

The Catholic Communities of Bowlus, Holdingford and St. Anna

St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus All Saints, Holdingford Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

Central Office in Holdingford

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Confession Times:

Before weekday Masses at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday: 7:30 p.m. St. Anna

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 to schedule Baptism.

A baptism class is offered quarterly.

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.**

**P.O. Box 308,
Holdingford, MN 56340**

Happy Mother's Day!

Our Lady of Fatima ~ Feast Day: May 13

"On May 13th 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot in Saint Peter's square on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. One of the bullets missed his heart by just inches. John Paul II credited his survival and the offering of his suffering a Providence and said, "one hand pulled the trigger and another guided the bullet," recognizing Our Lady of Fatima for protecting him.

The next year he gave the bullet that had nearly killed him to the shrine in Fatima to be placed in the crown of Our Lady.

May 13 marks the anniversary of Our Lady appearing to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. She appeared to Lucia at age nine, and her cousins Francisco, who was eight and his sister Jacinta, who was just six.

October 13th, her sixth apparition the Miracle of the Sun occurred and was witnessed by 70,000 people. "

~blessedishe.net

A new film 'Fatima' is scheduled to be release August 14th, 2020.

St. Isidore the Farmer ~ Feast Day: May 15

"Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities.

In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint-Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in the church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food, He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals. He died May 15, 1130 and was declared a saint in 1622."

~franciscanmedia.org

See next page to learn about the St. Isidore Novena: catholicrurallife.org



Evangelization Corner ~Kristin Molitor

Today I would like to wish all mothers a very happy Mothers' Day! St. John Paul II reminds us that all women are life-givers, and so today we thank every woman in our parish cluster of the unseen sacrifices you have made to nourish, guide, protect, and cherish the biological and spiritual children God has placed in your life. Holy Mother Church is meant to be a place of healing, belonging, instruction, and flourishing, and when women live out their maternal gifts, the Church becomes more fully herself. *The heart of a woman (a mother's heart) teaches us about the heart of the Church.*

God entrusts the human being in a special way to women. The words *maternity* and *eternity* are linked because each person entrusted to the heart of a mother has a soul that is destined to live forever. Saying yes to this entrustment can be scary! Motherhood requires risk, responsibility, and heartache, At times it might feel safer to never take the risk, but love isn't safe: *love requires vulnerability*. So I thank all of you brave mothers who dared to open your heart to the lives God has entrusted to your care.

Thank you to all women in our parishes who said yes to motherhood through biological children. Thank you to all women in our parishes who said yes to motherhood by being a foster mother. Thank you to all women in our parishes who said yes to motherhood by being a mother through adoption. Thank you, godmothers, spiritual mothers, grandmothers, and faith formation teachers. Your generosity reveals to us the generous and life-giving nature of God.

On this Mother's Day, let's not forget to thank our Blessed Mother who opened her heart to all of us at the foot of the cross. During this month of Mary, let's daily entrust ourselves to her motherly embrace.



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE
Applying the teachings of Jesus Christ for the betterment of rural America

Catholic Rural Life has a 24/7 confidential Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline. Need help finding a confidential financial or legal advisor? (833) 600-2670



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 and Arnold Voss, Connie Young, Gretta Bayer, Lee Bieniek, Al Hartung, Kieran Kloss, Heidi Quinlan, Arlene Beniek, Lawrence Trettel, Melissa Scepurek, Baby Wyatt, Reagan Zierden, LeRoy Johannes, Rita K. Trettel, Bernard Kolles, Sharon Prokott, Sara Sobania, Mabeline Sobania, Mary Lange

Eucharistic Adoration virtualadoration. home.blog

(sites from all over the world)



This Week's Online Events

Updates from Father Gregory Visit our website: 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. or 6:30 p.m. Tune in for updates and inspiration.

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

Read online:

The Word Among Us and Magnificat Magazines

FREE at wau.org/coronavirus or

<https://us.magnificat.net>

Other Masses:

<http://www.wordonfire.org/> Bishop Barron

<http://www.catholicv.org/masses> Catholic TV

<http://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

<http://yourcatholicradiostation.com>

Websites for resources and prayer:

www.tworiverscatholic.com

Virtual Novena to St. Isidore the Farmer

Catholic Rural Life has been serving rural communities for over 96 years. Every year they lead a Novena to St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers and Catholic Rural Life. This year it will be virtual and led by Bishops from the Board of Directors, each day lifting up all the intentions of the rural communities throughout our country. Videos will be live on the Rural Life Facebook page and afterwards on the Rural Life website: catholicrurallife.org. The Novena starts on Thursday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. Go to the Rural Life website for the full schedule. There you can get a printable copy of the St. Isidore novena or a prayer card. You may also submit a specific prayer request.

News & Events

Bishop announces that churches can be open for individual prayer and Adoration.

St. Stanislaus is now open daily from 10 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Precautions still apply:

No more than 10 people may be present at one time. Individuals need to be separated from each other by at least 6 feet. Volunteers are monitoring this.

Hand sanitizer is available at the Entrance of the church and will be encouraged.

Certain pews will be marked with signs and these will be sanitized daily. Adoration should take place in the main body of the church, not in a side chapel. Someone must always be present if the Blessed Sacrament is displayed in the monstrance.



Banns II

Sara Grace Solarz

&

Ryan Thomas Sowada

May 16, 2020

All Saints-St. Mary's



Newly
Baptized

Mack Anthony Merten

Child of Matthew and Elizabeth

St. Stanislaus Kostka



Newly
Baptized

Mya Grace Pantze

Child of Matt and Maria

All Saints

In the news:

~thecentralminnesotacatholic.org

Local response: What would you want future generations to remember about how we as Catholics reacted to the coronavirus pandemic?

“As I reflect on the question, I hope that we will be a people who remembered to put our trust in God, I sometimes hear from people that God is putting this plague onto us for punishment. I don’t believe that.

What I believe is that although God allows troubled times, those things are not from him. He does support us and helps us grow in the midst of the pain and suffering. I see that as much more positive and realistic view of who God is. God works through and in the pain, he does not cause pain.”

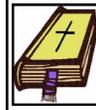
~Mike Lamb, Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

“Living in a time of uncertainty is exhausting. Things are constantly changing or being taken away from me. My senior year is cut short and things continue to be postponed or canceled. This time is very challenging; however, I am able to seek comfort in my relationship with God. Since I can’t leave the house to receive Jesus, he is revealing to me how I must bring him more into my home. Whether it’s reading the Bible with my sisters, having an intellectual conversation with my Dad, or personal prayer, this time has allowed me to grow in my faith.”

~Maggie Molitor, senior, ROCOR High School, Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Rockville

Tell us your story

What stories do you have to share with us about staying at home these past few weeks. What acts of kindness did you give or receive. What are your Holy Spirit Moments? Tell us what God is doing in your life. Email your stories to : secretary@tworiverscatholic.com or mail them into the Central Office.



Weekly Readings

Monday Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/
Jn 15:9-17

Friday Acts 15:21-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Bishop's Ordination Celebration

In the interest of following public policy for the well-being of all, the celebration of Bishop Kettler's Ordination on May 31st has been delayed until further notice. Please keep all our priests in your prayers.

During these challenging times we encourage you to contribute to your church. You can still mail in your contribution to the Central Office or drop it off at Stearns Bank in Holdingford. See below if you'd like to start automatic contributions online. Thank you!

Sign up for automatic contributions! Go to the URL address for your church as listed below. Click on “Sign up for Your New Account” and complete your initial registration. Please call 800-348-2886 Option 2 for assistance. Thank you!

URL Addresses:

All Saints, Holdingford, MN

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1723

Immaculate Conception, St. Anna

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1720

St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus, MN

www.osvonlinegiving.com/4543

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

Thank you for your generosity!
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” —Luke 12: 34

Parish News & Events

Long Distance Mother's Day ~from [blessedisshenet](#)

Send Flowers

Send her a packet of flower seeds she can plant in her garden.

Bonus if you plant the same ones in yours!

Gift her a painting of flowers she loves, or something she would not expect, like a Botanica Rosary print. (see website).

Consider sending her a Spiritual Bouquet instead. Offer up Rosaries, Chaplets of Divine Mercy, Novenas or other prayers and write them out in a beautiful card you can pop in the mail.

Share an experience

Hop on Facetime to cook a recipe, do a craft together or start a movie at the same time and talk on the phone while it's on.

Donate in her Honor

Many people are out of work, donating money, food or other Supplies would be a beautiful way to honor and pay forward the sacrifices she made all throughout your childhood.

Gift her something Unique

Email her a video message telling her all the things she did right as your mom.

Make her a calendar she can hang on her fridge filled with photos to make her smile.

Make her a Rosary or Rosary bracelet ~[blessedisshenet](#)

A New Version of Home Life

"For many of us, this is as much as we have ever lived at home.

We're eating at home, enjoying entertainment at home (like movies, board games, and cooking shows), and enjoying a live stream from the zoo.

Our homes have become the front and center of everything we do. Grocery and retail shopping are now done from the couch. All outside distractions have been eliminated.

Our families are at the center of the vocation given to us by God. We attempt to find balance when we feel our lives becoming too busy. We plan a vacation because we think it is the antidote that will rejuvenate us to get back into the reality of the routine...we are finding we don't need to go somewhere to make memories as a family.

Children may have an opportunity to catch a glimpse of authentic marriage as spouse adjust to working from home and new dynamics. These circumstances create opportunities of healthy conflict resolution, which is a normal part of family life.

While everything remains on pause, we have been presented with an opportunity for the whole family to reconnect in new and meaningful ways. We may not know what lies ahead, but everything we do within our homes will help us rediscover what we Value, who we love, and how we love them. This helps us recommit ourselves to each other once reentry into the outside world occurs. "

~ [blessedisshenet](#)



Catholic United Financial
MINISTREE

Community service rooted in faith

When completing a task, **fill out one of the MinisTree cards** found in the back of church and turn it into the Central Office or collection basket. If more than one person is helping with the task, each should fill out a card. Thank you!
*Call your neighbor to see how they are doing.
*Make a meal for someone in need
*Volunteer to deliver meals

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Search

Why am I here? Where did I come from? What happens when I die?

We find the answers to life's big questions when we wrestle with them in our faith. In fact, the story of human history has largely been a story of faith. We need a relationship with our maker—a relationship with life—to make sense of all of this. The Search is a powerful new Catholic evangelization experience hosted by Chris Stefanick and featuring scientists, astronauts, artists and fellow searchers who uncover the answers to life's big questions on happiness, purpose, meaning, and faith.

The Search video series has something for all of us, even those who are away from the Church but are still seeking, and those who have never considered faith before. Watch the first video on FORMED: <https://watch.formed.org/thesearch>

Reflection questions after the video:

1. Why did you come to **The Search**?
2. What struck you from the video?
3. What kinds of happiness are people seeking in their daily lives today?
- 3."Destination Addiction" means to think you will not be happy until you achieve or get something. How prevalent is that in our world.
4. Jesus' first words in the Gospel are "What do you seek? What are you looking for in your life right now?"
5. When you were younger, what did happiness mean to you? Has that changed?
6. The author of Ecclesiastes in the Bible wrote that all of human life is vanity. Does this view of life make sense to you?

Sign up: <http://tworiverscatholic.formed.org>

Pray together as a family!



Mass Schedule

Mon. May 11	Private Mass said by Fr. Gregory
Tues. May 12	<i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i> Private Mass said by Fr. Gregory
Wed. May 13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Private Mass said by Fr. Gregory
Thurs. May 14	<i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i> Private Mass said by Fr. Gregory
Fri. May 15	<i>St. Isidore</i> No Mass
Sat. May 16	No Mass
Sun. May 17	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> No Mass

Make an act of faith

Come up with your own prayer or use a traditional one to express to the Lord our faith in

Make an act of love

Say a prayer that expresses your love and gratitude to the Lord, Thank Him for His



The 4 steps for Spiritual Communion

~Catholic Link

real presence in the Eucharist .

Express your desire to receive Him

As you are not able to physically receive the Lord, Express your desire to receive Him in your heart.

infinite love as well.

Invite Jesus to come into your heart.

With a humble and contrite heart we ask the the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to

Mass Intentions said by Father Gregory last week:

Rollie Trettel

Angie and Joey Nentl

Melvin Nentl

Art Zapzalka

Al Fussy

For the People

Robert and Joan Keppers

Faith Formation & GIFT (*Generations In Faith Together*)

St. Stanislaus Religious Education and parishioners have been praying and logging Rosaries since October and had intentions of placing a rose at the statue of Mary for every 50 Rosaries prayed. In all 265 Rosaries were prayed!

Resources for kids:

www.biblekids.eu

Resources for Teens –Virtual Youth Conference with renowned Catholic Speakers:

<http://projectym.com/live/soon>

Resources from Catholic Education Ministries for faith:

<http://familytogether.stcdio.org>

Minnesota Catholic Conference is offering an advocacy webinar for students to help them speak about life and dignity. Tuesday, May 12th from 10-11:30 a.m. "Students innately understand these truths of our Catholic faith...they are eager to make a difference in the world, but they don't always know where or how to begin." Topics covered during the event will include: why Catholic students' voices matter, how their ideas can become laws, and what the Church teaches about a defending the life and dignity of every person. To register go to : www.mncatholic.org/LessonsinAdvocacy. An email to the secure Zoom webinar will be provided.

So you are teaching your kids at home...what a great opportunity to strengthen their faith!

It's okay to not be okay ~Feelings

Help Children name what they are feeling. Relate these feelings of doubt and fear to the disciples in the Easter scriptures.

Involvement ~Prepare for Sunday Masses online Now is a great time to teach kids how to find the readings for each week, or ask them to make a paper candle or even decorate an altar for the Mass. You could have a 'Scavenger Hunt' to keep kids engaged.

We are the Church ~Big ideas

Talk to your children about the concept that the church is not the building and how we can be Christ to the world, no matter where we are.

Resources ~Utilize great teaching resources

Follow GIA on Facebook or go to: giamusic.com to find excellent resources to help you teach your children during this time.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GIAMusic>

Go to our website www.tworiverscatholic.com. for more resources and inspiration to grow in your faith at home.

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