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

All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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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Journey of Hope



Thank you to the planning committee, the speakers April Bechtold,
Julie Scegura, Steve Fiecke and everyone that donated food and all involved
with putting on the Journey of Hope event.

Please consider one of the following Spiritual Bouquet gifts below for your
family & friends. Father Gregory prefers Spiritual Bouquet gifts & homemade
cookies during this holiday season.



Spiritual Bouquet

The following prayers will be offered up for you

--Rosary --Divine Mercy Chaplet --Holy Hour --Mass Intention

Novena_____

Litany_____

Acts of Penance: Fasting, Forgiving, Almsgiving, Service etc.

Merry Christmas! From_____



New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek

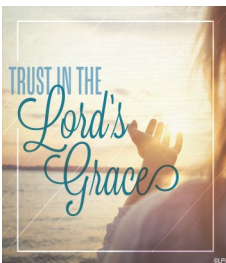


"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." ~ Pope Francis

1. During each of the four weeks of Advent, a new candle is lit near the Advent wreath to express the increasing anticipation and preparation for the arrival of Jesus. The candlelight reminds us of the light of Christ coming into the world.
2. The first Advent candle is purple and symbolizes hope conveyed in prophecies about the birth of Christ. The second Advent candle, also purple, stands for peace, pointing to the fulfillment of prophecies of a Messiah who would be the Prince of Peace. The third Advent candle is pink and represents joy, reminding us of the world's joy at the birth of Jesus, and calling us into a time of rejoicing and heightened anticipation as Christmas draws nearer. The fourth Advent candle is purple and signifies love, highlighting God's love for humanity and the call for believers to love one another. In some churches and homes, a fifth candle that is larger and white is lit, reflecting Jesus Christ, The Light of the World.
3. In the wreath, evergreen branches, which do not lose their leaves in winter, speak to the everlasting life found in Christ. They are a symbol of hope and renewal, pointing to the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

Sources: uscatholic.org, christianity.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



Claude Opatz, Jackie Temble, Bill Ertl, Brenda Dobis, Jayne Wruck, Donnie Wentland, Josh Wentland, Don Hurdt, Bridget Williams, Christopher Breth, George Platz Sr. & Pat Caspers.

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 before a surgery.

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!



Dec. 8th Adoration will close at 6:00 pm for Feast Day of Immaculate Conception Mass in St. Anna.



Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: December 12th

"Do not be afraid; am I not here,
I who am your mother?"



"I am your merciful Mother,
the Mother of all who love me,
of those who cry to me, of
those who have confidence in
me. Here I will hear their
weeping and their sorrows,
their necessities and
misfortunes. Listen and let it
penetrate your heart."

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
to Saint Juan Diego

News & Events

Ideas For Week 2 Of Advent

The second week of Advent we light the "Bethlehem Candle" on the Advent wreath representing Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Jesus is coming & so is His kingdom of peace.

Debts are forgiven is the second element of the Jubilee Year of Hope. This is the year where the Lord wants to forgive you radically! Make sure you are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation often. He is calling you to forgive radically.

Read about John the Baptist who speaks about both times Jesus comes. The First Coming is when Jesus is a humble baby. The Second Coming is of Jesus as judge, at our death and at the end of time.

Reflect and Pray. St. John the Baptist reminds us that Advent is a time to go back toward God. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Look up and wonder how much peace this could bring to you during Advent and throughout your life.

- Add the animals to your nativity.
- Pray for peace.
- Put up your Christmas tree .
According to custom, the tree can stay up until the Solemnity of Epiphany.
- Have tree blessed. After blessed, the lights can be turned on.
- As a family read about St. Boniface and the history of the Christmas Tree.

A Women's Advent Evening of Reflection

Join us for an evening of prayer, praise and reflection with National Catholic Speaker,
Kristin Molitor
December 12, 2025
6:30-8:30 pm

Light Refreshments to follow.
Located at a unique venue
The Gathering Barn of Avon
35204 Co Rd 155



St. Lucy

Saint Lucia was born in 283 to rich noble parents in Syracuse, Italy. Her father, a Roman, passed away when she

was a young girl leaving her mother to take care of St. Lucia on her own. St. Agatha came to St. Lucia in a dream & told her that due to her faith her mother would be cured & St. Lucia would become the glory of Syracuse. When her mother was cured St. Lucia convinced her mother to give her dowry away to the poor. The pagan family reported St. Lucia. St. Lucia was ordered to give an offering to an image of the emperor, but she refused. At her refusal the governor ordered that St. Lucia be tortured and gauged her eyes out, eventually she was killed by having a sword thrust into her throat. CatholicLink

What is Peace?

The Lord, creates a horizon of peace around the faithful, a horizon which protects them from evil. Communion with God is a source of serenity, joy, peace; it is like entering into an oasis of light and love." Pope John Paul II



"The peace that Jesus brings is the fruit of a constant struggle against evil." Pope Benedict XVI

"The path to peace involves respect of human life in all its many aspects." Pope Benedict XVI

"The world offers peace like it is something to possess within ourselves; instead, God's peace is a gift which opens us to others and points toward heaven. God—the peace the world cannot give." Pope Francis / Catholic News Agency

Prayer for Peace

"Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us ask from the Holy Spirit the gift of peace. First of all, peace in our hearts, for only a peaceful heart can spread peace in the family, society and international relations.

May the Spirit of the risen Christ open paths of reconciliation wherever there is war; may he enlighten those who govern and give them the courage to make gestures of de-escalation and dialogue."

Amen

Pope Leo XIV

Readings *Week*

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: November 23, 2025

AS \$ 3,131.00

IC \$ 1,214.00

SC \$ 1,968.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

A Gift For You: The new 2026 Catholic Community Calendar is a gift for you. Start each day with spiritual inspiration & reflection. Please pick up your copy at the back of church, while supplies last.

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!

Thursday Morning Book Group:

December 11th All men & women are welcome to meet in the community room at the Fairview Apartments from 9:45-11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

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

Rural Catholic Singles Group:

December 13th

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.

2025 Contributions

All Contributions for 2025 have to be received to the office by December 31, 2025.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Any items you would like in the Dec. 21st bulletin need to be in by Dec. 8th at noon.

The Dec. 28th bulletin notes need to be in by Dec. 16th at noon. Thank you.
bulletin@tworiverscatholic.com

How to Have a Fruitful Family

Advent: This Holy Heroes pamphlet has many great topics to help you prepare on your journey to Christmas. There are a few copies available at the back of church, while supplies last.

Sponsor Couple Ministry: Are there any married couples interested in becoming mentors to engaged couples to help prepare them for a Christian marriage? For more information please contact the office at (320)228-0105 or janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org.

All Saints



The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed immediately after mass on December 14th for the building of our new church.

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet will happen monthly. Please join us in prayer for a strong foundation for our Catholic community.



New Years Eve Party

Join us for a New Years Eve party. All Saints-St. Hedwig's Dec. 31, 8:00 p.m.

Come enjoy cards & games. We will have some games or you can bring your own.

Share potluck appetizers. Water, hot chocolate and popcorn provided.

Celebrate Mass at 11:30 pm to bring in the new year. Questions? Contact Shelley Vouk (320)248-2860

Build a Foundation for the Future

Please consider a donation to our new church before the end of this years tax season, consider our churches in your Will or as a beneficiary of a retirement account. Leave a lasting legacy for future generations while making a tax-deductible gift.

Immaculate Conception

Feast Day Ice Cream Social: December 8th after mass in celebration for our Feast Day.

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

St. Columbkille

Praying Rosary Anyone wanting to help lead rosary before Saturday masses please contact Linda Meyer at (320)363-4556.

Christmas Pageant

The annual St. Wendel Christmas pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:15 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm. There will be a social to follow. Please join us.

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



David J. Biniek
(non-parishioner)

Passed: November 14, 2025
Funeral: November 25, 2025


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.

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>	
Mon. Dec. 8	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Mary's 12:00 p.m. St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Holy Day of Obligation</div> † George Eiden For the people † Cyril Brenner
Tues. Dec. 9	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> 11:30 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	† Art Terwey
Wed. Dec. 10	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Hedwig's & Adoration	Living and deceased members of the Hadrich Family
Thur. Dec. 11	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration	† Adolph Wensmann
Fri. Dec. 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> No Mass	
Sat. Dec. 13	<i>St. Lucy</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People
Sun. Dec. 14	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† John H. Binsfeld † Lee Larkey

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

First Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, December 13th
8:00 am - 10:30 am

All Saints - St. Mary's



Please pray for our First Reconciliation class while they are preparing for The Sacraments.



Straw for Baby Jesus

- Set up an empty manger**
- Gather "straw":** real or shredded construction paper.
- Establish good deeds:**
- Add a straw each day:** Place one piece of straw in manger for every good deed done that day.
- Place Baby Jesus on Christmas:** On Christmas place baby Jesus into the manger with acts of love.

Penance Service

ACC Confessions
 4 or 5 Priests
 St. Mary's
 Upsala, MN
 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Sunday December, 14th

EPIC times!

Faith-Filled Friendship!
Every Person In Christ

Who: All Students Grades 6-12
When: Wed. December 10th after Class: 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Where: All Saints-St. Hedwig
 Have a blast with friends and grow closer to God!
WE WANT YOU HERE!