



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

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

*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 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

## Chrism Oils

The three holy oils, or Olea Sacra, used in the Catholic Church, blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass. The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third.

- **Sacrum Chrisma (SC):** A mixture of olive oil and balsam, used for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, & the consecration of altars & churches. Holy Chrism oil is used when young people are confirmed, and at the Easter Vigil when adults are confirmed after baptism. It is also part of the baptism rite following an infants baptism with water but before receiving the white garment. Holy Chrism is also used during the ordination of a priest (the sacrament of holy orders) & the consecration of a bishop. It is the anointing used in the consecrations of a church & the blessing of an altar & the vessels used at Mass.
- **Oleum Catechumenorum (OC):** Used in the preparation for Baptism. Both adults & infants prior to baptism are anointed with this oil that is pure olive oil.
- **Oleum Infirmorum (OI):** Pure olive oil used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament can be administered any time and in any place. [centralminnesotacatholic.org](http://centralminnesotacatholic.org)

Below are the Holy Oils at each of our parishes. The Ambry is a secured wooden cabinet that houses the Holy Oils. Find them the next time at Mass.



## New Evangelization Corner

### Doug Herbek

### Third Sunday of Easter



Image: "A Prayer for the Earth in This Time of Pandemic"  
by Fr. Arthur Poulin, O.S.B. Cam. [www.fatherarthurpoulin.com](http://www.fatherarthurpoulin.com)

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world."  
- Pope Francis

In the Resurrection, Jesus assures us we will rise with Him, and in it, He points us to the revitalization of all creation. We are all called to participate in this renewal of nature, which we can do everyday in many little loving ways.

As Pope Francis told us in *Laudato si'*, a person who could spend more but regularly turns up the heat less and wears warmer clothes shows the kind of attitude that helps protect the environment. Similarly, we can run less water even though more is available to us. Although we could use plastic and paper, instead we can avoid it. We can reuse something instead of immediately discarding it.<sup>1</sup> We care for our common home, the earth, through such little daily actions.

Each of these small choices calls forth a goodness which inevitably tends to spread.<sup>2</sup> Love makes itself felt in every decision that seeks to build a better world,<sup>3</sup> each of which witnesses to the restoring power of the Resurrection.

1 *Laudato si'* 211; 2 *Laudato si'* 212; 3 *Laudato si'* 231.

## 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.

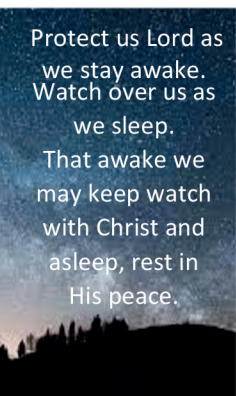
Call the Parish Office if you would like to be added to the prayer list and are in need of a blessing before a surgery, due to illness, are homebound and would like to receive Communion, or if you need a bulletin mailed to you.

## 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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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.

### Listen to the Rosary

led by Fr. Gregory and  
Fr. Mark Stang on KASB  
1150 AM at 6:00 pm daily.

### Listen to Fr. Gregory's

Rural Life Radio Show on  
KYES 1180 or 93.5 FM at 8:30  
am, 6:30 pm and 11:00 pm  
Friday.

### 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)



We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!  
St. Pope John Paul II

## News & Events



# FIRST COMMUNION

**St. Columbkille: Saturday May 2, 5:00 pm**  
**All Saints-St. Hedwing's: Sunday May 3, 8:00 am**  
**Immaculate Conception: May 3, 10:00 am**

### Ways to Continue Celebrating Easter

1. Pray the Glorious Mysteries, to help you meditate and go deeper in the events of Resurrection.
2. Keep Easter decorations up to visually remind that we're still in Easter.
3. Pray the Via Lucis similar to the Stations of the Cross, but for Eastertide.
4. Pray the Regina Coeli prayer. Very much about Easter.
5. Greet people with Happy Easter. An opening to remind others it is still Easter Season.
6. Do something out of your usual routine-cook a special meal, go for a walk, spend time as a family.
7. Prepare for Pentecost- read scriptures, make plans to make Pentecost a special day of celebration too.

### The Vatican's Easter Bouquet

Each year, St. Peter's Square bursts into color Dutch florists arrive with thousands of flowers, turning the square into one giant bouquet.

The tradition goes back to 1985 when St. Pope John Paul II visited the Netherlands. Instead of a red carpet, locals rolled out a floral one. Later that year, he invited the Dutch florists to Rome to decorate for the beatification of their countryman, Titus Brandsma a Carmelite priest.

Dutch flowers have been there every Easter since 1986, except for the pandemic years.

Before the flowers leave for Rome, a bishop blesses them. It takes 2 days to get to Rome where Vatican gardeners, Dutch florists and volunteers arrange blooms from Holy Thursday until Holy Saturday afternoon.

Easter 2025 the steps of St. Peter's Basilica held 39,000 small daffodils, 18,000 tulips 2,500 large daffodils and 8,000 hyacinths with filler being Chrysanthemums, delphiniums, hydrangeas, and roses to complete the bouquet. The buttercup was chosen as a sign of the joyful hope of the Jubilee pilgrimage and served as the featured flower.



## Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/

Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a/

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/

Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

### Dates to Remember

**April 5-May 24**

**Easter Season:**



The 50 day period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ & culminating in the coming of the Holy Spirit

### Catholic Young Adult Weekend:

At Camp Lebanon (August 27-30) for ages 18-35. Cost will be around \$200 per person. This weekend will provide opportunities for fellowship, activities, Mass, & Eucharistic adoration. Please call or text Marissa Throener for more details or to sign up. (320) 630-2433

## Weekly Offering

**Parish Income:** April 12, 2026

AS \$ 7,081.00

IC \$ 1,373.25

SC \$ 2,011.60

**Thank you for your generosity!**

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Lk 12:34

## Parish News & Events

**Thank you** to all the sacristans, lectors, servers, musicians, decorators, greeters, property caretakers, ushers, & Eucharistic ministers in all our parishes that helped make this Easter season a true celebration using the time, talents & treasures you have been gifted with.

### **Thursday Morning Book Group:**

**April 23rd:** All men & women are welcome to meet in the gathering room at the Fairview Apartments on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, from 9:45-11:00 am.

### **Building Prayer Committee Notes**

On Tuesday, Fr. Gregory and the Building Prayer Committee visited the future church property, where they prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet along with a special prayer for the new church.

Plans are underway to celebrate Mass on the property soon, and to continue gathering there regularly for prayer as we move forward in faith.

The capital campaign has also begun, starting with outreach to individuals who are in a position to make leadership gifts of \$50,000 or more. If you are someone who is in that position and would like to start a discussion, please contact Julie in the office at 320-228-0105 or email [secretary@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:secretary@tworiverscatholic.com)

**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.

**Bulletin Update:** We have a new program for creating the bulletin. Please be patient and understanding as we learn all the new features this program. We have a new program because the program we were using will no longer be supported by Windows. The bulletin will look a bit different due to different sizing, fonts, design elements and images that this program has to offer while staying within bulletin printing guidelines. Thank you for your understanding during this process.

### **Women's Group: April 20th**

We will meet from 10-11 a.m. at All Saints- St. Mary's basement. All women are invited to join! New members always welcome.



**Knights of Columbus**  
St. Isidore Council No .9307

### **Chicken & Ham Dinner**

PELICAN LAKEBALLROOM

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-

### **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.



### **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.

### **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

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.

### **Immaculate Conception**

### **Christian Mothers Meeting**

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Church basement. All ladies aged 19 and older are welcome.

### **Christian Mothers Enrollment**

The Christian Mothers Enrollment will take place place **Sunday May 17th.**

All ladies single or married are invited to join. If interested in joining, please call Bernie Larkey 320-345-0755 or Betty Hartung 320-356-7419 Annual dues are \$5.00.

### **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.

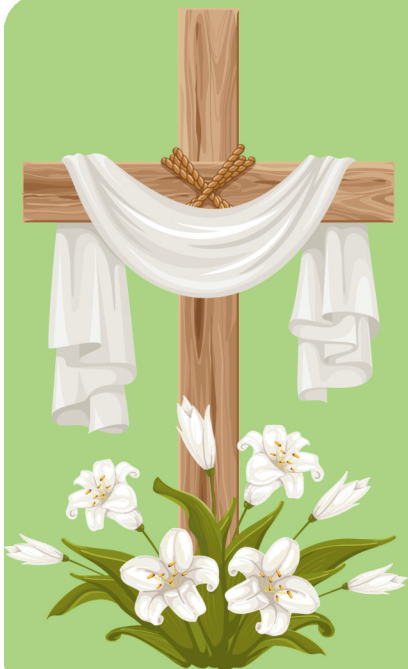




# Mass Schedule

Mon. April 20	No Mass	IHM Seminary Visit in Winona
Tues. April 21	<i>St. Anselm, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> 7:00 pm All Saints-St. Mary's	Vocations by St. Isadore Council of the Knights of Columbus
Wed. April 22	8:00 am All Saints-St. Mary's	† Gene Breth
Thur. April 23	<i>St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> No Mass	
Fri. April 24	<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &amp; Martyr</i> 8:00 am Immaculate Conception & Adoration	† Edmund & Ana Auer
Sat. April 25	2:00 pm Immaculate Conception Wedding 5:00 pm St. Columbkille	Reanna Laing & Ryan Stroeing † Catherine & Edmond Skroch
Sun April 26	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> 8:00 am All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 am Immaculate Conception	† Cyril, Donna & Joyce Ebnet For the people

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



### Catholic Basics: What Catholics should know about their faith.

#### 7 Sacraments

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Holy Eucharist
- Confession
- Anointing of the Sick
- Holy Orders
- Matrimony

#### What is a Sacrament:

A Sacrament is an outward, visible sign instituted by Jesus Christ that gives the grace it signifies.

**The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."**

**Fruits of the Holy Spirit:** Charity, Chastity, Faithfulness, Generosity, Gentleness, Goodness, Joy, Kindness, Modesty, Patience, Peace, & Self Control

**Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Fortitude, & Fear of the Lord

