



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

*All Saints, Holdingsford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 12, 2026*

Central Office in Holdingsford

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

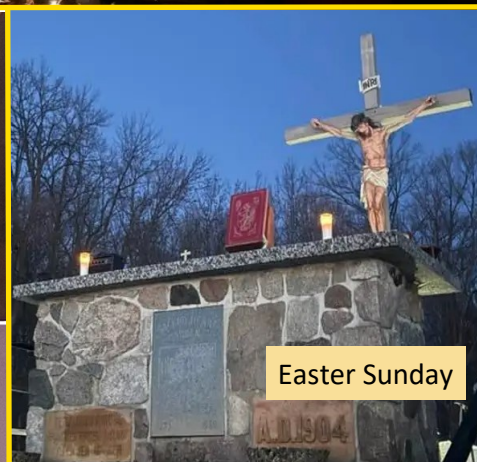
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Holy Thursday



Easter Vigil

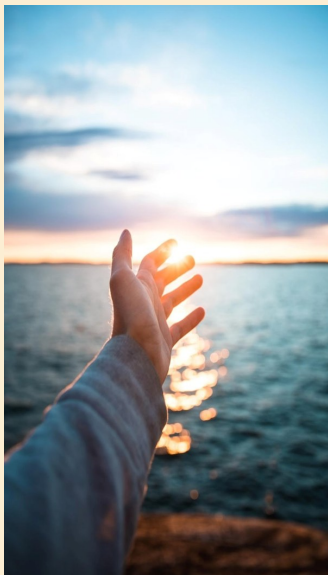


Easter Sunday



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New Evangelization Corner Doug Herbek



Second Sunday of Easter

“Let us rejoice, O my Beloved!
Let us go forth to see ourselves in
Your beauty!”

-Saint John of the Cross

Some people could ask how we can rejoice right now with what’s going on in the world. When joy seems impossible, let’s look to God who makes it possible.¹ In the Resurrection, we are to rejoice, because God rejoices over us.²

I witnessed an amazing example of this beautiful truth during the Triduum. During the Good Friday liturgy, a

woman who had been thinking over and over that her life was hopeless went up and venerated the Cross. Later, she related to me that after she left the church, a man told her that when he saw her venerating the Cross and then walking away from the Cross, his heart was filled with a joy and excitement that was not his own. He felt that the Holy Spirit was telling him that the Holy Spirit is proud of her. So he went and told her.

Hearing about how God was rejoicing over her, she was lifted out of despair and into joy. For us to honor the Resurrection, we must lift each other out of despair and into the joy God feels for us. We are all called to be brothers and sisters keepers & help each other on the journey.

¹ Job 42:2; Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27; Luke 1:37; Luke 18:27

² Zephaniah 3:17

Eucharistic Adoration

All Cluster Adoration
is every Monday at
All Saints-St. Hedwig’s
from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Come encounter our
Eucharistic Lord!



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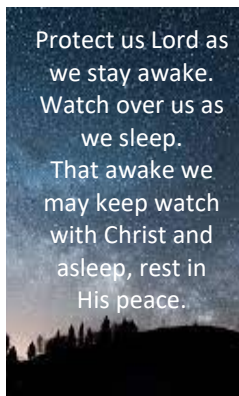
Listen to the Rosary

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

The Message and Devotion to Divine Mercy

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our Lord to paint and image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters’ chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you.”

These requests of the Lord given to Sr. Faustina between 1931-1938 can be considered the beginning of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion in the new forms.



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



Claude Opatz, Jackie Tempel, Brenda Dobis,
Donnie Wentland, Josh Wentland, Bridget Williams,
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.

So Much Good News! Conversion to Catholicism is on the Rise!

Over 1.422 billion members for the first time in history in the Catholic Church!

In the US it is at it's highest level in about 20 years. Many dioceses reporting that at Easter Vigil 2026 were some of largest groups in decades. Over 8,000 people entered this year in Archdiocese of LA. Compared to last year, the Archdiocese of Newark had a 30% increase. The largest number in over a decade, 1755 people entered Catholicism in Washington DC. The diocese with the fastest growth is Duluth, Minnesota at 145%.

Recent data shows 34,000 adult baptisms and 55,000 received into full communion in a year. It has been roughly 2 decades since we have seen this level of growth.

This is a Worldwide picture. Globally the numbers are breathtaking. The US had over 30,00 converts in a year. France had over 21,400, Hong Kong had 2,500, Malaysia over 2,000 and Singapore had 1,250. For the US this was the highest in 15-25 years. In France the Archdiocese of Paris has 788 the largest group they have ever recorded. Keep in mind that Malaysia is a country that is a majority Muslim. Singapore being one of the most modern and prosperous countries is witnessing their largest group in a decade. England has an increase of 60% over last year. Melbourne saw a 57% increase this Easter Vigil.

What is Driving the Surge?

- **The Eucharistic Revival:** The Real Presence generating evangelization.
- **Spiritual Hunger:** A turbulent world driving people too seek meaning & transcendence.
- **Post-COVID Searching:** The pandemic's desolation prompting existential & spiritual questions.
- **Personal Encounter:** Catholic Community, tradition & sacramental grace.
- **God's Grace!** Lifesitenews.com, angelusnews.com, nytimes.com, osvnews.com

Readings  **Week** of the

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/
Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/
Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

My Catholic Will: Helps Catholics prepare for the future. Visit MyCatholicWill.com/STCDIO to create a Last Will and Testament, express final wishes consistent with Catholic teaching, consider a bequest to your parish, & more info.



Dates to Remember

April 5-12,

Octave of Easter:

An 8 day period starting on Easter Sunday & ending the following Sunday. Each day celebrated as if it were Easter, highlighting the joy of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: April 5, 2026
AS \$ 8,456.00
IC \$ 9,479.00
SC \$ 3,950.00

Weekly Offering

PARISH INCOME: MARCH 29, 2026
AS \$ 12,165.00
IC \$ 1,102.00
SC \$ 1,053.50

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE?



LIGHT

The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

FIRE

It represents Christ's resurrection.

GRAINS OF INCENSE

They represent the 5 wounds of Christ.

ALPHA AND OMEGA

Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

CROSS

It represents Christ and his eternal light.

YEAR

It reminds us of God's presence here and now.

Source: Aleteia.com



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, 1:00-3:30 pm: Come celebrate His Divine Mercy at St. Mary's in Upsala! Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Prayers, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Benediction.

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

Parish News & Events

Fellowship: "Let's Spring into action this April". Join us for Fellowship on

April 19th after the 8 am Mass at All Saints St. Mary's to share our Spring planting ideas for our flower beds, gardens and fields. Serving donuts, rolls, fruit, juice, & coffee. There will be a craft for the children. Sponsored by the All Saints Christian Mothers & Rosary Sodality.

Knights of Columbus

There are boxes in the back of each parish for pop tabs and Pennies for Seminarians. Pennies for Seminarians is a charitable initiative to support the education, living expenses, and ordination costs of men studying for the priesthood.



Knights of Columbus
St. Isidore Council No. 9307

Chicken & Ham Dinner

PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM

St. Anna, MN

Sunday, April 26th

3:30-6:30 pm

Advance Tickets: \$14

At Door:

Adults \$15

Children ages 5-12 \$10

Under 4 Free

-Take out orders available-

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

April 18: 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.

All Saints

All Saints Christian Mothers/ Women and Rosary Sodality

Enrollment: will be held on Sunday, May 10th, during the 8:00 am Mass. All women aged 19 and older, whether married or single, are welcome to join. If interested contact Corrine (320)310-1260 or Teresa at 320-247-2990

Thank you to all who helped support our St. Joseph Society Catholic United Matching Grant breakfast & quilt raffle. It was well attended. Special thanks to the ladies who made the beautiful quilt. The winner of the quilt was Dawn Marstein.

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.

Thank you: The All Saints Christian Mothers & Rosary Sodality would like to thank everyone who donated to the Bake Sale & bought delicious items. It was very successful. Also thank you to the volunteers that helped shovel the sidewalk before the sale.

St. Columbkille

Church Cleaning at St. Columbkille will be on Tuesday, April 21. The church will be open all day, please mark off the list when you finish a task. Please bring your own bucket and rag. If you are unable to help, please put \$10 in the collection marked cleaning.

Thank you: We would like to thank all those involved in gifting us two new St. Isidore statues. They will have a prominent place in our new office. We lost ours in the fire. We are overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and are blessed to live in a wonderful community. Blessings to all. Jeff and Sue

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Marcella Warzecha

Passed: March 25, 2026

Funeral: March 30, 2026



Immaculate Conception

Parish Bazaar is Sunday June 28th

Donations needed: Due April 20th

Cash Raffle- \$50 or greater

Contact Brenda Dobis

320-241-6962.

Scan code for more info.



Thank you to all the volunteers in all our parishes that helped make this Easter season a true celebration using the time, talents & treasures we have been gifted with.





Mass Schedule

Mon. April 13	<i>St. Martin I, pope and Martyr</i> 8:00 am St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Fr. Ben Hadrich
Tues. April 14	8:00 am All Saints-St. Mary's	† Fritz Panek
Wed. April 15	8:00 am All Saints-St. Hedwig's & Adoration	All Parish Priests in the St. Cloud Diocese
Thur. April 16	8:00 am Immaculate Conception	† For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. April 17	No Mass	St. Joseph please pray for us!
Sat. April 18	5:00 pm St. Columbkille	
Sun. April 19	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 am All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 am Immaculate Conception	† Sharon Prokott & Daryl Wentland † Margaret & Albert Dobis

**Healing the Whole Person
Retreat**
Friday through Sunday,
at the Gathering Barn .

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



Image painted by Payton Thompson.
God Bless your time, talent and treasures.
Fr. Gregory used this for his Easter Homily.

First Communion
May 2nd & 3rd

Come share in the joy, witnessing the First Communion of our students. Pray for them!

Crowning of Mary
Weekend!
May 9th-10th

Let us gather to honor our Blessed Mother with the Crowning of Mary.

Graduation Mass
Arban
May 27th, 6:30pm

Join us to celebrate our graduates. (Outside, please bring a chair.)



Blessings to everyone that celebrated Palm Sunday at all of our parishes!