

December

Advent/Christmas 2018

Advent Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 2, 2:00 pm
Sacred Heart, Franklin

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm
St. Francis, Winthrop

Sunday, December 16, 2:00 pm
St. Andrew, Fairfax

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm
St. Willibrord, Gibbon

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 8:
9:00 am, St. Andrew, Fairfax

Novena (Rosary & songs in Spanish for 9 days leading up to the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Dec. 1 – Dec. 8, 7:00 pm,
(St. Andrew's Church, Fairfax)
All are invited to attend!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 pm,
St. Andrew' Church, Fairfax
(Mass in Spanish with Matachines,
followed by potluck meal.)

Santa's Helper/Santa's Closet

Please consider giving a donation of new: toys, games, mittens, blankets, gift cards, sweat shirts, baby clothes, money, stocking stuffers, Christmas wrapping paper, etc. All donations need to be dropped off by **December 3** (Sibley County)

December 8 (Renville County)

to one of the following:

Drop-off sites:

Sibley County

Perennial & Mid-Country Banks – Winthrop
MN West Bank, Ogren's Insurance - Gibbon

Renville County

State Bank - Franklin
Frandsen Bank – Fairfax

Gifts can be dropped off at our churches as well.

Christmas Programs

Saturday, December 15, following
4:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart, Franklin

Sunday, December 16, following
8:30 am Mass, St. Francis &
at the end of the 10:15 am Mass,
St. Andrew, Fairfax

Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm,
St. Willibrord, Gibbon

December 24 – 25 Schedule

Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24:
4:00 pm., Winthrop & Fairfax

5:30 pm., Gibbon & Franklin
Tuesday, Christmas Day, December 25
8:30 am., Fairfax

December 31 – January 1 Schedule

"Feast of Mary, Mother of God"


Monday, Dec. 31, 5:30 pm., Fairfax
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 9:00 am, Winthrop



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>2 Christ comes to us every day. Pay attention to how he is present to you in this day. Jer. 33:14-15</p>	<p>3 God comes as a light. Open your eyes and hearts. See Christ everywhere! Is. 2:1-5</p>	<p>4 God is present where love is. Look for God within you and around you today. Lk. 10:23</p>	<p>5 We know the best of life when we share. Give time & care to someone you meet. Matt. 15:29-37</p>	<p>6 How solid is your faith? How do you rely on it? Nurture it! Don't let it die! Matt. 7:21, 24-27</p>	<p>7 Jesus satisfies a yearning others knew inside themselves. What are you longing for? Is. 29:17-31</p>	<p>8 Mary opens her heart to what God asks of her. What is God asking of you? Let Mary help you. Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>9 Today's readings speak of life needing to be whole. Fill in a void for someone in need. Baruch 5:1-9</p>	<p>10 Offering mercy is a powerful gift. Receive it for yourself - offer it to someone else. Luke 5:17-26</p>	<p>11 Christ reaches out to us ALL the time. How have you known Christ in your life? Make someone's life better. Matt. 18:12-14</p>	<p>12 Mary sees Christ in everyone around her. See goodness in someone who isn't a friend. Zech. 2:14-17</p>	<p>13 God does great things for us. Ask God to help you say "yes" to what is happening for you. Is. 41:13-20</p>	<p>14 The psalmist reminds us that we are light bearers. What kind of a witness are you for others? Ps. 1:1-4, 6</p>	<p>15 God reveals God-Self to us all the time. Take some quiet time tonight. Where did you see God in your day? Sirach 48:9-11</p>
<p>16 Kindness is a precious virtue, so badly needed by all. Today do some kind act for a family member. Phil. 4:4-7</p>	<p>17 Today we hear of Jesus's ancestors. Think of your family tree. What stands out about your family? Matt. 1:1-17</p>	<p>18 Joseph helps carry out God's promises - to help bring Jesus to our world. What promise of God do you help bring about? Matt. 1:18-25</p>	<p>19 Today's gospel reminds us to expect the unexpected. What do I need be open about in my life? Luke 1:5-25</p>	<p>20 What looked impossible becomes possible for Mary. Trust & faith helped her. Name a way you need to trust God more. Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>21 God comes to visit us in daily happenings. Be aware of some encounter that gifts you with joy this day. Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>22 Even in the midst of fear we can find life and reason to give thanks. Name one thing for which you are grateful. Luke 1:46-56</p>
<p>23 We are surrounded by spirit-filled people. Pray that God fills you with much peace and hope. Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>24 God's promise is realized through John the Baptist, announcing the Savior among us. Let us rejoice! Luke 1:67-79</p>	<p>25 God made his dwelling among us through Jesus. Let us sing with hearts of joy. God is with us! John 1:1-18</p>				

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