



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

*All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026*

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



Lenten Retreat:

February 21, 2026

All Saints –St. Mary's
Basement

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Diane Hanson

This event is **FREE** and
open to everyone.
Sponsored by the CMWRS
OF ALL SAINTS.

WHY THE ASHES?

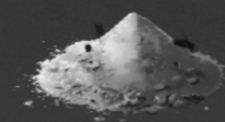
THE MEANING OF
ASH WEDNESDAY



ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE
GRIEF, IN THIS CASE,
GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.



ASHES WERE USED AS A
SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN
THE OLD TESTAMENT



ASHES ARE A PUBLIC
SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO
DIE TO OUR WORLDLY
DESIRES AND LIVE IN
CHRIST




AS OUR FOREHEADS
ARE BEING MARKED,
THE PRIEST SAYS:
"REMEMBER THAT YOU
ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST
YOU SHALL RETURN"

THE ASHES COME
FROM THE BLESSED
PALMS USED IN THE PALM
SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF
THE PREVIOUS YEAR



INFORMATION FROM ARCHTORONTO.ORG AND CATHOLIC.ORG

 **CatholicLink**

New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek



"If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire."

- Saint Vincent Ferrer

What should we do differently for Lent? We should make changes to be more loving. We should let go of what poisons us, and take in what cleanses us, so we grow closer to loving God, ourselves, and our neighbor as Jesus did.

During Lent, to help nurture our relationship with God, we pray more. When we pray, let's pray that we love more, including being more forgiving and understanding. Traditionally in Lent, we fast from food, controlling and cleansing ourselves. We can ask ourselves if we put too much importance on food. We can also examine if we're too attached to our own opinions. If so, we can set those aside and listen to others, who can nourish us with new insights. Also in Lent, we give alms; we are encouraged to be attentive to those around us who are hurting, and to give them the love they need.

As we enter Lent, we should decide what to shed, but also what to do in its place. Whatever we do or don't do, all of our spiritual practices should lead us to love.

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, Bridget Williams, Christopher Breth, Carol Kuklok, Curt Johannes, George Platz Sr., Pat Caspers, Mike Hennen, Jeff Symanietz, & Cheryl Barnes.

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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led by Fr. Gregory and
Fr. Mark Stang on KASM
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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

*"Do not let
your weakness make
you impatient...let
words of thanks break
from your lips."*

— St. Peter Damian

Feast Day : February 21st

Patron Saint of church reformers and of people
experiencing insomnia & sleep disorders.

Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Known for his fasting, penance, and long hours of
prayer.

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.

Cana90

A LENTEN PROGRAM FOR COUPLES

JOIN US AT CANA

For families, the Lenten journey begins in the home. We believe God wants you to grow in relationship to Him as well as your spouse and your children. If you join us, we will share ideas, inspiration, and encouragement, but you will be the ones who customize the program for your needs. Cana90 is insightful, inspirational, and above all practical. Begin again and see transformation through prayer, fasting, and mercy in our marriages and our families.

CANA90.ORG

Trivia: What are the three occasions where ashes are used liturgically?

1. Ash Wednesday
2. Dedication of church building
3. Consecration of an altar

Peaceful, Prayerful Vigil at Planned Parenthood February 18– March 28

Pray on sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood for an end to abortion. Volunteers needed. Please sign up for an hour time slot from 7am-7pm, Monday –Friday. Need at least 2 people per time slot. Signing a Peace Agreement is mandatory and can be completed online. Saturdays groups are invited to pray at site on their own. For more information 40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud or Judy4life@meltel.net

Matching Grant Fundraiser:

St. Francis Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fundraiser. Join us for sausage, scrambled eggs, sweet bread, hashbrowns, pancakes with toppings, & sweet bread on Sunday, Feb. 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Basement.
44055 State Hwy. 238 Freeport, MN
Free will offering to benefit Religious Education.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/

Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/

Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/

2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/

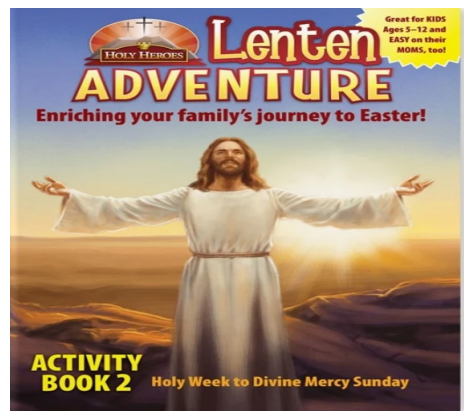
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/

Mt 4:1-11



Great Lent resources for Kids! This book can be found online at holymen.com.

Monthly Online Giving

PARISH INCOME: JANUARY, 2026

AS \$ 3,731.00

IC \$ 3,497.50

SC \$ 900.00

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: February 8, 2026

AS \$ 2,159.00

IC \$ 2,956.00

SC \$ 2,146.51

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

Hearts of Mercy Agents of Compassion Challenge

<u>Month</u>	<u>Works of Mercy</u>	<u>Mercy Challenge</u>
February	Counsel the Doubtful	Encouraging Letters: Write an anonymous letter of encouragement to be placed in a public space or shared online.
March	Give Drink to the Thirsty	Water Walk Challenge: Carry water for a set distance to understand the daily reality of those without access.
April	Bear Wrongs Patiently	Patience Journal: Keep a log for a week and note moments when you choose patience over reaction.
May	Shelter the Homeless	Advocate for the Affected: Write letters to local officials advocating for affordable housing initiatives.

Free downloadable Mercy Challenge bookmark with full details can be found at stdcio.org/2026-mercy-challenge/

Parish News & Events

Rosary Walk for Life:

Meet at 4:00 pm to walk for life outside at All Saints-St. Mary's or pray inside. If you are unable to attend, pray at home with us during that hour.

February 24th, March 3rd,
March 10th, March 17th,
& March 24th.

Stations of the Cross:

Opportunity to pray the Stations will be offered 3-4 times a week during lent. Some times and locations will change, however the two on Fridays will stay the same. Stations start Thursday February 19th after Mass at Immaculate Conception & Friday, February 20th, 6 am & 7pm at Immaculate Conception.

Fellowship February 15th, 2026

February: the shortest month but filled with the **greatest opportunities for love and fellowship.**

Happening on
February 15, 2026 at
All Saints-St. Mary's basement

Please join us for donuts, rolls, fruit, juice, coffee, and crafts for small children.

Lent Prayer Ideas:

For Kids:

- Pray on the way to school
- Play Guess the Saint each day
- Pick a person each day and pray for them.
- Go to confession
- Go to bed early and spend extra time talking to God.

For Adults:

- Attend daily Mass once a week
- Attend adoration of the Eucharist
- Go to Confession
- Invite a friend to Mass with you
- Scroll through contacts on phone.
- Random stop pray for that person.

Parish Family – **Family** Camping Trip

Moose Lake State Park
July 12-15, 2026

Bring the family all ages welcome!

Things To Do: Sunday Mass, daily prayers, hiking, fishing, boats, swimming, kayaks, canoes, bikes, group meals, rosary around the campfire, & much more!



Informational Meeting:

More information right after
Mardi Gras,
5:00 pm at the Holdingford Legion.
For Details Contact:
Shelley Vouk (320) 248-2860
rsvouk1@gmail.com

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

Feb. 21st Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 -30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We typically meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on third Saturdays. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. These meetings are subject to change so please contact Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433 if you would like to join us.

St. Columbkille

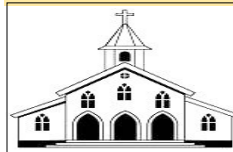
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Ingrid Rose Skroch
Daughter of
Brandon & Madison
February 7, 2026

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. Quoted from the Catholic Catechism paragraph 2223.

All Saints



Pray
for Our
New Church

Building Committee Notes:

We have been meeting every 2 weeks for 2 hour meetings. Continue to pray.

General Contractor is Langer Construction, West St. Paul.

Architect to finish the project is the Miller Dunwiddle -Minneapolis Architecture Firm.

Campaign Manager is Erika Rowland from the Wellspring Group, Minneapolis.

We are finishing designs of the building brochure and pledge card in the next couple of weeks.

Calling all Quilters: All those who quilt or would like to learn, All Saints Christian Mothers will begin quilting on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning February 17, 9:30 am –3:30 pm, at Kathleen & Jerome Ebnet's Home: 18827 County Road 17, Holdingford For information call (320)746-2227.

Immaculate Conception

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Juleen M. Scegura

Passed: February 6, 2026

Burial: February 11, 2026

Bazaar Committee Meeting-

Monday, February 23:


Our parish bazaar will be held on Sunday, June 28.

We are looking for new members to assist in our planning-new ideas are welcome.

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All committee members please plan to attend.

Help Needed: Assist with Linen washing of Church décor.

If Interested contact Julie in office at (320)228-0105 or secretary@tworiverscatholic.com

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>	
Mon. Feb. 16	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† John Panek
Tues. Feb. 17	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> *8:00 p.m. ASSM Knights of Columbus Mass for Vocations	Vocations by St. Isadore Council Of the Knights of Columbus
Wed. Feb. 18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 12:00 p.m. St. Columbkille 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #e6e6fa;">Ash Wednesday</div> † Philip & Tony Vossen † George Kierzek † Jerome & Eleanor Mohs
Thur. Feb. 19	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Stations	† Ed & Peggy Prososki
Fri. Feb. 20	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> No Mass	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Stations 6:00 am at IC Stations 7:00 pm at IC</div>
Sat. Feb. 21	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday, St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People
Sun. Feb. 22	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Jerome Young † Geraldine Kunstleben

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

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Summer Retreats & Come to our**

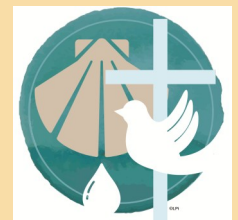
Fish Frys

**February 27
March 6**

5:00pm –8:00 pm
The Pelican Lake Ballroom



Congratulations on
the Baptism of
Ingrid Rose Skroch,
February 7th at
St. Columbkille in
St. Wendel.



May the Lord God Almighty, the giver of life both in heaven and on earth, bless the father of this child so that together with his wife, they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their child, In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.