



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

All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2025

Central Office in Holdingford

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

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In case of emergency or a death, call
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Parish Pastoral Team

Father Gregory Mastey, Pastor

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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.

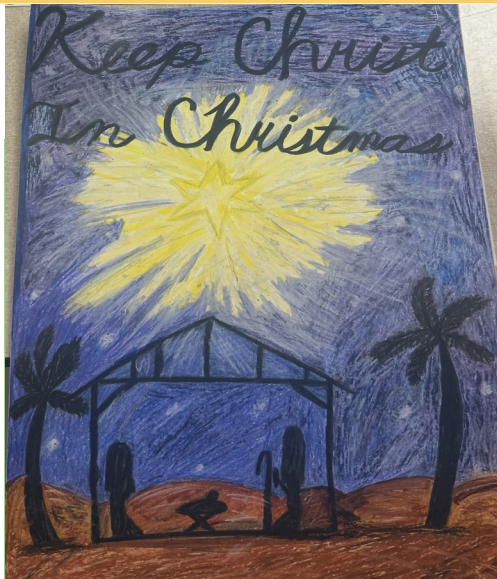
New Parishioners: Please introduce
yourself to Father after Mass and call
the Central Office. If you are leaving our
parishes please call the central office so
we can update our census. Thank you!

Address:

Central Office

P.O. Box 308

Holdingford, MN 56340



Keep Christ in Christmas
Knights of Columbus Drawing
Contest Winners
Week 3

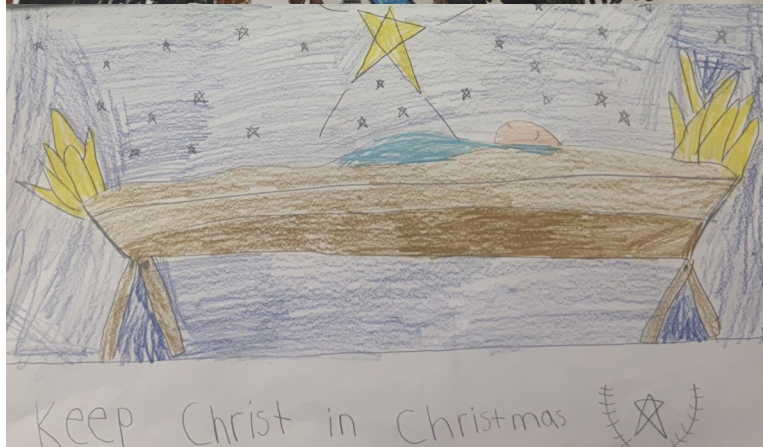
Second place winner for division
Age 11-14 (Grade 6-8)

Congrats
Sheyenne
Klemmer!



Second place
winner for
division
Age 8-10
(Grade 3-5)

Congrats
Clara
Harren!



Second place
winner for
division
Age 5-7
(Grade K-2)

Congrats
Levi
Schuler!

New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek

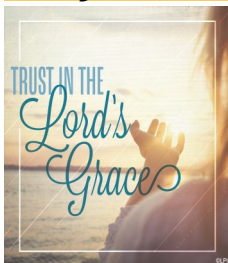


"Today the Magi gaze
in deep wonder at what
they see: heaven on
earth, earth in heaven,
man in God,
God in man..."
- Saint Peter Chrysologus

1. In the Catholic Church, on the Solemnity of Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God. In the liturgical feast of Epiphany, we focus mainly on the revelation to the Magi, who are the Wise Men, but in this feast, we also ponder the Baptism of Jesus, as well as the wedding feast at Cana.
2. The gifts brought by the Magi, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, represent various ways in which Jesus is significant for us. Gold denotes royalty, and thus that Jesus is Our King. Frankincense is symbolic of prayer. Myrrh was used as an ointment at death, foreshadowing Jesus' death.
3. As the Catechism notes, in the Magi coming to Jerusalem to pay homage to Jesus as the King of the Jews, they welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The Epiphany shows that the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs, and are made worthy of the heritage of Israel.

Sources: catholicnewsagency.com, usccb.org, vatican.va

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 Tempel, Bill Ertl, Brenda Dobis,
Jayne Wruck, Donnie Wentland, Josh Wentland,
Don Hurdt, Bridget Williams, Christopher Breth,
Carol Kuklok, Curt Johannes, George Platz Sr. & Pat Caspers.

Call the Parish Office if you would like to be added to the prayer list and are in need of a blessing before a surgery, due to illness, are homebound and would like to receive Communion, or if you need a bulletin mailed to you.

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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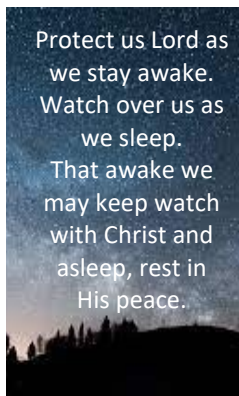
Listen to the Rosary

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.

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.



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

St. John Neumann

"Everyone who
breathes...has a
mission, has a
work."



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Feast Day: January 5th

Patron Saint of the sick and immigrants

Founded 1st diocesan Catholic school system in
the U.S.

Worked tirelessly for immigrants and the poor.

News & Events



Readings of the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/

Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/

Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/

Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/

Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/

Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-1

Thank You!: Thank you to everyone who helped during Advent & Christmas in any way. Your kindness is such a gift to all of us and makes the start of Christmas a little brighter. Thank you to Father Gregory, all the Eucharistic Ministers, decorators, servers, sacristans, choir, musicians, greeters, ushers, lectors, gift bearers, faith formation director, faith formation coordinators, faith formation instructors, maintenance help, event coordinators, those who helped with snow removal and salting, and those who helped clean. Your kindness and support are appreciated by all.

A Gift For You: Happy New Year. The new 2026 Catholic Community Calendar is a gift for you. At this time you are welcome to take more than one calendar.

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: DECEMBER 21, 2025

AS \$ 5,484.00

IC \$ 2,775.00

SC \$ 1,978.00

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

Parish News & Events

Youth Event!

Barn Dance & Games
Sunday January 4, 2026
5:30-8:30 pm

Hosted by the Kroll's in the
Gathering Barn of Avon

35204 County Road 155, Avon, MN
(320)229-9253



Rural Catholic Singles Group:

January 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.

Men's Group

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

Women's Group: Jan 5th

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

Save the date: January 28th

Bernice Eiden has been the house keeper for 20 years. Following the 11:30 mass at All Saints-St. Mary's there will be an Open House at the rectory. Stop by to thank Bernice. She will be retiring. Please come and see the decorations at the house.

Thursday Morning Book Group:

January 8th 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.



Poinsettias a Symbol of Christmas

Red-Passion, Sacrifice, Love

Green-Spiritual Renewal, Growth

Yellow-Gratitude

White-Purity, Innocence, Forgiveness, Angels & Churches Shared

Champagne-Hope, Promise, Balance Togetherness, Joy, New Beginnings, Cal

Blue-Uniqueness, Creativity, Intrigue, Tranquility

Pink-Feminine, Splendor of Christmas

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know. Do your own research before you give anyone an answer about personal info.
2. There's a PROBLEM, a PRIZE, or you won something but you need to pay a fee to get it. Investigate accuracy.
3. PRESSURE to act immediately. Their rush means you need to slow down and investigate before giving an answer or money.
4. PAY in a very specific way. They will ask you to pay by putting money on a gift card, using a payment app, using cryptocurrency, wiring money or . Investigate for yourself or consult a bank.

Never give personal info in response to a request that you didn't expect.

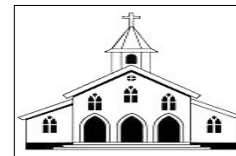
Block unwanted calls and numbers you are not familiar with.

Resist pressure to act immediately. Take control and investigate.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists that you can only pay with the options listed above. NEVER deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Stop and talk to someone you trust. Talking to a bank, friend, family or a trusted neighbor –what happened may help you realize it's a scam.

All Saints



Pray
for Our
New Church

Building Committee Notes:

We are interviewing final companies and will be choosing a contractor builder. Please pray for success.

Christmas Pageant

The Annual All Saints
Christmas Pageant

Will take place on Wednesday,
January 7th, 7:15 p.m. at
All Saints-St. Hedwig's.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m.
There will be a social to follow.
Please join us!

EPIPHANY BLESSING

20+C+M+B+26

The numbers represent the year (2026).
The letters represent both the names of the
Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar)
and the phrase
"Christus Mansionem Benedicat,"
Which is Latin for
"May Christ Bless the House."

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"For by gold the
power of a king
is signified, by
frankincense the
honor of God,
by myrrh the
burial of the
body; and
accordingly they
offer Him gold
as King,
frankincense as
God, myrrh as
Man."
St. John
Chrysostom



Mass Schedule

Mon. Jan. 5	<i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† John & Rose Dobos
Tues. Jan. 6	<i>St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration	Kim & Si Koning
Wed. Jan. 7	<i>St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's & Adoration	† Gene Breth
Thur. Jan. 8	No Mass	
Fri. Jan. 9	No Mass	
Sat. Jan. 10	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People
Sun. Jan. 11	<i>The Baptism Of The Lord</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Doris Radziej Bella, Trinity, Caiden, & Felicity LeBlanc

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

