



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

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

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026*

Central Office in Holdingford

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: All are welcome!
Please introduce yourself to Father after
Mass and call the Central Office. Please
register, especially those who are from
closing parishes. 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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Feast of the Assumption & Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15, The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary, August 22. The Assumption is the event of her entry into heaven, while her Queenship is her royal status and role there. The Assumption of Mary is the belief that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. The Queenship of Mary is the theological recognition that she is crowned **Queen of Heaven and Earth** because her son **Jesus is the King**.

The Assumption of Mary is a defined infallible dogma of the Catholic Church, proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950 in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. The infallible dogma refers to the Catholic Church's teaching that the pope is preserved from error when proclaiming definitive doctrines on faith and morals, specifically when speaking *ex cathedra*. This doctrine was formally defined during the First Vatican Council in 1870.

The Queenship of Mary is when Mary shares in the royal power of Christ and reigns as Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth. It was established as a liturgical feast by Pope Pius XII in 1954 through his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*, though the tradition itself dates back to early Church reflections. This Feast Day is celebrated exactly 8 days (the octave) after the Assumption.



August 15 – Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22 – Queenship of
Blessed Virgin Mary

aletia.org, stpaulcenter.com, radiomaria.us,
ewtn.com, dynamiccatholic.com, foreverrosary.com

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

focus on Christ's triumph over sin and death, beginning with the Resurrection and ending with Mary's heavenly glory.

The First Mystery: The Resurrection

(Luke 24:1-12)

The Second Mystery: The Ascension

(Luke 24:50-53)

The Third Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

(Acts 2:1-4)

The Fourth Mystery:

The Assumption of Mary

(Revelation 12:1)

The Fifth Mystery:

The Coronation of Mary

(Revelation 12:1)

New Evangelization Corner

Jeff Johnson



Fest of the Assumption Rosary!

A year ago I did my level best to call everyone's attention to the German and Polish ancestors who founded these parishes in the late 1800's, to the faith filled men and women who laid the Roman Catholic foundations for all of us. So much history vanishes into thin air, and we are left with the names on the gravestones, and some of these same names are inscribed on the stained-glass windows of our churches in Holdingford, St. Wendel, and St. Anna. Endless stories of all the families can disappear too, but one that persists here in the 21st century is the story of Grandma Mary Woitalla, whom the Blessed Mother allegedly appeared to many times. We all know there are saints among us, and it is possible that a quiet farm wife and mother who prayed most nights at Immaculate Conception until her death in 1942 achieved this sanctification.

Everyone is invited to join us at the old Woitalla cabin where we pray the Rosary every August 15th at 2:00p.m. It is wonderful that this year it falls on a Saturday, so folks who work can attend. Fr. Gregory will offer an indoor Mass at noon at Immaculate Conception to kick things off, and then we will pray. Last year we had an overflow crowd, so bring a lawn chair and maybe a little bug spray so we can enjoy each other's company, and cold lemonade!

The address is 17114 County Road 52, Avon, Mn. 56310. As you head north on County Rd. 9 out of town, it is the first right, and then it is the second farm on the left. Since that road is narrow, pull onto the farm and veer to the left for parking near the tiny cabin. Mary and Anton Woitalla, pray for us!

~Jeff Johnson

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, Mary Doll, Donnie Wentland, Josh Wentland, Carol Kuklok, Curt Johannes, George Platz Sr., Jeff Symanietz, Delrose Symanietz, and Mike Hennen.



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, need prayer 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!



Sunday, August 16 | 1:30 p.m.

Moenedick Family Farm:

38153 431st Street

Perham, MN



On the Road Mass
was at the Holdingford Mill
on August 11, 2026

Thank you Jeff and Sue Burg for hosting this
on the road mass for everyone.

The Holdingford Mill was
blessed by Fr. Gregory at this mass.

Those in attendance were also given a
tour of the new mill and facilities.

News & Events



A beautiful evening for an on the road mass!
Many were in attendance showing a great level of
community and support.
Blessings to all that attended or participated in this mass.

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace:

This is the theme of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's **Annual Fall Conference** to be held **Saturday, September 19** from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at **Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie**, featuring Fr. Tim Tran as the speaker. The day will also include Mass and a documentary film on the life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. **Registration fee is \$25 by September 10** or at the door. Send fee to St. Cloud DCCW c/o Nita Hayes, 16695 Jewel Road, Little Falls, Mn 56345. Questions, call Nita at 320-630-0388.

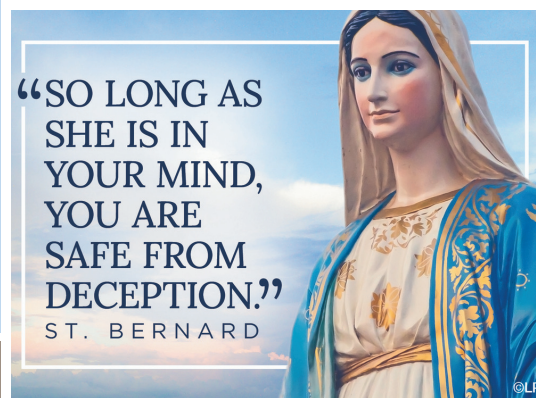


Deacon Jerry Schwarzbauer
Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m.
Monday August 24
St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mora.
Visitation will be **Sunday August 23**
from 4p.m. to 6 p.m.
at Dresser-Methven Funeral Home in Mora
as well as one hour prior to the service at
the church.
Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic
Cemetery in Mora, MN.

Deacon Jerry Schwarzbauer died August 10, 2026. He was 90 years old. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of St. Cloud on June 1, 1996 at the Cathedral of St. Mary. He served in diaconal ministry at parishes in Holdingford, St. Anna, St. Wendel, Opole, and Sartell. He retired in 2026. Please remember Deacon Schwarzbauer and his family in your prayers especially former parishioners of ours Lisa & Stipe Vasilj. Deacon Jerry is Lisa's father.

Readings *of the Week*

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/
Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/
Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23/
Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Monthly Online Giving

Parish income: July, 2026

AS \$ 4,021.00
IC \$ 3,377.50
SC \$ 855.00

Weekly Offering

Parish income: August 9, 2026

AS \$ 3,062.00
IC \$ 930.00
SC \$ 1,895.00

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

Parish News & Events

Thursday Morning Book Group

August 27: All men & women are welcome to meet in the community room at the Fairview Apartments from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

Community Rosary:

Join us in praying a community rosary, Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. with the 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.

Discover Books that can help you understand the faith: new books have been added to the kiosk in each parish. Please take a look at all the new book titles.

Women's Group:

August 17 & September 21:

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.

Thank You!

The Darlene Young family would like to express our deepest gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, and support during this difficult time. We are thankful for all who helped out at the services. It means so much to us.

The Knights of Columbus:

would like to invite you to join us for a picnic on **August 23rd** from **12-3** in the afternoon. It will be held at the **Lions Park in Holdingford.**

Hot dogs and brats will be provided, as well as chips and water. This will be a **potluck** so please bring a side dish or dessert of your choice!



Mergers & Relegations

For those of you wondering whether our parishes are closing or merging, we do not know. We will know when the bishop has made his decree. At that time we will be notified and a townhall meeting will be set up.

The diocese does share their information about the decrees, with the public, on their website. If you would like to see the decrees **visit: stdio.org/mergers-and-relegations.**

Please do not spread gossip or share false information.

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Meeting:

The meeting will be **Monday Sep. 14, at 6:30 p.m.** in the basement. All ladies are invited.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Nyla Mae Langner

Daughter of
Jake & Anna
August 9, 2026

Volunteer/s Needed:

Volunteers needed to help sew baptismal bibs and embroider baptismal design on the bib.

Example shown below. If interested please contact Julie in the parish office at 320-228-0105 or secretary@tworiverscatholic.com. Thank you.



St. Columbkille

The St. Columbkille Christian Women are looking for **donations** for their **Turkey Bingo raffle**. Call Sue at 320-250-8810 or Stephanie at 320-290-1646 by **Aug. 20**. Thank you.

The St. Columbkille Christian women will be having a meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 in the evening. It will be held in the room behind the rectory. All Women are invited

All Saints



***Pray
for Our New
Church!***

*St. Joseph, faithful
servant of God,
pray for us and
guide our work to
completion,
that all may be done
for the Glory of God
and the salvation of souls.
Amen*

Prayers will be said at the **new church site at 9:00 a.m., on Fridays** and continuing for two months. All are welcome. Please join us!

The All Saints Christian Mothers/Women/Rosary Sodality/**meeting** will be on **August 24, 2026**, in the All Saints-St. Mary's basement, beginning with rosary at **6:30 p.m.**



Congratulations!

Grace & Alex Knapp
Married August 8, 2026

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	
Mon. Aug. 17	No Mass	
Tues. Aug. 18	7:00 p.m On the Road Mass	Amy & Ed Notsch 33026 Nettle Rd., St. Joseph If Rain: St. Columbkille God's blessing and guidance upon Holistic Flower Farm and all those it serves.
Wed. Aug. 19	St. John Eudes, Priest 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's & Adoration	† John Gross
Thur. Aug. 20	St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration	† Joshua Scepaniak
Fri. Aug. 21	St. Pius X, Pope 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	† Joseph Kiffmeyer
Sat. Aug. 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	For the People
Sun. Aug. 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For all living & deceased relatives of Ron & Joan Frie † Juleen Scegura

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



150-170 in attendance!

The Holdingford Mill being blessed at the On the Road Mass.



FAITH FORMATION

Information has been sent out to those who've been in the Faith Formation program. Please let Katrina know if you don't receive anything by **August 18**.
allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com

New families please fill out the new family form on our website.
tworiverscatholic.com

Katrina is sending information out as she receives new requests. We are still in need of volunteers for teaching, helping, and subbing.