



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

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

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026*

Central Office in Holdingsford

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-4,

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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

First Communion



St. Columbkille First Communicants May 2:

Noelle Harren daughter of Stephen & Maria

Michael Williams son of Jason & Bridget

All Saints First Communicants May 3:

Sawyer Becker son of Calvin & Rachel

Ava Bertram daughter of Christopher & Lisa

Trajan Breth son of Paul & Katie

Brooks Larson son of Eric & Gena

Chase Larson son of Nick & Mallory

Morgan Leukam daughter of Erik & Jennifer

Emma Pantze daughter of Matthew & Maria

Levi Schueler son of Jonathan & Andrea

Josephine Shaughnessy daughter of Kyle & Tamara

Elliott Solorz son of Mark & Kayla

Hailey Varner daughter of Andrew & Rachel

All Saints First Communicants May 7:

Benzley Nguyen son of Amanda

Blakely Nguyen daughter of Amanda

Braxley Nguyen son of Amanda

Briley Nguyen daughter of Amanda

Bailey Nguyen daughter of Amanda

Immaculate Conception First Communicants May 3

Eve Dobis daughter of Paul & Rebecca

Weston Frieler son of Chris & Nadine

Hayden Klemmer daughter of Michael & Sarah

Arlo Krebs son of Adam & Kathrine

Rowan Kroll son of Kevin & Jacinta

Levi Krueger son of Joshua & Ashley

Lydia Scegurra daughter of Andrew & Janet

New Evangelization Corner Doug Herbek



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Images: art painted on a building I walked past in Minneapolis this Spring

“When we encourage one another and build one another up, we embody and put flesh on the way the Holy One is present and alive within and around us.”

- Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

As Pope Leo XIV said while visiting a psychiatric hospital in Equatorial Guinea last month, “God wants to heal us”.¹ God heals us by loving us through our neighbor. We heal by building up each other. We heal by caring for our whole selves.

We need to heal the whole person. Each part of us is connected to the rest of us. Certainly to heal, we receive the Sacrament of Confession. Yet healing involves more than the spiritual. The psychological is inextricably intertwined with the spiritual. If we are psychologically healthy, which involves so much, including not being too hard on ourselves, we are free to follow where God is calling us.

We must also help each other to be free. We must not put each other down, but instead talk in ways that build up each other. We need to encourage each other to dream; when people say they want to love their neighbor, we need to encourage them. To do so is to welcome “the love God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”.² Then through that love flowing through us, God heals us.
1 nregister.com; 2 Romans 5:5

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

Eucharistic Adoration

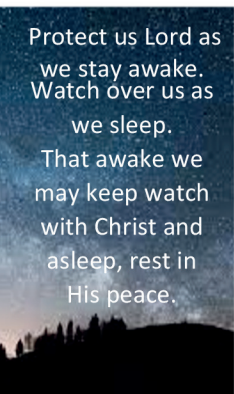
All Cluster Adoration
is every Monday at
All Saints-St. Hedwig's
from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Come encounter our
Eucharistic Lord!



Listen to the Rosary
led by Fr. Gregory and
Fr. Mark Stang on KASM
1150 a.m. at 6:00 p.m. daily.



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



The Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known that
anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly
unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my
Mother; to thee do I come; before thee
I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O
Mother of the word incarnate, despise
not my petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer me. Amen*

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.

News & Events



Franciscan Jubilee Year: Pope Leo XIV had proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis.” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace extended until January 2027 the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. You can obtain this grace under the usual conditions-Sacramental confession, Communion, prayer for the intentions of the pope or making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan Church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis

Month of Mary, Mother of God

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This catholic tradition sets aside the month of May to honor her as the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. This tradition grew in popularity in the 19th century and was strongly supported by popes to honor Mary as Queen. May was chosen because it represents life, growth, and flowers which are also symbolically linked to Mary. This is a time to reflect on her role as mother.

God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Mary demonstrates this perfectly. Mary was born to parents (St. Anne & St. Joachim) who were already quite old. She was consecrated to God in thanksgiving. God preserved her from original sin. She remained sinless her whole life. Joseph & Mary were engaged, both pledged to live for God. God chose Mary to conceive & give birth to the Messiah. She continued to answer yes to God as the joyful, obedient disciple. She was one of the few to suffer with Christ at the foot of the cross. She was there when he was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb. At Pentecost she was present. She lived with the community founded by the disciple John. She shared the story of Jesus birth with Paul & Luke. When her life was over her body & soul were assumed into heaven. Never doubt God Can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Mary continues to guide from heaven. She has appeared several times on earth to remind the Church to pray the Rosary for peace & make sacrifices for sinners. Cling to Mary asking for her intercession & to teach us her obedience.

Let's take time this month to reflect on the many ways that Mary showed her dedication, availability, vulnerability, & obedience to building her friendship with God. Ponder her being a mother to Jesus and all of us, guiding us to prayer.

Here are a few ways in which we can honor Mary during the month of May:

- Pray the Rosary daily.
- Attend the May Crowning where a statue of Mary is crowned with flowers. This could also be done at your home.
- Set up an Altar in your home with a picture or statue of Mary. Place it in a high traffic area to remind you to stop & spend a few minutes with Mary in prayer. This altar can be in your home or your yard.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 1451
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/
Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/
Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Bishop's Annual Appeal- Hearts of Mercy:

Please accept deepest gratitude to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries this year. As of Monday, April 20, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026 has raised total cash & pledges of \$924,994 toward a goal of \$1,550,000 (59.68%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 4,477 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. For weekly updates on progress & to help these ministries meet their funding needs, visit stedio.org/annualappeal.

Monthly Online Giving

Parish income: March, 2026

AS \$ 3,566.00
IC \$ 3,785.00
SC \$ 830.00

Weekly Offering

Parish income: April 26, 2026

AS \$ 3,383.00
IC \$ 1,763.10
SC \$ 2,030.00

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

Parish Office hours on May 12th will be 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Thank you.

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.

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.

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. With a vision of empowering both men & women to make informed decisions, encourage spiritual growth & Godly community.

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



Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Roll Weekend



The Knights of Columbus will be handing out tootsie rolls & taking donations May 2nd & 3rd after Mass. Thank you for any support you are able to contribute.

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

Building update: This is where building accounts are as of April 29. Savings: \$286,917.44
CD's: \$235,285.23
Total: \$522,202.67
Funds paid out are architect, general contractor, & campaign manager.

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.

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Donald D. Kotzer
Passed: April 19, 2026
Burial: April 24, 2026

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Delores H. Voss
Passed: April 20, 2026
Burial: April 27, 2026

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Randall Klimmek
Passed: Dec. 6, 2025
Burial: April 25, 2026

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Bake Sale: May 24th Memorial Day weekend. Please make your favorite items and bring them to Church Basement by Sunday May 24. Thank you.

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

Scan code for more donation information.



May 10th the raffle books, worker's list and important updated bazaar information will 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.



Congratulations!

Ryan & Reanna Stroeing
Married April 25, 2026

Christian Mothers Meeting


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

St. Columbkille

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Henry Elmer Huls
Son of
Tyler & Amanda
April 11, 2026

	Mass Schedule	
Mon. May 4	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Theresa & Robert Pierskalla
Tues. May 5	11:00 am Immaculate Conception	† Alois & Dorothy Panek
Wed. May 6	6:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's	Greater Belief in the Real Presence
Thur. May 7	<i>National Day of Prayer</i> 5:30 p.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's	† Kelly Welle
Fri. May 8	No Mass	
Sat. May 9	5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	† Rose Dobos
Sun May 10	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For the People † Juleen Scegura

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


FIRST COMMUNION

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.


Lord Jesus, I believe that
 You are present in the
 Holy Sacrament. I love
 You above all things, and I
 receive You into my soul.
 Come, Lord Jesus, fill my
 heart with your love at my
 First Communion.



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 

On the Road Mass

The first Knights of Columbus On the Road Mass is scheduled for 7pm, May 12th at
 Bill & James Ertl 
 16151 400th Street
 Avon, MN
 Rain or shine Mass will be at the farm.
 Off parish grounds event. Please dress for weather and bring your own chair. Thank you

