



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

*All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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

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History of the Stations of the Cross

The Catholic Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) originated from medieval, Franciscan-led efforts to replicate the pilgrimage experience of walking the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem for those unable to travel there. Developed between the 14th & 16th centuries, this devotional practice was formalized into 14 stations by the 18th century, focusing on meditating on the Passion & death of Jesus, particularly during Lent.

Origins

- ◆ **Early Roots (4th-12th Century):** While early Christians visited the holy sites in Jerusalem, the specific devotional walk grew out of a desire to emulate Christ's final journey.
- ◆ **Franciscan Influence (14th Century):** As pilgrims faced danger in the Holy Land, Franciscan Friars promoted "stations" in Europe to bring the experience to the faithful.
- ◆ **Standardization (15th-18th Century):** The number of stations varied until Pope Clement XII fixed them at 14 in 1731.
- ◆ **Spread & Indulgences:** Pope Innocent XI granted indulgences to Franciscans for this practice, & later, Popes expanded this privilege to all Catholics, leading to their placement in almost every church.

The 14 Traditional Stations:

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| 1. Jesus is condemned to death. | 8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. |
| 2. Jesus carries his cross. | 9. Jesus falls the third time. |
| 3. Jesus falls the first time. | 10. Jesus is stripped of his garments. |
| 4. Jesus meets his mother. | 11. Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross. |
| 5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross. | 12. Jesus dies on the cross. |
| 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. | 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross. |
| 7. Jesus falls the second time. | 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.
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Modern Adaptations:

- ◆ **15th Station:** Many contemporary practices add a 15th station to commemorate the Resurrection.
- ◆ **Scriptural Version:** In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a scriptural version of the stations, focusing entirely on biblical accounts rather than traditional, non-scriptural scenes (like Veronica wiping the face).
- ◆ **Papal Devotion:** Pope Paul VI approved a Gospel-based version in 1975, & the devotion remains a cornerstone of Catholic Lenten spirituality.



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New Evangelization Corner
Doug Herbek



Fourth Sunday of Lent

“He received benefit from his blindness, since he recovered the sight of the eyes within.”

Saint John Chrysostom

Some people ask how we can rejoice amidst suffering and injustice. That’s like asking how the destination is possible, without considering how we arrive. To get to such joy, we open our hearts, which opens our eyes to injustice, and then we give the restorative and healing love that is needed. In that love is found joy.

Maybe we can’t see how others are being neglected. We must open our hearts, telling God that we want to see;¹ asking God to let us see.² God can open our eyes to injustice. We see a sign of such transformation when Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind.³

With our sight restored, we will despise our individual sins and our collective sins, including racism, neglect of the environment, and a culture devaluing life. When we see again, we will rejoice as we love the person in front of us and dismantle unjust structures. With God’s love so acting through us, God brings joy to the world.

¹ Mark 10:51; ² Luke 18:41; ³ John 9:6-7

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: Call or text
 Susan Opatz (320) 363-8160

Pray For...
 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.

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.



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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

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 OFFSPRING
 OF DAVID,
 HEAD OF THE
 HOLY FAMILY,
 PILLAR OF FAMILIES,
 PROTECTOR OF
 THE HOLY CHURCH
 ST. JOSEPH,
 PRAY FOR US.”



• ST. JOSEPH

News & Events

Healing the Whole Person

Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts
& Sr. Miriam James Heidland



8-Part Group Series
8 Talks | Community
Reflections | Healing | Restoration

Little Falls:

Mondays April 13, 20, 27 & May 4

Holdingsford:

April 17, 18, & 19

St. Cloud:

April 25, May 2, 16, & 30

video



Questions

Janice (320)640-7623

healing@spiritandsaints.org

REGISTRATION

forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7

or scan this QR code.

Registration:



Peaceful, Prayerful Vigil at Planned Parenthood Now— March 28

Pray on sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood for an end to abortion. Please sign up for an hour time slot from 7am-7pm, Monday-Friday. Need at least 2 people per time slot. 40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud or Judy4life@meltel.net

Adoration at the Minnesota State Capitol:

Friday April 10th, 9am-2pm;
Join the bishops & staff of
Minnesota Catholic Conference for
Adoration at the
Minnesota State Capitol
in the Capitol
Vault Room B15
located in the basement.
For more information visit
mncatholic.org/adoration

Lent with The Saints

Lent with the Saints is a series from The Merry Beggars on Relevant Radio. Each series lasts about 10 minutes, featuring a different Saint, connecting their life to the Church's Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Join the series at relevantradio.com and search Lent with the Saints.

The Shepherd is Calling: An annual event held in the diocese of St. Cloud. This event is held from 1pm-6:30pm in Burtrum, MN. It is a **FAMILY EVENT!** All are welcome! We invite you to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep! Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, Scripture and hands-on time with lambs. Mass held at 4pm with a hog roast to follow. Guests may bring a dish to share. **RSVP by April 10.** Register online at Forms.office.com/r/QzJqzDiyaa

Made in the Image of God: Seeing Ourselves & Others as the Body of Christ: Join in this diocesan retreat on Sat. April 18 from 8:30 am until 12:30pm at the Centre for Christ in Sauk Centre. Register before April 8 at forms.office.com/r/5j1rZUfWyZ

St. Cloud Diocese 2026 Lenten

Weekly Lenten Ideas:

- Donate to a local food bank.
- Pray an Irish blessing in remembrance of St. Patrick.
- Forgive someone, & apologize.
- Thank dads & father figures for their guidance.
- Fast from complaining.
- Where did you see God today?

Readings of the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21/

Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/

Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/

Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/

Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/

Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

Honoring Marriage Day: Held at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell at 1:00 pm for all married couples. Special acknowledgement for those celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60 plus years of marriage in 2026. Please **RSVP by April 15** to Jan at jan.zylla@gw.stc.dio.org-especially those celebrating milestone years.

Catholic Relief Services Collection:

This collection provides funding for CRS; the USCCB offices of international Justice & Peace, Migrations and Refugee Services, & Pastoral Care for Migrants & Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; & the Catholic Legal Immigration network. Please be generous!

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: March 8, 2026

AS \$ 7,558.00

IC \$ 1,468.00

SC \$ 2,792.10

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 March 17th, & March 24th:

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. Thank you to all who have joined us. All are welcome.

Journeys of Hope : The Journeys of Hope witness talks will be happening on Sunday, March 22 following the 10:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception. Lunch is included. This is free and open to anyone. Concluding by 1:00 pm.

Fellowship at All Saints

Welcome MARCH with a heart full of hope and join your fellow parishioners for fellowship on MARCH 15 after Mass at All Saints.

We will be serving rolls, donuts, fruit, coffee, *iced coffee*, and juice. There will also be a craft activity for small children.

This event is generously donated by the All Saints Christian Mothers and Rosary Sodality.

"Let us welcome March with open arms and hope in our heart."

-Anna Davis

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

Mar. 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.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday: Anyone wanting to participate with washing of the feet please contact Julie at the central office 320-228-0105. (14 needed)

Servers & Lectors: anyone that would like to participate on Holy Saturday please contact Julie at the central office 320-228-0105.

Immaculate Conception

Parish Bazaar is Sunday June 28th

Donations needed: Due April 20th

Cash Raffle- \$50 or greater

Contact Brenda Dobis 320-241-6962

Donations needed: Due June 14

Granny's Country Store-Gently used household & décor items are acceptable.

Christmas, clothing & broken or dirty items will not be accepted.

If you need someone to look at an item before donating, contact Kathy Scegura, 320-293-7804

**Bring labeled donations to church basement. Label donations as "Bazaar Prizes". Please contact Pat Schmainda 320-420-6774 with questions. Scan QR code for more information.



Community Rosary: Join us in praying a community rosary, Saturdays, 8:00 am men's group at All Saints-St. Mary's basement. This is a **community rosary** and is a great way to grow in your faith! Everyone is invited, please join us.

Stations of the Cross:

Friday March 20, 6am & 7pm at Immaculate Conception

All Saints

All Saints Christian Mothers/Rosary

Sodality meeting: March 23rd at All Saints-St. Mary's Church. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm in the basement with Stations of the Cross Mary's Way. We WELCOME all Christian Mothers and Women.

All Saints-St. Hedwig's Annual

Church Cleaning:

March 23-March 24, 9 am—6 pm
March 25th, 9 am-4 pm
March 26-March 28, 9 am-6 pm
Bring a bucket and rags. Cleaning supplies will be supplied. If you can not help clean the Lord's House, put \$10 in the collection basket to help pay for cleaning supplies. Thank you.



The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed immediately after mass on March 22nd 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.

Father, guide us in creating a budget and plan that reflects good stewardship of Your blessings. Help us make wise decisions at every step.
Amen.



Mass Schedule

Mon. Mar. 16	No Mass
Tues. Mar. 17	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i> No Mass
Wed. Mar. 18	<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> No Mass
Thur. Mar. 19	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> No Mass
Fri. Mar. 20	No Mass Stations 6:00 a.m. at IC Stations 7:00 p.m. at IC
Sat. Mar. 21	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille
Sun. Mar. 22	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints–St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule for
St. Edward's, St. Francis,
& St. Mary's
Mar. 16, 6:30 pm Rosary
St. Mary's, Upsala
Mar. 17, 6 pm Mass & Stations
St. Mary's, Upsala
Mar. 18, 8 am Mass & Stations
St. Francis, Freeport
Mar. 19, 8 am Mass & Stations
St. Edward's, Bowlus
Mar. 20, 7:30 am Mass
St. Mary's, Upsala

† Loren Philippi
† Deceased & Living Ebnet & Vos families
For the People

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



March 21, 8:00 am
All Saints–St. Hedwig's
Please keep our students in your prayers!



Religious Education Director:
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Confirmation Directors:
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Jenny Revermann 249-9938
Katie Urbanski
confirmtion@tworiverscatholic.com

Youth Minister
Doug Herbek
evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com

GIFFT Night
Mark your calendar
All Saints-St. Hedwig's
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
March 25th

Topics:
-Healing
-Holy Week

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

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