

*My soul
proclaims
the greatness of the
Lord;
my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.*

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

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

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022

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Marriage: Couples are to begin
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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.

Homebound: 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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.The *Catechism* teaches that Mary was taken to heaven when the course of her earthly life was finished. Church does not declare whether Mary died and then was assumed into heaven or whether she was assumed before she died. It leaves open both possibilities. However, the majority of theologians and saints throughout the centuries have affirmed that Mary did experience death—not as a penalty for sin but in conformity to her son, who willingly experienced death on our behalf.

In support of this latter view, John Paul II said, “The Mother is not superior to the Son who underwent death, giving it a new meaning and changing it into a means of Salvation.”

The *Catechism* also affirms that Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory right at the end of her earthly life. One of the consequences of original sin is the corruption of the body (see CCC, 400; Genesis 3:19). If Mary was full of grace and did not suffer from original sin, it is fitting that she, like her son, would not experience such bodily corruption.

Although there are no explicit proof texts in Scripture for Mary’s assumption, some biblical themes may at least shed light on this doctrine. For example, the notion of being taken up into heaven has some precedent in Scripture. Enoch was taken into heaven without seeing death (see Hebrews 11:5), and Elijah was whisked into heaven by the chariots of fire at the end of his life (see 2 Kings 2:11). If God could assume these righteous men of the Old Testament, it is certainly possible that Jesus could assume his own mother as well.

While the rest of us hope to have our bodies raised to glory at the end of time, Mary experience the resurrection and glorification of her body at the moment her earthly life ended...her assumption-anticipates to some degree our own share in the fullness of (Christ’s) victory.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/the-assumption-of-mary>



Evangelization Corner

~Kristin Molitor

It feels a bit surreal to write my last bulletin column - almost as surreal as when I sat down to write my first bulletin column nearly five and a half years ago.

I remember staring at the blank computer screen, wondering where to start, how to introduce myself, and how to leave a good impression. Back then, the blank computer screen felt akin to my new position: a clean slate, a blank page, a new beginning, and a story waiting to be written.

Now, as I look back, I can see how God filled the wide-open space of the page in the most beautiful and inspiring ways. He wove our lives together to write a story of love, friendship, and growth in faith, and I will forever cherish these chapters of my life where I served as your New Evangelization Coordinator.

I'm grateful to every one of you for the ways you loved me and helped me to grow. It is not by chance that we were brought together. You all brought something unique and valuable to my life. You were all God's gift to me, a distinctive expression of his goodness and love.

I have witnessed the Lord do beautiful and incredible things in these parishes. I have watched the Holy Spirit animate, inspire and transform our Catholic community! I have seen hearts open and cooperate with grace in beautiful and inspiring ways. And while we have seen so much of God's goodness, *there is still so much yet to be seen!*

The Holy Spirit still has so much more in store for us. God will continue His beautiful story of love in the blank pages of my next chapter and yours.

My new ministry endeavors will include working with parishes locally and beyond, so I'm sure I will still be seeing many of you from time to time. Please keep me in your prayers, and know that I will be praying for you too!

God bless you,
Kristin

Let us know if you'd like to be put on or taken off the prayer list



The Healing Power of God

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

Teckla Scegura, Lee Larkey, Arnold Voss, Theresa Johannes, Tom Studniski, Fr. Gregory, Jerome Young, David Fischer, Idella Moore, Loren Philippi, Ardith Mosier, Mickey Jeffers, Carol Kuklok, Nancy Bieniek, Ambrose Gertken, Laverne Woidylla, Allan Warzecha, Frances Breth, David Platz, Jr., Pat Euteneuer, Kim Roth-Koning, Si Koning, Casey Tschida, Dave & Anita Scegura, Doris Elfering, Robby Pollreis, Daniel Kulas, Mary Geise, Kevin & Lynn Pierskalla

Eucharistic Adoration

Cluster Adoration is every Monday at All Saints – St. Mary's. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to pray for our Staff and all priests.



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 or 93.5 FM at 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday.



Night Prayer

Join Fr. Gregory in prayer most nights at 9:00 p.m. on his Facebook page. We are averaging over 250+ families 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.

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.



Mass Times for the Assumption, August 15th

8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille
12:00 p.m. All Saints –St. Mary's
7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception This is a Holy Day but not Obligatory since it falls on a Monday.

Please note: Fr. Gregory's day away from the office is on Fridays.

Prayer lines

All Saints: Ramona Fedor 746-2395
Kathleen Ebnet 746-2227

Immaculate Conception:

Shirley Schwalbe 356-7209
Christine Maleska 356-7246

St Columbkille:

Esther Struzyk 251-4984
Susan Opatz 363-8160

News Events



The Rosary

With your motherly help, I wish to sanctify this entire day, for the conversion of sinners, the reparation of our sins, for the glory and love of the Most Holy Trinity. Amen

The origin of the Rosary dates back to the year 800, but it has evolved throughout the centuries resulting in the Rosary that we know today. The Rosary invites us to make a beautiful meditation about the life of Jesus and the Holy Virgin Mary. Whether we pray it alone or with others, we can offer our Rosary for many intentions, always asking the intercession of Our Lady.

The Rosary, as we know it today, was given by the Virgin Mary herself to Saint Dominic of Guzman in the year 1214. She handed it over to him in order to fight the heretics and sinners of the times, and she also asked him to teach people how to pray it and spread this devotion throughout the world. Spreading the devotion to the Holy Rosary is still a responsibility of all Catholics. In 2002, St. Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries.

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Diocesan Blue Mass

Honoring First Responders:
police, fire and medical personal.

Saturday, September 10th
at 5:00 p.m.

Church of St. Mary, Alexandria
420 Irving Street, Alexandria MN
Family & Friends Welcome!

Please join us!

For more information
call 320-255-9068

Central Minnesota Koinonia

Are you in need of Simon of Cyrene to come to your aid? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross. The next retreat is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. For information, go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org



I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already blazing.
Luke 12:49

“The fire that Jesus speaks of is the fire of the Holy Spirit, the presence living and working in us from the day of our Baptism. It — the fire — is a creative force that purifies and renews, that burns all human misery, all selfishness, all sin, which transforms us from within, regenerates us and makes us able to love. Jesus wants the Holy Spirit to blaze like fire in our heart, for it is only from the heart that the fire of divine love can spread and advance the Kingdom of God. It does not come from the head, it comes from the heart. This is why Jesus wants fire to enter our heart. If we open ourselves completely to the action of this fire which is the Holy Spirit, He will give us the boldness and the fervor to proclaim to everyone Jesus and his consoling message of mercy and salvation, navigating on the open sea, without fear.”

~ Pope Frances 2016



Weekly Readings

Monday: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

St. Francis of Assisi 66th Fall Festival

Sunday, August 28th. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Music led by Laverne and the Starlites. Homemade chicken and ham dinner with all the fixings. Grand Raffle at 7:30 p.m. with 100+ prizes. Cake walk, Country Store, Kid's Games, Straw Stand, Pull-tabs and More. Family fun for all! North of Albany on Hwy 238

Annual Motorcycle Run: Aug. 28th

St. Paul Church in Sauk Centre at 2:00 p.m. Ride goes from St. Paul's to St. Rose of Lima and concludes at the Greenwald Pub with a burger bar meal at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Father Mitchell Bechtold (320) 247-4907. Donations go towards Vocations in the diocese.

All Saints Building Fund Quarterly Update

April-June 2022

Building Fund Envelopes \$5,290.00

Total as of June 30th \$385,340.84

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

August 7, 2022

AS \$3,758.50

IC \$1,382.00

SC \$1,850.00

Thank you for your generosity!

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” ~Luke 12:34

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Thank you

to Kristin Molitor for her time as the New Evangelization Coordinator! Her last day in our Parishes is August 15th. We will have a goodbye reception for her after the 12:00 p.m. Mass at All Saints-St. Mary's and the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception on August 15th.

Please pray

for the future of the New Evangelization Coordinator role as Father determines what the needs of our parishes are going forward and for whomever is going to be hired in that position.

Rural Catholic Singles Group:

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59 who are looking for support and socializing with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The August 13th meeting topic is Wounds, Scabs, & Scars from the Past to Healing and Hope for the Future. Fire and Fellowship in the back yard after. Call or text Janel @ 320-290-2877 for more information.

Well-Read Mom Informational meeting

Well-Read Mom is beginning a new year and we welcome all women to join us. Who are we? Well-Read Mom is a book group for all women (singles, moms, and grandmothers) who want to accompany each other in reading the classics, great books and timeless spiritual classics in the Catholic tradition so we can form and nurture our hearts and moral imaginations. Our annual informational meeting will be on Tuesday August 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Boho cafe in Holdingford. I will have appetizers to share and you can order dinner if you wish. We will finish in time for you to attend evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. More information on Well-Read Mom can be found on our church bulletin boards or at wellreadmom.com. If you have any questions please contact Susan on my cell at (320) 224-6052.



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Chloe Wohletz & Austin Supan

October 1, 2022

All Saints-St. Mary's

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Leanna Laing & Erik Brenny

October 8, 2022

Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception

Thank you

to Delrose Symanietz for the many hours of volunteering she did for our parish! She arranged flowers and decorated our parish beautifully to help us enter more deeply into the liturgical calendar of the Church over the last 15+ years. If you are interested in helping contact Fr. Gregory.

St Columbkille

Cash Raffle

Thank you to all those who helped with the meal and raffle for our parish! It was a wonderful event thanks to all your hard work!

Big congratulations to the winners:

\$5000 - Jason and Merry Morgel

\$2500 - Bob Warzecha

\$1000 - Sharon Pogatschnik

\$500 - Ed & Dani Young,

\$400 - Peter Heinze,

\$300 - Matt Skroch,

\$200 - Jim & Rose Fedor,

\$200 - John Huls,

\$200 - Lori Yurczyk,

\$200 - Jeremy Skroch

Thank you
to all who
participated to
support our
church!

All Saints

Cleaning position –paid

We have an opening for someone to clean All Saints-St. Hedwig's. Please contact Fr. Gregory and Shelley Vouk for more information.

Thank you

to Michelle Kiley who oversaw Church Decorating at All Saints-St. Hedwigs. She did a wonderful job decorating our parish to align with the liturgical seasons. As Michelle moves out of Holdingford on August 30th, we are looking for someone to step into this volunteer role. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.



On the Road Mass

Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. you can sign up to have Fr. Gregory to visit your house for an outdoor Mass! If interested, please fill out a form at the Central Office. Let's pray together!

	<i>Mass Schedule</i>	
Mon. Aug. 15	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille with Adoration 12:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	† Tom & Clara Sowada For the People † Bonnie Woitalla
Tues. Aug. 16	<i>Saint Stephen of Hungary</i> No Evening Mass: Priests will be gathering for Prayer & fellowship at St. John's Abby 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's	For the living & deceased relatives of Lloyd & Tillie Ebnet
Wed. Aug. 17	8:00 a.m. All Saints– St. Hedwig's with Adoration	† Boniface & Del Stoermann
Thurs. Aug. 18	No Mass	
Fri. Aug. 19	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> No Mass	
Sat. Aug. 20	<i>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> 2:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille	Scegura/Hoppe Wedding For the People
Sun. Aug. 21	<i>The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	† Michelle Ostendorf For the living and deceased members of the John Laing Family



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



Newly Confirmed Class of 2022

We will be having our end of the year bowling and pizza party on Wednesday, August 17th. Please meet

Fr. Gregory and B.J. at the Albany Bowling Center at 6:30 p.m. We'll need a headcount of how many plan to be there. RSVP to confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com or to the Central Office at 320-228-0105 by August 12, 2022. Thank you for a wonderful past year!

Confirmation Director– Paid Position

Are you being called into ministry? Would you like to prepare our youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation? We have an immediate opening starting mid-August on Wednesday evenings (approx. 20-30 students). Please let Fr. Gregory know that you are interested.

Faith Formation

All Saints and Immaculate Conception faith formation teacher and volunteer meeting Wednesday, August 17th, 6:30 p.m. at All Saints faith formation building. Anyone interested in helping, teaching, or learning more about volunteering are encouraged to come. St. Columbkille volunteers: please contact Jenny Revermann 249-9939.

EPIC

Every Person In Christ

Join us for mega-Awesome Christ-filled youth events in the Holdingford Two Rivers Catholic Community! Bring your friends, or just bring yourself. Either way, **WE WANT YOU HERE!**

Starting this Fall 2022

What: EPIC Youth Group Nights

Dates: Religion class nights during the school year

Who: Any student grades 6-12 in the 2022-23 school year

TBA: Look for schedule and more information as the 2022-23 school year gets closer!

As always, may we glorify God and build Christ-centered friendships through our prayer, fellowship, and fun!

Contact: Kyle VanOverbeke (Youth Minister)
youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com

Confirmation Assistant

Thank you to B.J. Kolles for serving our cluster as the Confirmation Assistant this past year. He has decided to step down from this position so we are looking for someone to fill this role. The Confirmation Assistant will help out the Confirmation Director in preparing our youth to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This role is mostly administrative and is paid. We have an immediate opening starting mid-August on Wednesday evenings. Please let Fr. Gregory know if you are interested.

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