



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

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

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026*

Central Office in Holdingford

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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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12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Through practice, we learn how to allow these spiritual fruits to mature in us.
They do not develop individually; the fruits are mutually dependent.

The first and most important of the fruits is **Charity (Love)**. It is always self
giving and other centered. Cultivated by building relationships.

- **Joy** is a deep inner gladness dependent on Godly things.
- **Peace** is cultivated by totally surrendering to God.
- **Patience** is about trust in God's timing and His will.
- **Kindness, goodness, generosity, and gentleness** are fruits of the Spirit
that desire to do good for others. Their fruitfulness grows in the actual
giving, as well as in the desiring, to give.
- **Faithfulness** is to follow through with promises. God is punctual
like the sunrise.
- The last three Fruits of the Spirit are **Modesty, Self-Control, and Chastity**.
To respect ourselves and others, to practice discipline, and single
heartedness, helps us to express love beyond physical gratification.

All of these fruits are cultivated by the Holy Eucharist, Confession, Prayer,
Fasting, Almsgiving, Good Works, Praise and Worship to name a few.



(catholiclink.org)

New Evangelization Corner

Doug Herbek

Feast of the Transfiguration: August 6

"Let us perceive and honor the light of Christ in others.

Let us embrace the light that Christ reveals to us today on the Feast of the Transfiguration."

- Krista Fedorchak

Image: "The Transfiguration," oil and tempera painting on wood by Raphael, c. 1516-1520



The Transfiguration, a dazzling historical event, is also a continuing source of grace: the Disciples, filled with grace, came down the mountain with Jesus to serve. God gives us grace not to keep it to ourselves, but to share it. If we are humble, then with God's grace, we can step out of our comfort zones, recognizing the dignity of everyone we meet, especially those who are the most vulnerable, bringing them hope.

If we humble ourselves, turning to God, then God gives us grace¹ so we can come to the aid of our neighbor. Sometimes it is the person on the street corner in the town of St. Cloud asking for help, or the person walking into the supermarket in front of you, or the person sitting in the church pew next to you. Always be ready to explain to any of them the reason for the hope we receive through our faith;² always be ready to show the love to others that they need. Then they will share in our hope, and we will heal as individuals, a church community, nation, and world.

1 Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5-6; 2 1 Peter 3:15.

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, 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!



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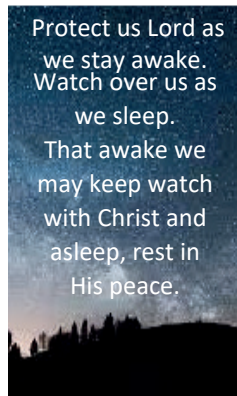
Listen to the Rosary

led by Fr. Gregory and
Fr. Mark Stang on KASM
1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.

Listen to Fr. Gregory's

Rural Life Radio Show on
KYES 1180 AM or 93.5 FM at
8:30 a.m., 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



St. Cajetan, Priest

Feast Day: August 7

Patron Saint of:

Unemployed,
Job Seekers, and
Bankers

Life's Work:

St. Cajetan was born in Italy in 1480. He gave up a life of wealth to become a priest.

To protect poor people from unfair money lenders, he started a bank with low or no interest loans.

He built hospitals for people who were sick.

St. Cajetan cared deeply about workers and people who had no jobs. (catholicculture.org)

"Even if all the saints and every single creature should abandon you, Jesus will always be near you, whatever your need".

News & Events

Hearts of
MERCY
Agents of Compassion



2026
Bishop's
Annual
Appeal

Readings of the Week

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/
Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23
/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/
Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/
Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/
Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Church of Seven Dolors in Albany will be holding its annual bazaar on Sunday, August 9th. There will be family friendly games and events.

August	Feed The Hungry	Give Instead of Take-out Skip a take-out meal and donate the cost of that meal to a hunger relief organization.
September	Instruct the Ignorant	Create a Video or Infographic Create a short video or infographic explaining a faith concept or moral teaching in a simple, engaging way.
October	Forgive Offenses	Forgiveness Letter Write a letter of forgiveness to someone (or yourself) for a hurt in the past and reflect on the experience. Then, send it (or don't).

(stcdio.org/2026-mercy-challenge)

Thank you to those who have supported diocesan ministries this year. The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026 has raised \$1,183,542 toward a goal of \$1,550,000. This was made possible through generous donations of 5,559 people throughout 16 counties of this diocese. To donate or for weekly updates visit (stcdio.org/annualappeal).

Join us in Bowlus!

Healing the *Whole* Person
THE 8-PART GROUP SERIES

Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts
& Sr. Miriam James Heidland



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8 Talks | Community
Reflections | Healing & Restoration

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Register
for Pacem



Register for
Bowlus
Retreat

Bowlus: October 23, 24, & 25
Friday (2p.m.-9p.m.)
Saturday (9a.m.-3:30p.m.)
Sunday (Mass at 10a.m.-4:30p.m.)

Pacem in Terris: August 26-28
Full retreat, including overnight.
If you sign up for Pacem in Terris or the Bowlus Retreat, you will be entered into a drawing for one of 3-\$100 vouchers to go for your retreat, on behalf of our parish cluster.

Questions: contact Janice at (320)640-7623 or email healing@spiritandsaints.org
Registration: Scan QR code or visit (forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7)

ATTENTION

Pacem Retreat Early Bird Pricing

Early Bird Pricing ends August 3
full retreat \$375, commuter \$100

Starting August 4
prices change to
Full Retreat: \$425, Commuter \$150

Weekly Offering

Parish income: July 19, 2026

AS \$ 2,395.00
IC \$ 824.00
SC \$ 2,794.00

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

Parish News & Events

"O, St. Isidore the Farmer,
patron saint of farmers and
protector of crops,
intercede with God
to send us the blessing
of water.

Make the clouds fill with water
and rain fall on the thirsty
earth to nourish the soil,
give life to all plants,
and renew hope for those who
depend on agriculture.
Amen"

Volunteers Needed

We are asking for volunteers to help make a cemetery plot directory book for our All Saints-St. Mary's, St. Columbkille, and Immaculate Conception cemeteries. Ideally it would be one person from each of those locations.

You will be shown how to start the project and how to manage an Excel spreadsheet to update data and maps. This will be a historical record and also a useful tool in locating plots where loved ones and community members are laid to rest.

If interested please contact Julie at the parish office by calling 320-228-0105 or email: secretary@tworiverscatholic.com or bulletin@tworiverscatholic.com.

Garden Flowers:

Anyone wishing to share their garden flowers for the altars at each church, please reach out to the following contacts for each church.

All Saints

text Joan at 320-241-3264,

Immaculate Conception

Dawn at 320-492-7712,

St. Columbkille

Teia at 320-333-4919 or

April at 320-241-3194.

Holy Family Mini Fest

August 13-16, 2026

Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Catholic Church and Belle Prairie Park along the Mississippi River just north of Little Falls, MN.

Included: continental breakfast, guest speakers, family activities, entertainment, and the opportunity to receive the sacraments and experience prayer throughout the day.

Family Registration is \$300
(holyfamilyland.org)

Rural Catholic Singles Group:

August 8th: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at 320-290-2877.

Women's Group:

August 3, & August 17

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.

Special Collection for Venezuela:

Bishop Patrick Neary has requested that we take up a special collection to help those who have been affected by two devastating earthquakes on June 24. We will be taking this special collection the weekend of August 8th and 9th. Thank you for your generosity.

All Saints

May Eternal Rest be granted to:



Darlene Young

Passed: July 13, 2026

Burial: July 20, 2026

Immaculate Conception

Christian Mothers Meeting: The meeting be **Monday Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m.** in the basement. All ladies are invited.

Bazaar Meeting:

Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.

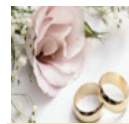
in the church basement.

All chairpersons are asked to attend. New members are warmly welcome to join these meetings and share thoughts, ideas, or insights to help plan for the upcoming year.

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.



Marriage Banns III
September 12, 2026
St. Columbkille

Allison Notsch & Zachary Kulla

Winners from the St. Wendel Raffle

- Tom Lyon
- Lynn Schefers
- Joe Gertken
- Sue & Jeff Burg
- Rory Holthaus
- Darlene Huls
- Tom Shmid
- Leslie Gertken
- Jenny & Josh Revermann
- Sandy Paggen

Thank you to all who helped make the St. Wendel picnic a success.

Thank you Fr. David Maciej for leading us in Mass this weekend!

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	
Mon. Aug. 3	8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille & Adoration	† Dean Bienek
Tues. Aug. 4	<i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i> 11:00 a.m All Saints-St. Mary's	† Ray & Connie Young
Wed. Aug. 5	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i> 6:00 p.m. Gathering Barn	The Youth
Thur. Aug. 6	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception & Adoration	† Roger Blenker
Fri. Aug. 7	<i>St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest</i> No Mass	
Sat. Aug. 8	<i>St. Dominic, Priest</i> 2:00 p.m. Wedding Grace Gerads & Alex Knapp 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	All Saints-St. Mary's † John Pelka
Sun. Aug. 9	<i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Hedwig's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	For the People † Judy Schehr

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

It's going to be **EPIC!**

Faith-Filled Friendship!
Every Person In Christ

What: Epic Youth Nights

Who: All students grades 6-12

When: Wed. Aug. 5,
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Where: Gathering Barn:
35204 County Road 155, Avon, MN

* Please note change in location.*
Last night with Doug.

Have a blast with friends and
grow closer to God!

Faith Formation Updates

Hello Everyone! It is that time of year to prayerfully consider Volunteering in our Faith Formation program. We are looking for teachers and helpers in classes K-10. Newly confirmed students this is a great way to continue to say yes to God's call for you. Please call or text Katrina Kolles at 320-292-1575 or to email at allsaintsff@tworiverscatholic.com.



**FAITH
FORMATION**



New Families in the area or New to Faith Formation:

If you are a new family in the area or new to faith formation who are looking for information, please go online to the Faith Formation page on our website (tworiverscatholic.com) and fill out the **new families form**. Katrina will be sending out information in August.