



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

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

*Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026*

## Central Office in Holdingsford

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-4,

Website: [tworiverscatholic.com](http://tworiverscatholic.com)

Office: (320) 228-0105

Father: (320) 228-0110

In case of emergency or a death, call  
Father at the Rectory 746-2231.

## Parish Pastoral Team

**Father Gregory Mastey**, Pastor

**Doug Herbek**, Youth Director &  
New Evangelist Coordinator

[evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com)

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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**

**Holdingsford, MN 56340**



The Knights of Columbus presented  
James and Bill Ertl with a St. Isidore statue  
at the first On the Road Mass of the year.  
The Mass was said at the James and Bill Ertl  
farm on May 12, 2026.

If interested in joining the Knights  
of Columbus, please contact the  
Grand Knight Eric Ebnet at  
(320)492-0324 or by email   
[ericebnet101@hotmail.com](mailto:ericebnet101@hotmail.com).

If you would like to host an On the Road Mass contact the parish office at  
(320)228-0105 or [secretary@tworiverscatholic.com](mailto:secretary@tworiverscatholic.com).

## A Prayer in Planting Time

“Dear Lord, You are wonderful in everything You do. In marvelous ways You  
take the full, rich life of the plant and carefully fold it into tiny seeds. You form  
the seeds according to many different shapes and sizes and colors, so that man  
can know what kind of growth will come of them.

When they are placed in the earth they may look dry and dead, but when they  
are watered by the life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun, they lose  
all their lifeless look and grow in an almost miraculous manner. By the power

You gave them, they take the dead minerals of the earth and build up the  
nourishing, tasty foods that men need to sustain life.

This week, dear Lord, we will plant the seeds of (wheat, corn, or whatever it  
may be) that You have given us. Bless them, watch over them, and bring them  
to the full growth and rich harvest that You wish to bless us with.

But, should You not allow them to come to full harvest, we accept Your will  
humbly. We trust that You will nevertheless watch over us and make the seeds  
of grace that You have given us grow to flower and fruit in the full Christian life  
that You intend for us here and hereafter. Amen

## New Evangelization Corner

### Doug Herbek



Image: "Pentecost (Midday Sun, Big Sur)"  
by Fr. Arthur Poulin, O.S.B.  
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fatherarthurpoulin.com

### Pentecost

"The Holy Spirit bestows understanding. The Spirit overcomes the breach that began in Babel, the confusion of mind and heart that sets us one against the other. The Spirit opens borders."  
- Pope Leo XIV quoting Pope Benedict XVI

At Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's descent, which empowers us to proclaim the Gospel in a mutually enriching dialogue with those of other denominations and faiths.<sup>1</sup> The Church encourages us toward such mutual understanding and respect,<sup>2</sup> since in it, we see.

For this reason, we make **ecumenical** efforts, which means working toward unity, cooperation, and understanding between Christian denominations. To find commonalities, we meet with each other and listen to each other. Then we realize that, despite our differences, like our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, or in Mary as Mother of God or May Crownings of Mary, nevertheless we have much in common. We and many Protestants (non-Catholics yet Christian) say the same creed on Sundays; or we have similar bibles with Old and New Testaments, and like many Catholics, numerous Protestants have been martyred for Jesus' sake. Given our shared witness to Jesus, we need each others' experience and encouragement,<sup>3</sup> which leads us to be humble.

If we are humble, we can find Christ more fully through those with whom we share the Gospel. Then our proclamation will be more successful because we ourselves are being effectively evangelized, which happens when we truly proclaim the Gospel.

1 Saint Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, sec. 56; 2 Second Vatican Council, Nostra Aetate, sec. 4; Saint Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, sec. 56.; 3 From Conflict to Communion (Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation), sec. 240

## Eucharistic Adoration

No Adoration on May 25th.

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!



Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

### 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)

**Pentecost:** A feast about right now because the Holy Spirit dwells in each baptized believer.

**Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Isaiah 11:2-3**



**Wisdom**-See life from God's perspective.

**Understanding**-Grasp truths of faith more deeply.

**Counsel**-Make good and holy decisions.

**Fortitude**-Courage to live the faith.

**Knowledge**-Know God and his creation rightly.

**Piety**-A filial love and reverence toward God.

**Fear of the Lord**-Deep awe for greatness of God.



**All Saints:** Call or text

Joan Frie (320)241-3264

Val Hommerding (320)746-9921

**Immaculate Conception:** Call / text

Marissa Studniski (507)848-1104

**St. Columbkille:** Call or text

Susan Opatz (320) 363-8160

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



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

### All Saints Building Project Update:

We are excited to share that the diocesan finance committee has unanimously approved the earthwork phase for our new church building project. This important milestone allows site preparation work to begin sometime this fall so the earthwork can properly settle in preparation for future construction phases.

We are deeply grateful that much of the church site and cost of the earthwork phase have been generously donated.

Our vision is to build a beautiful new parish church seating more than 700 people that reflects our deep reverence for sacred worship while providing full accessibility, modern safety features, air conditioning, and welcoming space for future generations. Sacred elements from St. Mary's and St. Hedwig's will also be thoughtfully incorporated into the new church.

Additional diocesan approvals will still be needed before further construction can begin, but this approval marks a major and encouraging step forward after many decades of prayer, planning, and generosity.

We also plan to hold a groundbreaking ceremony later this summer, with the date to be announced.

Please continue to pray for the success of the All Saints capital campaign. Before the public launch of the campaign this fall, we have quietly begun the silent phase of fundraising. If you would like to speak about **making a a pledge** during this phase, please contact Julie in the parish office at **(320)228-0105** or by email **secretary@two rivers catholic.com**.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move forward together.

### Recollection Day Honoring Sister Annella Zervas:

A day of reflection inspired by the life of Benedictine Servant of God Annella Zervas has been announced by the Sister Annella Guild. The event is May 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph.

Participants asked to provide donation to help cover the cost of the meal. **Questions:** (218)281-1735.

**To Register:** Please visit [sisterannella.org/recollectionday](http://sisterannella.org/recollectionday).

### Ordinations:

Transitional and permanent diaconate ordination will take place June 6 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

Reflection & Renewal Gathering  
Saturday, June 20  
Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids

### Pre-Registration Required

\$25.00 fee by June 6.  
Questions call Carrie (320)253-1692

**Applications & Nominations** are being accepted by Social Concerns for the Catholic Century Farm awards & Rural Business Award. Please go to the Social Concerns website for requirements, applications, & nomination forms by visiting [stcdio.org/rural-life](http://stcdio.org/rural-life) or reach out to [JoAnnBraegelman@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:JoAnnBraegelman@gw.stcdio.org) with questions.

### *Readings* *Week* of the year

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or  
Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/  
Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/  
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/  
Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13/  
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25/  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/  
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

### YTM: Youth in Theology & Ministry

Youth in Theology and Ministry

Summer Camp

**June 19-27, 2026**

Grades 9-12

Fee \$700-Scholarships available  
for every youth!

**Register by May 31**

St. John's University

School of Theology & Seminary

email: [ytm@csbsju.edu](mailto:ytm@csbsju.edu)

visit: [csbsju.edu/sot/ytm](http://csbsju.edu/sot/ytm)



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 17, 2026

AS \$ 3,337.50

IC \$ 1,002.00

SC \$ 885.75

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

# Parish News & Events

**Memorial Day:** May 25. The Parish office will be closed. Thank you!

## **Memorial Day Services: May 25 7:30 a. m. Mass at Soldiers Shrine, Holdingford**

### **Holdingford American Legion 211**

7:30 a.m. Soldiers Shrine



Cemetery Visits:

8:10 a.m. St. Mary's, Holdingford

8:30 a.m. St. Hedwig's, Holdingford

9:00 a.m. Arban

9:30 a.m. St. Anna

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

10:20 a.m. South Elmdale

10:40 a.m. St. Mary's Orthodox

11:00 a.m. St. Francis

11:20 a.m. Meet at Holdingford Park

The Holdingford Legion invite all who

wish to honor our deceased veterans

to please come to the cemeteris of

your choosing. In case of rain, no

cemtery visits by Legion and VFW

honor guards.

## **Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle**

**Fundraiser:** Your support of the baby bottle fundraiser allows the mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ by preserving the lives of unborn children & meeting the specific physical, emotional & spiritual needs of clients through medical, educational, & counseling services.



The baby bottle fundraiser is organized by the Knights of Columbus. Money collection starts Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day.

## **Thursday Morning Book Group**

### **May 28 & June 11:**

All men & women are welcome to meet in the community room at the Fairview Apartments from 9:45a.m.-11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

## **Winners of the Knights of Columbus,**

### **St. Isidore Council raffle,**

held Thursday May 7th:

1. \$750 - Zach Krippner
2. \$500 - Steve Auer
3. \$250 - Brian Zwilling
4. \$150 - Missy & Aaron Swenson
5. \$100 - Sarah Klemmer
6. \$100 - Alice Kobylinski
7. \$100 - Jonah Fleck
8. \$100 - Sharon Volkers
9. \$100 - Allen Fedor
10. \$100 - Marvin & Amy Eiyneck
11. \$100 - Ron Maidl
12. \$100 - Marvin & Amy Eiyneck

## **Women's Group: June 1 & June 15**

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.

## **All Saints**

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women **Fun-Food-Fund** June 18<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church in Rice, MN.

Registration Fee of \$25.

Starts at 9 a.m.

All Saints Christian Mother's interested in attending please contact Teresa Ripplinger (320)247-2990

## **All Saints Christian Mothers/**

### **Rosary Sodality Meeting**

is on June 1st at All Saints St. Mary's church.

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in the

basement with Rosary and a meeting

to follow. We WELCOME all Christian

Mothers and Women that would like

to see what our organization does.

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 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.

### **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.

**Church Cleaning:** Saturday June 20, at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a bucket, mop & rag. Many hands would make light work. May God bless you for helping.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**



Morgan Millie Villa

Daughter of

Joshua & Kaitlyn

May 17, 2026

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**



Trevin Grant Hellmann

Son of

Brandon & Kelcie

May 17, 2026

St. Columbkille

## **Memorial Day:**

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



# Mass Schedule

<b>Mon. May 25</b>	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> <b>7:30 a.m. Soldier's Shrine, Holdingford</b>	Outside Mass, please bring a chair. If Rain Mass will be at All Saints-St. Hedwig's church. <b>† John &amp; Rose Dobos</b>
<b>Tues. May 26</b>	<i>St. Phili Neri, Priest</i> <b>11:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's</b>	<b>† Loretta Panek</b>
<b>Wed. May 27</b>	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> <b>6:30 p.m. Graduation Mass at Araban</b>	Outside Mass, please bring a chair. If rain Mass will be at All Saints-St. Hedwig's church. <b>For the Graduates</b>
<b>Thur. May 28</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception &amp; Adoration</b>	<b>† Doug Rausch</b>
<b>Fri. May 29</b>	<i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat. May 30</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sun May 31</b>	<i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i> <b>8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>† Jerome Young</b> <b>† Richard Schehr &amp; Judy Schehr</b>

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

### **EPIC: Every Person In Christ**

**Who:** All students Grades 6-12

**When:** 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** May 20, May 27, June 3, & June 10.

**Where:** All Saints-St. Hedwig's

### DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**July 28-30**

**St. Mary's Church, Milaca, MN**

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

The \$50 cost will be covered for our parish youth interested in attending. Please contact the parish office at (320)228-0105.

**Register by June 15:**  
[fourpillarsinfaith.org](http://fourpillarsinfaith.org)

Schedule:

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.

### **New This Year-at Discernment Retreat is a Mini Mission**

Everyone invited to Mini-Mission "Equally Yoked" presented by Dr. Mary Ruth Hackett

**Wednesday, July 29**

5:00 p.m.-Evening prayer  
 5:00 p.m. Presentation, Adoration, Confession, Prayer Teams

**RSVP:** for supper by calling St. Mary's Church, Milaca (320)983-3255

