



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

All Saints, Holdingford Immaculate Conception, St. Anna St. Columbkille, St. Wendel Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2026

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
P.O. Box 308
Holdingford, MN 56340



Mardi Gras

Potluck & Dance
February 15, 2026
2 pm-5 pm

Holdingford Legion
560 Main Street

Music by
The Old Tyme Country Boys

Band and food paid for by the parishes of All Saints, Immaculate Conception & St. Columbkille.
A box will be out if anyone would like to help support the event.

Join us for Mardi Gras!
Come to the Holdingford Legion on Sunday February 15th for our annual Catholic Mardi Gras Potluck & Dance. Chicken strips, fries, water, coffee, & lemonade, will be provided, please bring a dish to share if you are able. A cash bar will be available.

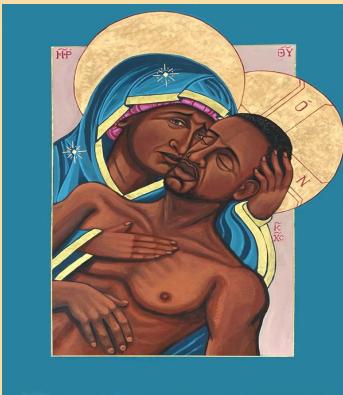
The Old Tyme Country Boys will be playing from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm.

Help is needed:
Set up from 12:00 pm—2:00 pm,
greet and help with the food tables
from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm,
clean up from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm.

This is a great opportunity for confirmation students to spend time volunteering. If you can help, call Virginia at (651)214-9791.

New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek



Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

"If you cannot listen to your brother, you cannot listen to the Holy Spirit."

Virgil Vogt, quoted in the book *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster
"Mama" by Kelly Latimore
kellylatimoreicons.com image

Recently someone told me that he had not watched the video footage of the shootings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis last month. However, if we see for ourselves, we can decide for ourselves. As Jesus said, "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"¹

We should decide for ourselves, because as Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."² Similarly, whoever has eyes to see ought to see. If we fail to look, we will never see, and we will never decide for ourselves. If we look, we must look with open hearts and minds. Otherwise, we will be as Jesus described, "They hardly hear, they have closed their eyes, lest they see and hear and understand with their heart and I heal them."³ We can ask Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for us that we be healed from the violence afflicting us, but to be healed, all of us must open our hearts.

We all need to open our hearts so we can perceive and understand, to be able to speak in favor of what is right. The Good Samaritan stopped to help the beaten man on the ground,⁴ instead of averting his eyes from the beaten man. We too must look to see what has happened and what we are to do. Once we have looked, we can decide if it was wrong, and if we think so, we can speak in favor of justice as we are all called to do as Christians. Often I have heard non-Christians wonder how people can be Christian but not speak up and act in favor of justice, given the Bible's teachings. Instead, let's get them to say about us, "I don't understand how they have such different views among themselves, yet they respect, listen to and learn from each other so well." Then they will say, "Look how they love one another!"⁵

¹ Luke 12:57; ² Mark 4:9; ³ Matthew 13:15; ⁴ Luke 10:30-35; ⁵ *Apology by Tertullian*

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. Mary's from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come encounter our Eucharistic Lord!



Listen to the Rosary

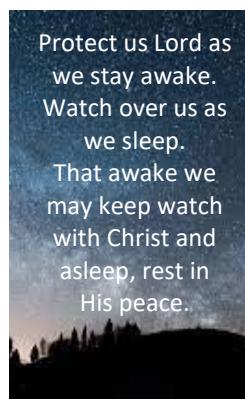
led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.



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

The Bread of heaven came down to earth
to feed the hungry.



-ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM



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.

News & Events

Catholic Men's Conference
February 28 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saint John's University, Collegeville

WALKING TOGETHER AS BROTHERS:
A call to authentic accompaniment



Craig Gould
Cost: \$40-or
\$35 each for Group of 5
\$10 each ages 15-22
Deadline: Wed., Feb. 12

For more information contact
Jan (320)258-7615 or
janzylla@gw.stcdio.org

Holy Family School
Preschool & Kindergarten
Open House
February 22, 2026
11 AM– 12:30 PM
Holy Family School
160 Second Street S., Albany

More information call 320-845-2011
holyfamilyalbany.org
msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com

Seminary Visits: for young men in 10th grade through college: In February, Fr. Doug, the vocations director for the Diocese of St. Cloud, will be making seminary visits. This is a unique opportunity to be immersed in an environment where everyone around you seeks to give their life to Jesus & follow him wherever he leads. On these weekends we pray hard & play hard. It is a good combo! Weekend visits are Feb. 12-14, 21-23. Questions & registrations is on bottom of vocations page: stcdio.org/vocations

News from our Neighbors

This is an excerpt of a longer note from Fr. Edward Vebelun to the Harvest of Hope community.

Seven Dolors in Albany will serve as the primary church, where offices are located, daily mass is held, and ministries are centralized. St. Benedict and St. Martin will serve as partner churches with Sunday Eucharist. St. Anthony and St. Catherine will remain open for occasional use.

There will be changes in priest assignments as well.

Fr. Edward Vebelun will move back to Saint John's Abbey to begin a term of service as prior on July 1. Fr. Julius will transition to Benedictine Living Communities: Mother of Mercy in Albany and Assumption campus in Cold Spring after Easter. Fr. Greg Miller will accept an assignment with Spanish ministry July 1.

Fr. Nick Kleespie, OSB will be assigned as pastor of the newly formed parish, beginning July 1, 2026. Fr. Michael Peterson, OSB will be assisting on weekends as Sacramental Minister.

Holy Hour for Peace

Bishop Neary has asked each parish to offer a Holy Hour of peace. He is hosting a Holy Hour on Thursday, February 5th, 6:30pm at the St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.

Please join us for a Holy Hour Monday February 9th in Holdingford, at All Saints-St. Mary's, each hour between 9am to 8pm. Spend time in prayer before the Lord, trusting that Christ hears his people and draws near to those who seek him.

The intention is peace: peace on our world, peace in our communities & peace in the hearts of all who are burdened by violence or division.

Readings of the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/
Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/
Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/
Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/
Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Andrew Dinner: Young men in grades 9-12 are invited to join the bishop and area priests in learning more about what the life of a priest is like. There will be time for prayer, games, and tons of food! Invite your own priest to join you and please consider attending. You can sign up at the bottom of our vocations page: stcdio.org/vocations/

My Catholic Will: My Catholic Will is a free resource designed to help Catholics ensure that families are protected and that their wishes regarding estates & charitable Intentions are respected. My Catholic Will can be found at: Mycatholicwill.com/stcdio.

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: February 1, 2026

AS	\$ 8,221.00
IC	\$ 1,311.00
SC	\$ 2,948.00

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

Parish News & Events



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.

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. Donated by the All Saints Christian Mothers/Women and Rosary Sodality.



Thank you: Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Parish Open House and Bernice Eiden's retirement party. Thank you to everyone who made it happen. Bernice thank you for 20 years of house keeping. Prayers for a wonderful retirement.

Fr. Gregory Mastey

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

St. Columbkille

Money Counter Needed: Anyone interested in being a money counter for St. Columbkille contact Julie at secretary@tworiverscatholic.com, or (320)228-0105.



Congratulations!

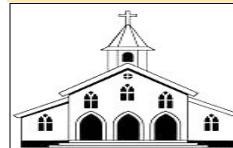
Congratulations to Carol & Jim Stodolka On their 55th Wedding Anniversary!



A Note of Gratitude

Special thank you to Fr. Gregory for photographing my special day, Jan Krych, Mary Sowada, Betty Mastey & Diane Gapinski. Good Memories! Bernice Eiden

All Saints



Pray
for Our
New Church

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

Christian Mothers Meeting:

There will be a Christian Mothers Meeting on Monday February 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in the basement. Be dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Enrollment planned for May.

New members are welcome.

Please contact Bernie Larkey at (320)345-0755, with questions.

Help Needed: Assist with Linen washing of Church décor.

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

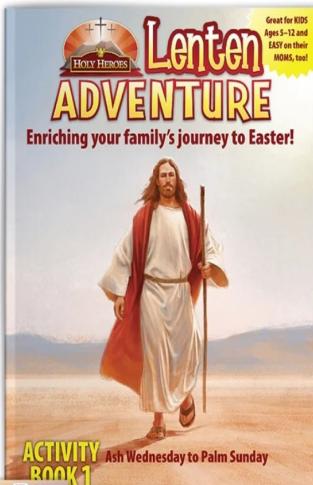


Mass Schedule

Mon. Feb. 9	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Mary Louise Huls
Tues. Feb. 10	<i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Mary's	† Debra Knapp
Wed. Feb. 11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's & Adoration	Joseph & Andrea Larson 4th Wedding Anniversary
Thur. Feb. 12	<i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration	St. Anna Christian Mothers
Fri. Feb. 13	No Mass	
Sat. Feb. 14	<i>St. Cyril, Monk; St. Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Ted Solarz
Sun. Feb. 15	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Judy & Jim (living) Vos For the People

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

Great Lent resources for Kids! This book can be found online at holyheroes.com.
Activity book 1 includes a pull-out Lenten roadmap activity.



ALSO INCLUDES PULL-OUT LENTEN ROADMAP ACTIVITY

GIFFT Night

Mark your calendar
All Saints-St. Hedwig's
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
February 11th

Topic: About Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick, Healing & Anointing of the Sick

For all Faith Formation Students, Parents and Confirmation Students. Everyone welcome to attend.

Special invitation to elderly and anyone needing healing who would like to be anointed. Please sit towards the front.

It's going to be

EPIC

**Mega-Fun Games!
Faith-Filled Friendship!
Every Person In Christ**

What: EPIC Youth Nights
Who: All Students Grades 6-12

When: Wed. after Class:
7:45-8:30 p.m.

Where: All Saints-St. Hedwig Church

Have a blast with friends and grow closer to God!
WE WANT YOU HERE!