



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

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

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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!**

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Offertory Basket

Inviting people to participate in the Offertory presentation is an ancient custom dating back to the second century in a commentary by St. Justin Martyr & again by St. Augustine in the fifth century. Both acknowledging it as a beautiful symbolic gesture & an admirable exchange that takes place where the faithful return their gifts to God.

The priest acting in “persona Christi” (in the person of Christ) receives from the faithful their contributions, sacrifices, and offer them to God, who perfects them & transforms them. A wonderful exchange between man & God, our imperfect gifts in a Holy exchange for the perfect gift from God, “the Eucharist”!

Since the Eucharist is the celebration of Christ’s love for His Church, it is meant to have the full conscious & active participation of the faithful. The faithful accomplish this by giving of themselves at Mass, & allowing themselves to be transformed by the sacred mysteries. (Fr. Paul Olszewski)

The desire to be transformed is symbolized in the presentation of gifts, which is much more than a sentimental gesture. The people taking up the gifts at Mass represent the people of the parish in a sense, the entire Church. They bring up the bread & wine, as well as the collection, all as signs of the gifts God has given us.

In the past this beautiful gesture became tarnished. At times during the passing of the basket people chose to pass unnecessary judgements of others. Then Covid happened, at this time the church was instructed to stop passing offertory baskets. This instruction to stop passing the offertory basket highlighted a positive change. Too many people that weren’t giving used to watch the basket and would pass judgements of others. Now that the basket couldn’t be passed the distraction was minimized. This helped isolate the negative thoughts, judgements & behaviors towards others and refocus on prayer.

We are going to start passing the offertory basket again. When the water & wine are brought up, the offertory basket will be brought up as well. At the beginning of Mass bring not your surplus but your sacrifice and place it in the basket in back of church. Offer everything-acts of love, sacrifices, joys, thanksgiving, prayers, struggles, generosity, & your ministries.

As you prepare before Mass use the following action steps:

1. Ask what am I offering? Is it surplus or sacrifice? After Vatican II I am not a spectator I am called to participate.
2. At least once a year re-evaluate what portion you will give. Some churches say 10%. Is that enough? All we have is from God.
3. Try to outgive God.
4. Be Grateful. Start thinking about what you plan to offer God.



New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek



Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ."
- Pope Leo XIV

In the Resurrection, Jesus calls us to new life. We participate in and promote new life through our labor, since we are co-creating with God, bringing forth new creations through our handiwork. As we do so, we affirm the dignity of ourselves and others, and in thus seeing each other as made in God's image, we heal.

We help each other heal when we honor each others' contributions, so we should express appreciation to others for their work. As we celebrate the feast day of Saint Joseph the Worker and his quiet, hidden labor, we can be led to thank workers whose efforts otherwise would go unacknowledged; indeed, let us do so everyday. Similarly, we can express gratitude to those who do not get paid for their work, including some caregivers. We can also intentionally choose only to patronize businesses who treat their employees well. As we do so, we communicate that we value life by treating others with dignity. By remembering that we are all made in God's image, we heal.

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!



Listen to the Rosary
led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 a.m. 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 am, 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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ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN IS HEAVEN, BECAUSE JESUS SAID, "I AM THE WAY."

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DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Feast Day: April 29th

Patron Saint of: Nurses, fire prevention, those ridiculed for their piety.

News & Events



Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3,4/
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Act 11:19-26/
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12



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 19, 2026

AS \$ 5,651.00

IC \$ 1,249.50

SC \$ 1,860.00

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

Thank you for your prayers for the Healing the Whole Person Retreat. Thank you Fr. Gregory for saying Mass, adoration, hearing confessions & answering questions at the retreat. Thank you to Kevin & Jacinta for opening the Gathering Barn to everyone. Thank you to everyone that helped organize this event, hosted, greeted, cooked, cleaned and participated in this event in any way. The group consisted of people of all ages wanting to learn ways in which prayer helps foster deep rooted healing in our hearts, lives and relationships.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. uscbb.org

All Things New Diocesan-wide

Prayer Service: All are invited to a diocesan-wide service as Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC, prays for unity for the newly merged parishes, a major milestone in the All Things New diocesan pastoral plan. The prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids at 7 p.m. & livestreamed at stc.dio.org/unity-livestream/.

Parish News & Events

Evangelization Team:

The Evangelization team is having a planning meeting on May 11th at 10 a.m. in All Saints-St. Mary's basement. Anyone is welcome to join or to come see what we do.

Community Rosary: Join us in praying a community rosary, Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. 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.

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.



Help Save lives of babies & support women & men in our communities that are facing an unplanned pregnancy or another sexual health crisis by filling a baby bottle with cash or check. This fundraiser is organized by the Knights of Columbus. Money collection starting Mother's Day and ending on Father's Day. Half of the proceeds go to Elevate and the other half goes to Pregnancy resource center. "Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves." Proverbs 31:8

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.

Women's Group: May 4th

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.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

We will be praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy immediately after Mass on May 17th, for the building of our new church.

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Meeting.

Monday May 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. All ladies aged 19 and older are welcome.

Christian Mothers Enrollment

The Christian Mothers Enrollment will take 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 by June 14
Paddle Wheel-movie tickets, gift cards, & young adult prizes.
Kids Games-suitable for children: Ages 4-10, "\$5 prizes" Ideas: coloring books, crayons, markers, reading books, bubbles, sand pail set, & sunglasses.
Ages 10 & up: \$15-\$20 gift card




SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Magdalene Marie Peters
Daughter of
Derek & Abigayle
April 12, 2026



Parents thank you for baptising your children and bringing them to Mass.

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. April 27	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration		† Ted Solarz
Tues. April 28	<i>St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i> No Mass		
Wed. April 29	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's & Adoration		† Donald Kotzer
Thur. April 30	<i>St. Pius V, Pope</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration		† JoAnn Condon
Fri. May 1	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i> No Mass		
Sat. May 2	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		† Irene Luethmers
Sun May 3	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception		† Don & Sue Breth 50th Wedding Anniversary For the People

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



FIRST COMMUNION

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St. Columbkille: Saturday May 2, 5:00 p.m.

All Saints-St. Hedwig's: Sunday May 3, 8:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception: May 3, 10:00 a.m.



First Communion Novena Prayer

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for (child's name) to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, this young soul from the assaults of evil, strengthen his/her faith, increase his/her love and endow him/her with all the virtues that will make him/her worthy to receive You.

St. John the Baptist, forerunner of the Messiah, prepare the way for Jesus in the heart of (child's name) St. Tarcisius, keep safe the children who are making their First Communion.

