

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

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

The First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

Central Office in Holdingford

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Confession Times:

By appointment only

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.

Shut-Ins: Please call us.

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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Lent

*Prayer Fasting
Almsgiving*

“On the First Sunday of Lent, begin your journey with self reflection and allow yourself to experience the Mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season?”

~catholiccurrent.org

“Deserts are difficult places in which to survive. The conditions found in a desert are quite unlike what most of us know as normal. But the desert has always been seen as a place of spiritual enlightenment, where human beings have profound awakenings and encounters with the Divine. Rich wisdom from the experiences of our desert fathers and mothers are at the foundation of our Christian spiritual tradition. Wonderful surprises and soul learning can be found in the desert silence, which isn't really silent at all. It's simply an environment free of distraction and excessive stimulation where one can begin to listen more deeply and keenly to what is going on. Lent invites us into the desert. As the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert, so that same Spirit drives us into that same place of peace filled scarcity. We live a simpler, more reflective life for forty days hoping to confront some of the demons that bind us to our weakness and imperfections. They weigh us down with their burdens and make life much heavier than it really needs to be. Freely choosing to limit our distractions, obsessions, illusions, dependencies, securities, and familiarities for forty days opens the door to greater self-awareness and freedom. Preparing a suitable desert place requires some brutal honesty with ourselves and a willingness and desire to grow and change...The success of our Lenten desert journey will come to light when we acknowledge that God is making good on his promises without reservation. God's covenant has to mean something to us.

~Fr. Mark Suslenko/Connect! Sunday Reflection

Lent is “a time for renewing faith, hope and love” through the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And, by going to confession...By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain.” ~ Pope Francis/ centralminnesotacatholic.org

Evangelization Corner

~Kristin Molitor

PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER

WHAT IS IT? **PRAYER** is the action that leads people to God. We take time away from the distractions of the world, to **turn to God**, to contemplate, to listen and talk to Him, to read His words and meditate on them, to be one with Him. Prayer gives meaning to Lenten practices, which should draw us closer to Him.



FASTING

WHAT IS IT? **FASTING** is restricting consumption, depriving yourself of both good and bad things for the glory of God. This means normally watching what you eat, on a day that it is practiced, one regular meal and two small ones. During Lent, we fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. **ABSTINENCE** is practiced all Fridays of Lent.



ALMSGIVING

WHAT IS IT? **ALMSGIVING** is the action that leads us Christians to see others, love them, listen to them and them our time, help, advice, money, shelter, company, affection. It is not limited to giving material goods, it is the gift of self. It is based on **CHARITY**, to love God and others as oneself. To give alms is to be united to Christ in his poverty.



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BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC
YOUTH SERVICE



The Healing Power of God

Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially:

Teckla Scegura, Dave Scegura, Lee Larkey, Arnold Voss, Al Hartung, Arlene Beniek, Theresa Johannes, Fr. Gregory, Residents and staff at Mother of Mercy, Shelley Ostendorf, Theresa Pierskalla, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore, Tom Studniski, Loren Philippi, LeRoy Johannes, Ardith Mosier, Leon Opatz, Elizabeth Maslowski, Carol Kuklok, Ron Stanoch

Eucharistic Adoration

Cluster Adoration
Every Monday
12 noon to 8 p.m.
All Saints-St. Mary's



This Week's Events

Updates and Mass times from Father Gregory
www.tworiverscatholic.com

Catholic Radio

K-YES Radio 1180 www.kyesradio.com

Father Gregory's Radio Show is every Friday on K-YES Radio 1180 AM or 93.5 PM at 8:30 a.m. and the new time 11:00 p.m.

KASM Radio 1150 AM

Rosary with Father at 6:00 p.m. daily
relevantradio.com

Contemporary Christian Music

SPIRIT 92.9 FM www.spirit929.com

Check websites for additional updates

www.tworiverscatholic.com

www.238catholic.org (Upsala cluster)

Virtual Mass:

www.stcdio.org/tvmass

EWTN TV 7a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m.

Read the Bible:

www.ascensionpress.com

The Catholic Bible read aloud to you in 365 days with guidance and insights from Fr. Mike Schmitz. 20 minutes a day everyday.

Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

Consecration to St. Joseph

All are invited to join us for a parish-wide consecration to St. Joseph to commemorate the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis. We will begin with a kick off Mass on March 30th and consecrate at the weekend Masses on May 1st and 2nd in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Consecration process will take 33 days and we will be following Father Donald Calloway's book "Consecration to St. Joseph." This book will be available for purchase from the parish at a highly discounted price of \$5. Contact Kristin Molitor if interested: evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com Watch the bulletin for more details.

News & Events

Prayer to Receive a New Bishop

Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Saint Cloud a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors. In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Join in the
Annual Women's Lenten Retreat
March 13, 2021

"Saints Within Us"



www.stcloudccw.org

Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

To register go to the above website and click on the link at the bottom of the page. An email will be sent to you with the Zoom link.

- 9:00 a.m. -Introduction
- 9:15 a.m. -Litany of Saints, Mathew Kelly video, We Need Saints, Personal stories
- 9:45a.m. -Speaker, Ginny Duschner, "WWSTD" "What Would St Teresa do?"
- 10:30 a.m -Break (stay logged in)
- 10:45 a.m. -All about Saints Q&A Panel
- 11:45 a.m. -When the Saints Come Marching In, Personal Saint Stories
- 11:50 a.m. -Linda Scepurek DCCW President, remarks
- 12:15 p.m. -Live Streamed Mass (Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids)



February 20 - 21, 2021

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." — Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill his plan for us.

Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Weekend with a gift for ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.



Newly Baptized

Landon Joseph Czech

Son of Joseph and Jacqueline

February 7, 2021

All Saints- St. Hedwig's



Weekly Readings

Monday 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/
Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt 26-16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



Knights of Columbus

Pop Tab Collection

Mid April in St. Anna, St. Wendel and Holdingford there will be a drop box for pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. This is a great way to help families stay with their child when they are hospitalized for an illness.



Knights of Columbus

Family Fishing Outing.

All are welcome Sunday March 7th, Noon to 3pm on Two Rivers Lake, we have some rods for use, bait will be provided and snacks. For questions please contact:

Mike Peters at 746-2377 or Grand Knight, Jamie Panek 290-7752
Holdingford KC Council #9307

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

February 14, 2021

AS \$ 3,606.00
 IC \$ 2,438.00
 SC \$ 1,267.00

February 7, 2021

AS \$ 3,692.20
 IC \$ 1,235.00
 SC \$ 1,453.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Parish News & Events

St. Columbkille

Christian Women will be holding a meeting on Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. All women are welcome.

All Cluster

Women's Group Our Women's Group will meet this week to continue our discussion of "A Devotional Journey into the Mass." The evening group will meet on Monday, March 1st at 7 p.m. via Zoom **and the morning session will meet on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints - St. Mary's Basement in Holdingford.**

Women who would like to participate in a deeper discussion of our last book "Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits" are invited to gather on the fourth Monday of the month. Please contact Kristin Molitor if you are interested in Women's Group or would like to be added to the Women's Group email list. ~evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com

Consider Joining a Discipleship Quad Contact Kristin if you would like to learn more about joining a Discipleship Quad.

Well-Read Mom will be meeting via Zoom on February 23rd at 4-5:30. We will be discussing In This House of Brede by Margaret Rumer Godden. To join us call Susan at (320) 224-6052.

Rural Catholic Singles Group

Join in for prayer, topical information and discussions for single people who are discerning their vocation and looking for social connections in the process. Our next meeting is March 13th from 8-9:30 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's.

Contact Janel Heinen 290-2877 to find out more information about this newly formed group meeting for fun and faith!

Spiritual Adoption

This year, we will begin our parish's Spiritual Adoption Program Feb. 14th - Oct. 31st. Prayer cards for Spiritual Adoption will be found in the lobbies of all churches and at All Saints-St Mary's for Monday Adoration. Please name your spiritually adopted baby and pray for her/him & the parents for 9 months that the parents will receive the graces, love & support they need to choose life for their child. In October, we will have a "Baby Shower" by collecting items for Elevate (formerly Birthline).



The Lenten prayer campaign for 40 Days for Life is 2/17 - 3/28. Our parishes are filling hours on Thurs afternoon from 1pm to 7pm for the prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood. If you have questions or would like to sign up please call/text Marilou @ 247-9838.

We make sure there are at least 2 people for each hour and provide Choose Life signs at the vigil site.

Prayer Vigil for Life

A prayer vigil (both inside & outside All Saints-St Mary's) in Holdingford will be on Tuesdays from 4-5 at starting February 23rd and ending Mar 23rd. Please join in to protect Life!

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
2021 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Gathered. Nourished. Sent.

VIRTUAL
RETREAT &
BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, February 27
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Cost: FREE

As Lent begins, this retreat/Bible study will have five presenters who will facilitate reflection opportunities on the Sunday Gospels of the Lenten season.

Presenters:

Fr. Scott Pozathnik, Fr. Tom Knoblach, Fr. Doug Liebsch, Fred Blonigan, Ryan Parsons

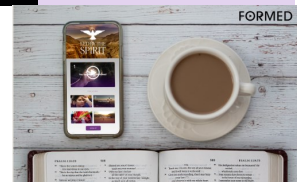
Catholic Men's Conference: Virtual Retreat and Bible Study will be on February 27th from 9 a.m. to noon. The Six Gospels of Lent will be presented by different speakers with time for prayer and contemplation. Bishop Kettler will open and close with prayer. To register: www.stcdio.org/mensconference21/ or 258-7615

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:



This week, continue to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with this film from Ignatius Press.

FORMED *Lenten Daily Reflections*
What are you doing this Lent?
Sign up and receive daily emails this holy season.



It's not too late to jump into the National Catholic Men's Conference Feb. 19-21st. It's Free! The weekend is about first conquering with Christ the battle *inside* of us so that we might be fit for the fight raging *outside* of us. Learn practical and immediately applicable steps for becoming a strong and faith-filled Catholic man. Discover more deeply the joy of being Catholic men Gain a clearer vision of God's unique plan for your life. Find the knowledge, strength, and courage to stand up to the challenges of our time. Sign up at: info@virtualcatholicconference.com

Mass Schedule

Mass Intentions
said by Fr. Gregory
For young people who are
dealing with struggles
For those suffering
from depression

Mon. *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

Feb. 22 No Mass at St. Columbkille

Tues. Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Feb. 23 7:00 p.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration and Stations

For all those recently returning home after illnesses or surgeries

Wed.

Feb. 24 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's  Deceased members of the Jerome Winkler Family

Thurs.

Feb. 25 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception  Alois Kociemba

Fri.

Feb. 26 Mass said by Fr. Gregory

Candles that were Blessed by Fr. Gregory are available at cost (\$2) in the Sacristy of All Saints-St. Mary's, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille. Keep the light of Christ burning in your hearts and homes.

Sat.

Feb. 27 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille For the People

Sun. *Second Sunday of Lent*

Feb. 28 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's  Donna M. Schneider

10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception  Bruce Wheece

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

Faith Formation Directors

All Saints: Katrina Kolles, 292-1575, 746-2917
allsaints@tworiverscatholic.com

Immaculate Conception & Confirmation Jeff Johnson
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St. Columbkille: Jenny Revermann 249-9939
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Youth Events: Shelley Vouk 248-2860

Youth Praise and Worship Adoration

March 1st, 7:00-8:00 p.m., All Saints-St. Mary's

For more information contact Shelley at 248-2860
Join in this event every 1st Monday of the Month!

This Lent **engage your family** Lenten with reflections, meatless recipes and stories from around the world by visiting : Family Lenten Resources
<https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

Lenten ideas for Teens

1. Give up one TV show or 30 minutes of music to read the story of the Blind Man in Jn 9: 1, 6-11, 35-38
2. Give up something you really enjoy like a dessert or snack and give \$1 to someone in need.
3. Think about a bad habit you'd like to change, like telling a lie, yelling at others or putting people down and choose to avoid that habit for 3 days.
4. Share lots of smiles today.



The Chair of St. Peter

(Cathedra Petri)

February 22, 2021

This day honors the very ancient tradition, proven to have existed in Rome since the fourth century. On it we give thanks to God for the mission he entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his Successors.

"Cathedra" literally means the established seat of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of a diocese which for this reason is known as a "cathedral"; it is the symbol of the Bishop's authority and in particular, of his "magisterium", that is, the evangelical teaching which, as a successor of the Apostles, he is called to safeguard and to transmit to the Christian Community. ~nationalcatholicregister

Journey with Jesus

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Thank you and Blessings for a good day!