



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

## All Saints, Holdingford Immaculate Conception, St. Anna St. Columbkille, St. Wendel

### First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026

#### Central Office in Holdingford

**Hours:** Mon.-Wed. 10-3, Thurs. 1-5  
**Website:** [tworiverscatholic.com](http://tworiverscatholic.com)  
**Office:** (320) 228-0105  
**Father:** (320) 228-0110  
In case of emergency or a death, call Father at the **Rector** 746-2231.

#### Parish Pastoral Team

**Father Gregory Mastey**, Pastor  
**Doug Herbek**, Youth Director & New Evangelist Coordinator  
[evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com)  
**Janice Wuebkers**, Business Manager  
Office hours: Wed. 10 to 3 p.m.  
[businessmanager@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:businessmanager@tworiverscatholic.com)  
**Julie Sorteberg**, Secretary & Bulletin  
[secretary@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:secretary@tworiverscatholic.com)  
[bulletin@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:bulletin@tworiverscatholic.com)

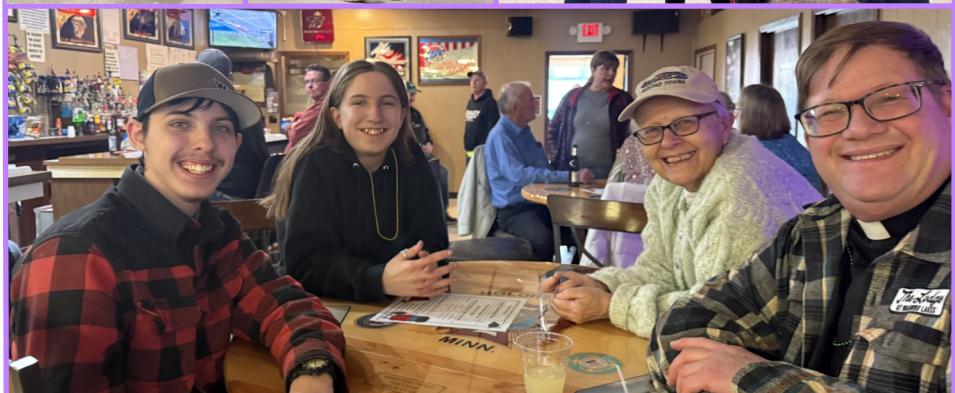
**Confession Times:** Before daily Mass and by appointment.

**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**



**Thank you** to all who helped set up, clean up, cook, brought treats, and participated in this year's Mardi Gras. A good time was had by all!  
~Virginia Tretter

## New Evangelization Corner

### Doug Herbek

#### First Sunday of Lent



"Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." ~ 1 John 4:20

"God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

When we forget this core truth, we tend to hurt each other with our words and sometimes choose not to speak up after hearing such words, leaving someone in a difficult situation or feeling belittled.

In contrast to saying nothing, Cardinal Cupich expressed shock and outrage over a recent social media posting. He called it viciously racist because it depicted them as less than human. He defended their dignity as made in God's image.

To heal, we must acknowledge that all of us are made in God's image. For us to heal, we need to step in and stop people from degrading others, and announce that they have no right to try to pull others down. Then we will have made it clear that such mistreatment should not occur. In doing so, we will have affirmed the dignity of our neighbor. Seeing the image of God in our neighbor, we will love our neighbor, and through the love of God in us, we will heal as individuals and as a nation.

Source: vaticannews.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:** Susan Opatz (320) 363-8160

 Claude Opatz, Jackie Tempel, Bill Ertl, Brenda Dobis, Jayn Wruck, Donnie Wentland, Josh Wentland, Bridget Williams, Christopher Breth, Carol Kuklok, Curt Johannes, George Platz Sr., Pat Caspers, Mike Hennen, Jeff Symanietz, & Cheryl Barnes.

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!



#### Listen to the Rosary

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

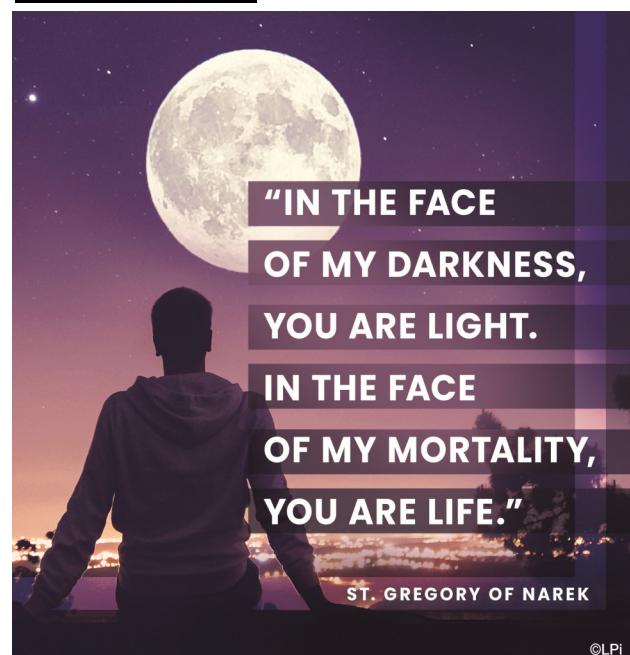


Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

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](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com)



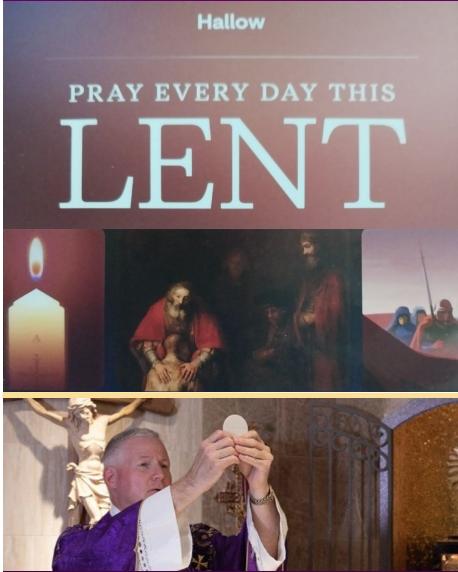
St. Gregory of Narek Feast Day: February 27

Theological Significance: Doctor of Mercy  
Doctor of Peace

Known as: monk, theologian, & lyrical poet

## News & Events

**Great Lenten resources:** Hallow has a 40 day prayer challenge. Find it at [try.hallow.com/lent](http://try.hallow.com/lent)



### Lenten Lessons on the Mass:

Fr. Rocky's Lenten Lessons on the Mass are sent to your inbox. Short videos deliver lessons on a different part of the Mass each day. Free sign up at [relevanradio.com](http://relevanradio.com) .

Plus, each daily email includes a bonus Lent with the Saints episode for kids 5-8, an invite to join Family Rosary Across America & access to Lenten Lessons on the Sacraments.

# 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](http://CANA90.ORG)

### 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](http://40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud) or [Judy4 life@meltel.net](mailto:Judy4 life@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.

### Congrats Huskers Dance Team!

The Holdingford dance team made history in Jazz at State with a third place win for the first time. They also took 3rd in the dance team high kick state high school league competition.

### 9 Patron Saints for Catholic Athletes

With the closing of the Winter Olympics happening on February 22nd, continue to pray for these athletes & our local athletes. They all need our prayers for their mental, physical, and spiritual health. The 9 Catholic Saints for athletes are as follows:

1. Saint Sebastian
2. Saint John Paul II
3. Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati
4. Blessed Chiara Badano
5. Blessed Michael McGivney
6. Saint Teresa of the Andes
7. Saint Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe
8. Saint Christopher
9. Saint Michael the Archangel

## Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/  
Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/  
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/  
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/  
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

### Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen

Enjoy the Annual



**HOLDINGFORD**

FIREFIGHTERS  
RELIEF ASSOCIATION  
BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY MARCH 8,  
2026**

**8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM**  
**Holdingford City Center**

**Free will Donation.  
Thank you!**



## Weekly Offering

**PARISH INCOME: February 15, 2026**

AS \$ 3,495.00  
IC \$ 806.00  
SC \$ 1,675.50

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

# 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 of the times and locations will change, however the two on Fridays will stay the same.

**Stations:** Monday, February 23, 8am at St. Columbkille;  
Tuesday, February 24th, 10:30 am at All Saints-St. Hedwig's &  
Friday February 27th, 6am & 7pm at Immaculate Conception.

## Thursday Morning Book Group:

**February 26th:** 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.



## 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!



For Details Contact:  
Shelley Vouk (320) 248-2860  
rsvouk1@gmail.com

## Blessing 50 year members

This past weekend there was a blessing for 50 year members of the All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality group. Congratulations to Judy Heitzman, Marlene Kroska, Bernice Ebnet, and Lenore Dawson.

## Immaculate Conception

**Help Needed:** Assist with Linen washing of Church décor. If Interested contact Julie in office at (320)228-0105 or [secretary@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:secretary@tworiverscatholic.com)

## 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.

## All Saints



## Extra Confessions Times for the First Week of Lent 2026

**Thursday, February 19th, 5:00pm-6:00pm**  
**All Saints-St. Mary's**

**Saturday, February 21st, 4:00pm-4:45pm**  
**St. Columbkille**

**Monday, February 23rd, 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**All Saints-St. Mary's**

**Wednesday, February 25th, 6:00pm-6:30pm**  
**All Saints-St. Hedwig's**

**Thursday, February 26th, 8:30am-9:15am**  
**Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, February 28th, 4:00pm-4:45pm**  
**St. Columbkille**



# Mass Schedule

<b>Mon. Feb. 23</b>	<i>St. Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	
	<b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille &amp; Stations</b>	<b>† Robert Gohl</b>
<b>Tues. Feb. 24</b>		
	<b>11:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's, Stations 10:30a.m.</b>	<b>† Donald &amp; Yvonne Pick</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 25</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Anthony Wickstrom</b>
<b>Thur. Feb. 26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Juleen Scegura</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 27</b>	<i>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> <b>No Mass</b>	<b>Stations 6:00 am at IC</b> <b>Stations 7:00 pm at IC</b>
<b>Sat. Feb. 28</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>† James Stang</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b> <b>2:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's (Confirmation)</b>	<b>† In Thanksgiving by Ron &amp; Joan Frie</b> <b>† Adolph Wensmann</b> <b>For the People</b>

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



**Confirmation Mass**

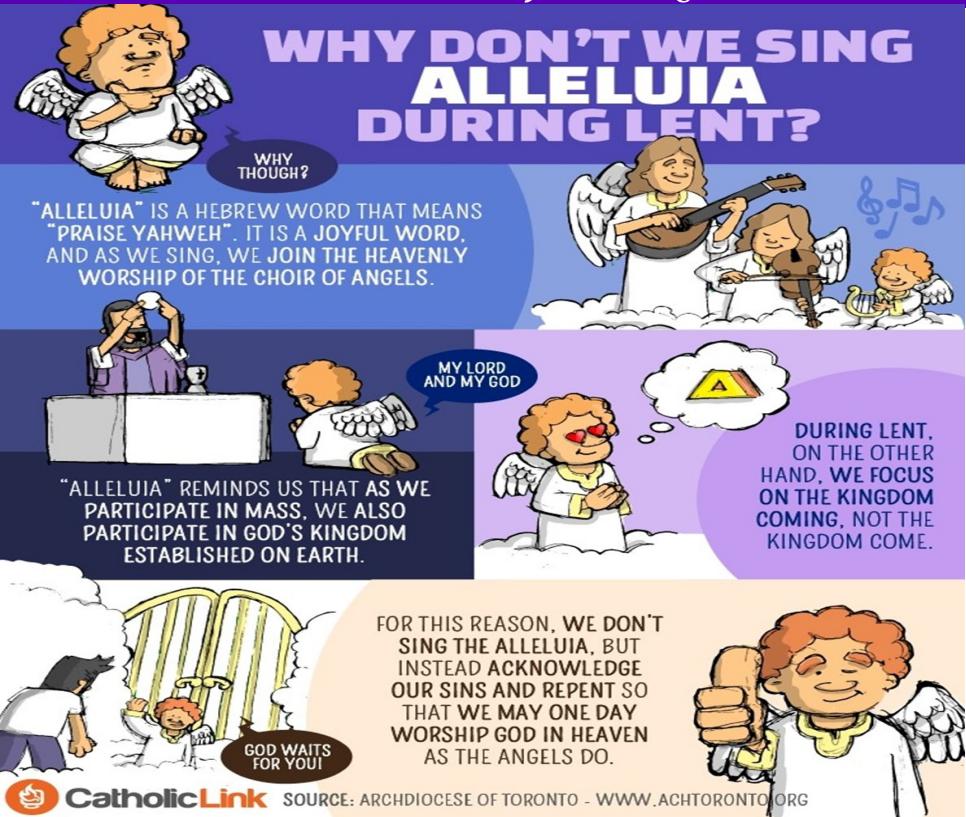
**March 1st**

**2:00 p.m.**

**All Saints –St. Hedwig's**

**All are welcome!**

**WHY DON'T WE SING ALLELUIA DURING LENT?**



**WHY THOUGH?**

"ALLELUIA" IS A HEBREW WORD THAT MEANS "PRAISE YAHWEH". IT IS A JOYFUL WORD, AND AS WE SING, WE JOIN THE HEAVENLY WORSHIP OF THE CHOIR OF ANGELS.

**MY LORD AND MY GOD**

"ALLELUIA" REMINDS US THAT AS WE PARTICIPATE IN MASS, WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM ESTABLISHED ON EARTH.

DURING LENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE FOCUS ON THE KINGDOM COMING, NOT THE KINGDOM COME.

FOR THIS REASON, WE DON'T SING THE ALLELUIA, BUT INSTEAD ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SINS AND REPENT SO THAT WE MAY ONE DAY WORSHIP GOD IN HEAVEN AS THE ANGELS DO.

**CatholicLink** SOURCE: ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO - WWW.ACHTORONTO.ORG

**Support Holdingford, St. Anna & St. Wendel Youth Going On Summer Retreats & Come to our**

## Fish Frys

**February 27  
March 6**

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