thank you.

All Saints



Pray
for Our
New Church

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>	
Mon. Nov. 24	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Emily Rudnicki
Tues. Nov. 25	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria,</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's	† Bob Ehrlichmann Jr.
Wed. Nov. 26	7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	† Donna Knapp
Thur. Nov. 27	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 9:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	† Kelly Welle
Fri. Nov. 28	No Mass	
Sat. Nov. 29	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Joseph Pogatchnik
Sun. Nov. 30	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Hedwig's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Gene Breth For the People

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

EPIC Pumpkin Carving Contest 2025

Winner of Parish
Vote
Coming Soon!

To Be Announced in Future
Bulletin.

Congrats! Winner of the peers vote
Leeya Wenderski pictured with
Youth Director Doug Herbek



Thank you to all
who helped
make this event possible
for the youth in our parishes!

Thank you to all the youth
that participated in this
years pumpkin carving
contest. You are all blessed
with many talents.

