



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

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

*The Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2026*

Central Office in Holdingsford

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Confession Times: Before daily Mass
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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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Keeping Sunday the Lord's Day Holy

As St. John Paul wrote, Sunday is not merely a pause from work-it is "the day of faith," a time to "rediscover the meaning of existence" through worship and community. The Eucharist lies at the heart of this observance: "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). This teaching underscores that rest is not idleness-it is a sacred participation in God's creative rhythm. Beyond rules and exceptions, Sunday observance is ultimately about the heart's orientation toward God. If work becomes a way to avoid worship or to prioritize profit over faith & family, it may reveal misplaced priorities. (catholictext.org)

When one is able to attend Mass, televised Mass can never fulfil one's Sunday obligation to attend Mass. The Sunday precept is not entirely fulfilled by attending Mass. You are not obligated to attend in person:

1. If Sick.
2. Taking Care of the sick.
3. Out of your control: i.e. snowstorm, can't drive, in nursing home or hospital

Sunday precept is not entirely fulfilled by attending Mass. As Canon 1247 goes on to say, in addition to Mass, the faithful are also "to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body. (adoremus.org)

Working at a Catholic parish bazaar on Sunday is generally not considered a sin. While Sunday is a day of rest and worship, certain activities, especially those that serve the community or support parish functions can be permissible. Working at a parish bazaar can be seen as a form of service to the community and the church, which aligns with the spirit of the day. Engaging in activities that promote fellowship & support the parish is often encouraged. (catholic.com; fatima.org, & catholicdigest.com)

The Church's guidance on Sunday observance challenges us to examine our priorities & choices. While modern life presents complications our ancestors never faced, the core principle remains: **Sundays deserve special treatment as days dedicated to God, rest, & spiritual renewal**. The key lies not in rigid rule-following but in sincere engagement with the spirit behind the rules. The goal is to make an authentic effort to preserve Sunday's sacred character. (coachingcatholics.com)

New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek

The Ascension

“Christ has no body on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.”

- commonly attributed to Saint Teresa of Avila

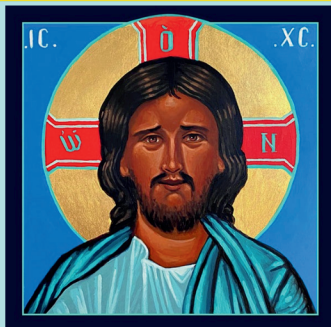


Image: “Face of Christ: Compassion”
by Kelly Latimore
kellylatimoreicons.com

In the Ascension, Jesus’ humanity entered up into Heaven.¹ Yet we must not remain frozen, just looking up at the sky.² While Jesus is in Heaven, He is with us always.³ He is in those in need. He is working through us.

He is here, although His body is not here. We are here, and we are called to be His body, since we are the Body of Christ. Christ is no longer physically here to feed, to heal, to comfort, and to welcome the stranger. Each of us must be the body through which Christ feeds, heals, consoles and welcomes others.

To be Christ’s body, let us say healing and soothing words when we next speak with each other. The next time we are in St. Cloud, let us give something, even just a piece of fruit or a bottle of water, to the person at the street corner asking for help, and let us warmly welcome immigrants entering the supermarket. Then, recognizing Jesus in our neighbor, and being Christ’s body, Our Father’s will is done on earth as it is in Heaven.

1 Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Catechism of the Catholic Church 659, 665; 2 Acts 1:11; 3 Matthew 28:20

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

Activities Encouraged on Sundays

Liturgical Worship

Sunday Mass Participation

Faith Formation

Family Scripture Study

Charitable Acts

Simple Service Projects

Family Devotions

Praying the Rosary

Relational Time

Visiting Loved Ones



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.

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, Carol Kuklok, Curt Johannes, George Platz Sr., Jeff Symanietz, Mary Doll, Pat Caspers, Mike Hennen, & Cheryl Barnes.

News & Events

Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9
or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28,
29b-30/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for
the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1-14/
Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39

As the weather gets nicer please stay out of the fields & no unnecessary work on Sunday. Please consider your actions & activities on Sundays. Honor God & 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 can change our culture.
Family-Worship-Rest.

If you are giving money for pledges for the New Church, please send directly to the office instead of putting it into the collection. Thank you.

Weekly Offering

Parish income: May 10, 2026

AS \$ 4,965.00

IC \$ 2,880.00

SC \$ 1530.15

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



Blessings to Andrea Schueler, Milissa Walz, Jennifer Leukem, Katie Breth, Kathy Fiecke, & Jennifer Gerads who were enrolled as **All Saints Christian Mothers Sunday May 10th.**



Blessings to Tammy Jo Laing, Alaina Linn, Leanna Brenny, Reanna Stroeing, & Dawn Wenderski who were enrolled as **Immaculate Conception Christian Mothers, Sunday May 10th.**



May Crowning

Parish News & Events

BWCA Outing 2026!

Hike & Canoe Catholic Adventure

with the Frassati Outdoor Club!
Informational meeting at Milk & Honey Ciders on May 21st-6:30 p.m.
All ages 18+ welcome. Questions text Rachele (320)200-8331. Tent, RV or hotel suites shared or private are still available.

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



Mark your calendars:

Monday May 25- Memorial Day
7:30 a.m. Mass at the Soldiers Shrine (outside Mass). Please bring a chair. If it rains the Mass will be inside All Saints- St. Hedwig's.

Memorial Day:

Please note: There will be no Adoration at All Saints on Memorial Day, May 25. The Parish office will also be closed. Thank you!

All Saints

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 17th. Serving rolls, donuts, coffee, juice, & a craft for the small children. Next Fellowship will be in September.

Many thanks for the parish prayers Fr. Gregory, the touching Eulogy, guidance of Voss family members during the Mass for Delores Voss. Very impressive & comforting for family. Kevin Headley, sacristan; Lois Schmidt & choir; Donnie Breth, Eucharist; Judy Heitzman & funeral lunch crew! Delicious food. Beautiful for Delores. The Voss Family



Welcome Magdalena Rose Scegur baptised at Immaculate Conception on May 10th. Thank you parents for bringing your children to church.



Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Bake Sale:

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

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Loretta Panek

Passed: April 30, 2026

Burial: May 13, 2026

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 ready for parishioners to pick up in the entryway of the church. Please contact Brenda Dobis (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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Magdalena Rose Scegur



Daughter of Andrew & Janet

May 10, 2026

St. Columbkille

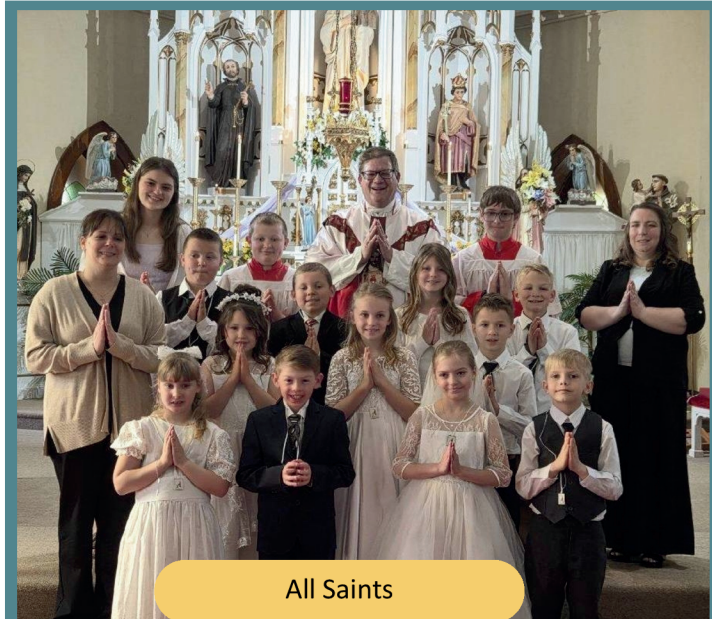
Memorial Day:

St. Stephen American Legion will be at St. Columbkille cemetery in honor of Memorial Day. **Monday May 25th, 12:00pm noon**

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. May 18	<i>St. John I, Pope & Martyr</i> No Mass		
Tues. May 19	No Mass		
Wed. May 20	<i>St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i> No Mass		
Thur. May 21	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i> No Mass		
Fri. May 22	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i> No Mass		
Sat. May 23	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Donald Warzecha	
Sun May 24	PENTECOST SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Delores Voss For the People	

Please see Upsala bulletin or calendar for daily Mass times in our ACC for this week.

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



All Saints



All Saints-Nguyen Family

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