



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

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

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026*

## Central Office in Holdingsford

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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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## Am I Honoring God?

### How Should We Keep Sunday the Lord's Day Holy?

The Third Commandment given by God to Moses clearly stated, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day He rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy" (Exodus 20:8-11). While the Sabbath commemorated God's day of rest during the seven-day creation account of Genesis, it was also sacred because of what God had done for His people when He liberated them from slavery in Egypt.

**As the weather gets nicer please stay out of the fields and unnecessary work on Sunday. Please consider your actions and activities on Sundays. Honor God and our Catholic teachings. Don't be a slave to work. You have freedom now because of your baptism in Jesus Christ. Show the world that Catholics honor God on Sundays. This is one way that we can change our culture. Family-Worship-Rest. Thank you, Fr. Gregory**

A good time to use ideas from the Care for Creation guide, or ideas of your own, is the **Feast of St. Isidore on May 15th. St. Isidore is the patron saint of farmers & rural life.** Consider inviting groups or the parish community to pray the Novena to St. Isidore,  
[catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/](http://catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/).

## Happy Mother's Day!

*"Mary, please bless our  
Mothers this Mother's Day  
and every day! Please bless  
those moms who have  
passed and those still  
present in our lives? In  
Jesus' name, Amen."*



*New Evangelization Corner*  
*Doug Herbek*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



“Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.”  
 -Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins

The Resurrection is God’s ultimate act of healing. Through it, the Light of the Risen Christ shines upon us in our struggles, even when we are anxious or depressed. Even amidst such despair, God can shine light so bright that it pulls us up out of the pit, 1 into joy and new life.

To be lifted into new life, we are called to cooperate with God’s healing. We need to see therapy and other counseling as avenues through which God more abundantly gives us life.<sup>2</sup>

We can also be brought into new life through each others’ prayers. We can seek the intercession of Saint Dymphna, the patron saint of those struggling with mental health challenges.

We bring each other into new life. When people look sad, we can listen, empathize, and comfort them. When they say there is no hope, we can help them see how blessed they are. Through us, the Light of Christ can shine so that God can heal us through each other, and make the Resurrection a present reality today.  
 1Psalm 40:3, 2John 10:10

*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, Brenda Dobis, Donnie Wentland, Josh Wentland, Carol Kuklok, Curt Johannes, George Platz Sr., Jeff Symanietz, Mary Doll, Pat Caspers, Mike Hennen, & 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*

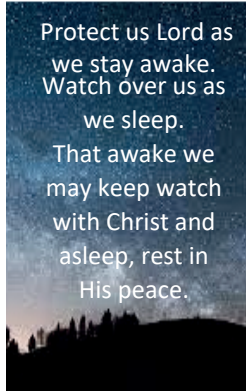
All Cluster Adoration is every Monday at All Saints-St. Hedwig’s from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come encounter our Eucharistic Lord!



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**Listen to the Rosary**  
 led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 a.m. 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 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](http://www.tworiverscatholic.com)



*“I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other.”*

*Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette*



## News & Events

### The **15 PROMISES** of the **VIRGIN MARY** FOR THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY



### Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/  
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/  
Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/  
Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/  
Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/  
Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/  
Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/  
Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/  
Mt 28:16-2

- Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to those who recite the rosary.
- The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- It will cause virtue and good works to flourish.
- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitations of the rosary shall not perish.

- Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, shall never be conquered by misfortune.
- Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God.
- I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
- The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

- You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
- All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- All the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
- Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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#### **DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

**July 28-30**

God Has a Plan For You!

Come & discover tools to help discern God's Will for your life.

Young Men & Women Entering  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up-Cost:\$50

St. Mary's Church-Milaca, MN

July 28-Begin with 9 a.m. Mass

July 29-Mini-Mission for all

July 30-Concludes with 5 p.m. Mass-

followed by Family Potluck Meal

Register by June 15:

[fourpillarsinfaith.org](http://fourpillarsinfaith.org)

The \$50 cost will be covered for our parish youth interested in attending.

Please contact the parish office at (320)228-0105.

#### **Care for Creation:**

The diocese is proud to offer the all-new Care for Creation: A Practical Guide. The document includes a message from Bishop Neary, foundations for care for creation, resources, & practical & prayerful ideas to incorporate as individuals, families, faith communities & schools. Find it online at [stcdio.org/care-for-creation](http://stcdio.org/care-for-creation).

#### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Honoring**

**Holy Cross Parish, North Prairie**

Please join us Sunday May 17th, after 11:30 a.m.

Activities that day include:

Dinner, Live Music, Dancing, Volleyball, Yard Games, & More.

### **Rise!** **John 5:8**



May 11, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, MN.

All invited as we prepare to encounter the Lord through a single-night mission. Catholic, active in faith, non-Catholic, & inactive in faith invited to Rise & encounter the Holy Spirit in a personal way. Refreshments, praise & worship, prayer teams, testimonials, Adoration & reconciliation.

### *Monthly Online Giving*

**Parish income:** April, 2026

AS \$ 3,921.00

IC \$ 3,300.00

SC \$ 1,830.00

### *Weekly Offering*

**Parish income:** May 3, 2026

AS \$ 2,873.00

IC \$ 2,021.00

SC \$ 2,268.50

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

# Parish News & Events

## Office Hours May 12 th

Parish Office hours on May 12<sup>th</sup> will be 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There will not be anyone available to take messages the rest of the day. Thank you.

## Evangelization Team:

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

## On the Road Mass

We are now planning the 2026 On the Road Masses. Please consider being a host. If you feel called to host one of the Masses please call the office to arrange a date. (320)228-0105 Julie



## A Little Change Makes a Big Difference

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



## Blessing of seeds

Seeds can be brought to Mass May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> to be blessed. Or please bring seeds and items you would like blessed to the On the Road Mass at Bill & James Ertl farm. (Outside event, please bring chair)

## All Saints

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

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

### Thank you

Thank you Father Mastey for administering the last rites to Donnie Kotzer on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> between masses at our home. Thank you too for the beautiful homily and funeral service for him.

Thank you to Lois Schmit and "The All Saints Choir" for the beautiful music.

Thank you to the funeral lunch group who prepared and served the delicious lunch, and thank you to all who attended the visitation.

Patty Kotzer

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.

### Fellowship

Happy May! Let us gather, grow, and glow together. May is the gateway to summer, so as the flowers & trees donate their blossoms, let us donate our hearts to one another by sharing our dreams & plans for Spring at Fellowship on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Serving rolls, donuts, coffee, juice, & a craft for the small children. Next Fellowship will be in September.

*"Labor with your hands, but lift your heart to heaven."*

*Saint Isidore*

## Immaculate Conception

### Christian Mothers Bake Sale:

May 24<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day weekend. Please make your favorite items and bring them to the Church Basement by 9:30a.m. Sunday May 24. Thank you.

### Outside Fatima Rosary Procession,

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a. m. at Immaculate Conception, St. Anna. All welcome!

(Seated Option: Please bring a lawnchair if you wish to pray the rosary under the outdoor canopy.)

### Parish Bazaar is Sunday June 28th

#### Donations needed by June 14

Scan code for more information.



The raffle books, worker's list and important updated bazaar information are be ready for parishioners to pick up in the entryway of the church. Please contact Brenda Dobis at 320-241-6962 for extra raffle books. All raffle books must be returned to the quilt and raffle stand by 5 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

## St. Columbkille

### Memorial Day:

St. Stephen American Legion will be at St. Columbkille cemetery in honor of Memorial Day.

Monday May 25th,  
12:00pm noon

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Darlene Skroch  
Passed: April 29, 2025  
Burial: May 5, 2026

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>	
<b>Mon. May 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Rita Solarz</b>
<b>Tues. May 12</b>	<i>SS. Nereus &amp; Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr</i> <b>7:00 pm On The Road Mass</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #d4edda;">           Bill &amp; James Ertl            16151 400<sup>th</sup> Street, Avon         </div>
<b>Wed. May 13</b>	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Gary Hadrich</b>
<b>Thur. May 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>† Lee Larkey</b>
<b>Fri. May 15</b>	<i>St. Isidore</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat. May 16</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sun May 17</b>	<i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>† Anthony Wickstrom</b> Living & deceased members of the John Laing Family

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



Immaculate Conception



St. Columbkille

**Congratulations to all our First Communicants. Here are a few images from our parishes with more to come. Please pray for them, support them, encourage them and help them grow in their faith.**