



ALL SAINTS

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'S
GIBBON, MN



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
WINTHROP, MN



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FRANKLIN, MN

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National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Please contact Fr. Jeff at least six months ahead of time to plan and prepare for your wedding. No wedding date is final until approved by Fr. Jeff.

BAPTISMS: Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Sister Mary Ann anywhere from one to two months prior to the date of the baptism of a child.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm:

1-866-670-5163.
(Confidential Counseling Services and Referral Information)

LITURGY SCHEDULE: In case of a funeral a regular scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

Monday, January 8	NO MASS		
Tuesday, January 9	NO MASS		
Wednesday, January 10	8:30 AM	Gibbon (<i>Eucharistic Ador</i>)	Special Intention Father Samuel Wagner
Thursday, January 11	8:30 AM	Fairfax (<i>Eucharistic Ador</i>)	+Esther Saffert
	10:15 AM	Franklin Nursing Home	+Deceased Members of St. Andrew's Catholic Aid
Friday, January 12	9:30 AM	Winthrop Nursing Home	+Gilbert & Bea Schweiss
Saturday, January 12	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass in Franklin</i>	
	4:00 PM	Fairfax	+Dennis Blumhoefer
	5:45 PM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints AFC
Sunday, January 14	8:30 AM	Franklin	+Mary Simonsen
	10:15 AM	Gibbon	+Marge Berg

Reflection Questions for the Epiphany of the Lord

Who or what are the stars in your life that lead you to God?

What gifts can you offer to the Messiah-King as your way of offering homage?

When in your life have you experienced the manifestation of God?



Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/ Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/ Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

PASTOR'S NOTES: This Sunday of our Christmas season is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The child Jesus is manifested as the Savior of the world as the magi come from the East to do him homage. The magi are the first Gentiles, non-Jews, to recognize God present in Jesus. Our Bishops ask us to observe Immigration Sunday today. Their statement entitled, Standing with Our Immigrant Brothers and Sisters, says, "Pope Francis reminds us that immigrants are no different than our own family members and friends; each "has a name, a face, and a story." Let us remember that Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus were also immigrants in a foreign land when they fled from King Herod to Egypt. When we warmly welcome newcomers we open our hearts wider to Christ." Please find information in this bulletin about how to support the Dreamers by reaching out to our legislators.

Thanks for your generous support of the 2017 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. The parishes of Franklin, Winthrop and Gibbon have reached their goals, and Fairfax is only \$889 away for its goal. Remember that 20% of your gift also supports our parish project. You may mail the DMA envelope to the Diocese, place it in the collection basket, or give online at www.dnu.org/dma/.

The Area Pastoral Council is again taking nominations for the All Saints AFC Distinguished Service Award. If you have nominated someone in the past that has not received this award, please know that you are welcome to nominate that person again. Nominations can be dropped into the collection basket or emailed to ffgw@centurytel.net.

AREA PARISH

AREA PARISH CALENDAR

MARRIAGE COMMITTEE MEETING Jan. 11, 7:00 pm at the rectory in Fairfax.

AREA MUSIC DIRECTORS' MEETING, Sunday, Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m., parish house, Gibbon

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan 8** Frank Ziegler, Joseph Vos, Lincoln Werner
Jan 9 Helen Fahey, Connie Ardolf, Elizabeth Edick, Charlie Schiller
Jan 10 Butch Sowers, Lynn Majeski
Jan 11 Arline & Elgar Kiecker Anniv., Briana Roche
Jan 12 Michael Evenson
Jan 13 Steve Bastian, Sister Mary Ann Kuhn
Jan 14 Lisa Schweiss, Jose Cardenas Jr

PRAYER FOR FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Jesus, you light our way through the centuries, you guide us day by day. You knew the homage of the wise and the wrath of rulers. Bless all who must flee from their homeland. Guide and protect those who are displaced by war or poverty. Show us the way to justice for all. Give us the wisdom to follow you and to lead others to walk in your light.

IMMIGRATION SUNDAY: Today's feast, Epiphany, is also celebrated as "Immigration Sunday". One need not look further than the life and words of Jesus to understand that people on the move—migrants, immigrants, and refugees—are special in the eyes of God. The New Testament begins with Matthew's story of Joseph and Mary fleeing into Egypt with their newborn son, Jesus. Our Savior Himself lived as a refugee because His own land was not safe. In His public ministry, Jesus Himself was an itinerant man, moving from place to place, "with nowhere to lay His Head." (Mt 8:20) Jesus reiterates the Old Testament command to love and care for the stranger, a criterion by which we will be judged: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35) The Apostle Paul asserts the absolute equality of all people before God: "There is neither Jew nor Greek. . . for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28) In Christ, the human race is one before God, equal in dignity and rights. When we welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers, we welcome Christ Himself; for in the face of our neighbors, we see the face of Christ. This is made clear in the Gospel of Luke when the disciples, on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-15), become witnesses to the Truth by welcoming the stranger—Christ.

SUPPORT THE DREAMERS: The Dream Act of 2017 ([S. 1615](#) / [HR. 3440](#)) was recently introduced in Congress as a bipartisan effort. The bills are intended to protect immigrant youth who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home. The bills offer qualifying immigrant youth "conditional permanent resident status" and a path to full lawful permanent



*Please Remember in
Prayer*

Mary Illg
St. Andrew's

Frank Ziegler
St. Andrew's

Yvonne O'Brien
St. Francis de Sales

Clarence Schroedel
St. Andrew's

Mike Palmer
St. Andrew's

Leyla Ahlbrecht
St. Willibrord's

Ordell Grosam
St. Andrew's

Casey O'Brien
St. Francis de Sales

Francis Schweiss
St. Andrew's

Randy Zollner
St. Francis de Sales

Richard Mathiowetz
St. Andrew's

Orren Rathke
St. Francis de Sales

Paula Wittgraf
St. Willibrord's

Adeline Mortensen
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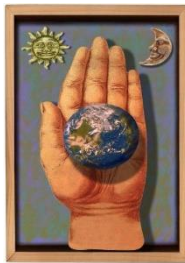
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residency and eventual citizenship. These bills would protect numerous youth, including the over 780,000 individuals who received temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. S. 1615 / H.R. 3440 seeks to protect are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. As Catholics, we have long supported DREAMers as we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children who need our help. If you have a computer, go to: <https://justiceforimmigrants.capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertID=78520626>. If not, we will have postcards available in church to sign this weekend.

FACES OF IMMIGRANTS: In Cincinnati, a 78-year-old man who grew up and survived during the Jim Crow era of his native Georgia develops a friendship with a Syrian Muslim refugee father of five despite their 42 year age difference. What brings them together is hard work, finding refuge – five decades apart – in the same town, and a shared experience as newcomers to Cincinnati looking for a safe place to work and raise a family. “When I met him, he reminded me of myself,” Clarence Howell said, 57 years after leaving the deep south. His friend, Bassam Osman, 36, came from Aleppo, where war has claimed 31,000 lives and destroyed more than 33,000 buildings. He worked in a shoe factory before it was bombed. With the assistance of the local Catholic Charities agency and USCCB-provided refugee support funding, the two men work mending shoes at Howell’s shoe repair shop and developed a bond that is more than boss and employee. “He is a great man,” Osman said. “I can tell he cares about me and my family.”



WE WERE
GIVEN
THIS
CREATION
FROM GOD.



Recycle...
Reuse...
Reduce...
Renew...

Laudato Si (Praise be to You)

Ecological Education and Spirituality – Chapter 6

“Educating for the Covenant Between Humanity and the Environment”

The importance of environmental education cannot be overstated. It is able to affect daily actions and habits, the reduction of water consumption, the sorting of waste, and even ‘turning off unnecessary lights’ or wearing warmer clothes so as to use less heating. (209-215)

-how has education helped you understand some of the issues before us?

-what have you learned to do to better care for the environment?

MARCH FOR LIFE – Save the Date January 22, 2018 commemorates the 45th anniversary of the tragic Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion. Once again the Prayer Service for Life and the MCCL March to the Capitol will take place in St. Paul on January 22. The Prayer Service for Life will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul from 10:30-11:30 a.m., followed by the MCCL March to the Capitol. The rally at the Capitol will begin at noon, with the talks beginning around 12:30 p.m. As Catholics let's join together to pray and protect the lives of unborn children and their mothers. We can make a difference.

WANT TO MAKE YOUR CATHOLIC VOICE HEARD AT THE CAPITOL? Register today to join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101. On February 26th, March 16th, and April 17th, Minnesota Catholics will be gathering at the State Capitol to learn about the issues impacting our faith and daily life. You’ll have the chance to hear from and meet with legislators, pray with fellow Catholics, and get a window into the legislative process. These are opportunities for you to share your story and make your voice count. For more information or to register, head to www.mncatholic.org and click on the Capitol 101 banner. Preregistration is required for this free event and space is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted.

K OF C COUNCIL 1625 SALMON OR PORK CHOP DINNER FUNDRAISER. Saturday, January 20th from 5-7:30 pm at Squirrels Bar & Grill in Fairfax. Menu - 7 oz Salmon \$15 or 8 oz Grilled Pork Chop \$13 with Salad, Baked Potato, Bun, Coffee & Dessert. Salmon prepared by Roger Rogotzke.

SOUTHVIEW LIVING CENTER IN GIBBON is recruiting volunteers to come and spend time with their residents. There is a sign-up sheet at Southview that people can look at and choose an activity they are interested in. Examples are piano playing, reading to residents, coloring, doing a puzzle or playing a game, just to name a few. Volunteers are vital to the success of our facility and well-being of our residents. We would love to have more volunteers to work with us. Stop by or call us at 507-834-6510.

RELIGION EDUCATION

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018: Class & Confirmation Interviews in Fairfax

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018: Class & Confirmation Interviews in Gibbon

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018: Class

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018: Class

REMINDER CONFIRMATION STUDENTS! Turn in at January Interviews!

3 sets of Mass Notes, Service Hours, 3 Sponsor/Mentor Sessions

Confirmation: February 17, 2018

YOUTH CHOIR will be singing for **Ash Wednesday**, 6:00 p.m. Mass in Gibbon, on Wednesday, February 14th. We will meet to practice that night at 5:30 in the church social hall. New members are always welcome! Practices will be as follows:

Fairfax: Wednesday, January 17th - Elementary Youth will practice at 5 p.m., after Religious Education Classes, for 30 minutes (Parents – please let me know if your youth is coming, or tell Karen Guggisberg)

Gibbon/Winthrop: Wednesday, February 7th Elementary Youth will practice at 4:45, after Religious Education Classes, for approximately 30 minutes

5th grade and older will practice at 6:30 p.m., before Religious Education classes

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE – There are still openings available if anyone is interested in joining our AFC group attending the Steubenville Youth Conference at either St. Thomas [on July 27-29](#), or Rochester [Mayo Civic Center on July 13-15](#). Check out <http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/> to see what this conference is all about! Contact Kellie Sloat or Berny Berger with any questions or check availability.

PLEASE, if you have not already done so, fill out and turn in student registration forms. These forms are very important for student information and communication purposes. Scholarships are available for tuition. If needed, please contact Fr. Jeff or Kellie Sloat.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	FX	WN	GB	FR
Adult	5,170.50	2,793.00	1,212.00	358.00
Loose Plate	25.00	344.00	35.00	46.00
Student				3.00
Hall Rent			100.00	
2018 Contribution		7000.00		
Building Fund		20.00		
Solemnity of Mary	89.00		10.00	
Fuel Collection	100.00		70.00	300.00
Christmas	1,215.00	70.00	360.00	150.00
Total	\$6,599.50	\$10,227.00	\$1,787.00	\$857.00

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Please continue to pray for the following military personnel who are members of our parish families and are serving full time or active duty in the military: SFC William R. Schmidt, SSG Jeff Ziegler, Kyler J. Rieke, Ryan E Lawrenz, SGT, Sgt. Chris Levinske, Amber Lindberg, Captain Martha Serbus, Stg Kenneth Coleman, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Major Steven Weber and Jackie Rieke.

SACRED HEART – FRANKLIN

Sunday, **January 14th, 8:30 a.m.**

Lector: Julie Serbus (Emma Sullivan) **Dist:** Larry & Julie Serbus, Robert Senkyr **Servers:** Maverick Weber, Megan Sandgren

Cross: Vincent Ochs **Ushers:** Jered Weber, Pat Sullivan **Gifts:** Vincent & Audrey Ewers

Sunday, **January 21st, 8:30 a.m.**

Lector: Roz Madsen & Kate Lorang **Dist:** Katie Madsen, Tom Lorang, Deacon Rogers **Servers:** Keagan Lorang, Hunter Madsen

Cross: Lauryn Menk **Ushers:** Joe Sullivan, Gene Scharfencamp **Gifts:** Kevin & Sue Fox

Sunday, **January 28th, 8:30 a.m.**

Lector: Deb Dummer **Dist:** Deb Dummer, Angela Sandgren, Karen Fox **Servers:** Nathan & Zachary Sandgren **Cross:** Cara

Robinson **Ushers:** Richard Scharfencamp & Dennis Hanlon **Gifts:** Karen & Bob Fox

This week's winner of \$100.00 is Jered & Tina Weber of Franklin.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, **January 14th**-10:15 AM

Lector: Stacy Helget, Alan Neyers **Dist:** Jay Howe, Dawn Hoffman, Connie Tautges **Servers:** Wyatt, Madison & Anden Hoffman
Ushers: Jim Dingles, Ron Klement, Mike Hartman **Gifts:** Joey & Patty Bastian

Sunday, **January 21st**-10:15 AM

Lector: Amy Weber, Briana Roche **Dist:** Charlene Forst, Rose Forst, Vickie Dreier **Servers:** Jessica & Abby Willegal, Cole Howe
Ushers: Jim Dingles, Ron Klement, Mike Hartman **Gifts:** Bruce Bastian, Lorraine Bastian

Sunday, **January 28th**-10:15 AM

Lector: Jerome Peterson, Melvin Neyers **Dist:** Jeannine & Steve Grosam, Geneva Klover **Servers:** Erin & Taylor Haas, Zach Weber
Ushers: Jim Dingles, Ron Klement, Mike Hartman **Gifts:** Ron & Barb Bastian

DONUTS AND COFFEE following Sunday, January 7th morning mass. All invited.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH to all of the people who donated towards the Christmas flower fund. The church was made beautiful by your thoughtful donations! --- The Flower Girls

ADULT CHOIR will sing for the Feast of Epiphany, Sunday January 7th, at the 10:15 A.M. Mass, meeting to practice at 9:45 in the church social hall. We are looking for new members – please join us anytime!

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR–Sunday, January 7th, at St. Willibrord's, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour will include praying the Rosary, scripture readings, prayer, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MATCHING GRANT SUPPER MARCH 17, 2018

The date has been set for our "Classic Casseroles" Annual Matching Grant fundraiser. Mark your calendars. It will take place on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17, 2018. Anyone wishing to donate raffle prizes, please call Vickie Dreier at 834-6873.

Deadline for donations will be Sunday Jan. 28, 2018. Thanks

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, **January 13th**-5:45 PM

Lector: Barb Pagel **Dist:** Pete & Marianne Machaiek, Mary Renner **Servers:** Carter Burns, Logan Steele **Cross:** Madyson Steele
Gifts: Bill & Che May **Ushers:** Dave & Lori Schauer, Mike & Amy Burns

Saturday, **January 20th**-5:45 PM

Lector: Pam Osborne **Dist:** Deacon Roger, Lyle & Shari Muth **Servers:** Brynn Busse, Derek Steele **Cross:** Jose Farias
Gifts: Tom & Sam Langhoff **Ushers:** Dave & Lori Schauer, Mike & Amy Burns

Saturday, **January 27th**-5:45 PM

Lector: Harry Sloom **Dist:** Connie Portner, Tom Witucki, Dennis Dording **Servers:** Lali Rangel, Logan Felska **Cross:** Ivan Rangel
Gifts: Lynn & Joel Majeski **Ushers:** Dave & Lori Schauer, Mike & Amy Burns

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, **January 13th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Carter Nachreiner **Commentator:** Jolene Palmer **Dist:** Karen Bastian, Mary Ann Dummer, George Wendinger **Servers:** Justin & Matt Grosam, Jaedan Nachreiner **Ushers:** Tom Palmer, Payton Buboltz, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl **Gifts:** Leo & Cindy Schweiss **Visit the Sick:** Chuck Marlowe

Saturday, **January 20th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Mike Beranek **Commentator:** Jody Busch **Dist:** Maria Davila, Manuel & Maria Munoz **Servers:** Zach & Kayln Hellendrung, Bernardo Davila **Ushers:** Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel, Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner **Gifts:** Leroy & Colleen Schweiss **Visit the Sick:** Agnes Wendinger

Saturday, **January 27th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Commentator:** Jan Simonsen **Dist:** Eloina & Rodrigo Carillo, Lidia Gonzalez **Servers:** Allen & Julia Schweiss, Emily Liebl **Ushers:** Brian Wertz, Mike Palmer, John Rieke, Brian Marquardt **Gifts:** Ray & Diane Schweiss **Visit the Sick:** Jean Fairchild

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL is looking for extra help with our beef/turkey commercial supper on January 17th!! We need help 4:30-7:00. Please contact Jody Busch at 426-7761. Our organization is small and some are not able to work anymore. All proceeds go towards the religious Ed program!! Thanks for helping us out!!

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 6: Cindy Schweiss, Francis Turtle

Catholic United Financial



St. Mary's and St. Joseph's
Catholic United Council
invites all parishioners and friends to the annual

BEEF OR TURKEY COMMERCIAL SUPPER

Beverages • Desserts • Salads • Bread • Bread Pudding

Adults - \$10.00

10 yrs. & under - \$5.00

Wednesday, January 17
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Social Center
Fairfax, Minnesota

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Carry out available, please call: 426-7069

Everyone is Welcome!

Earnings from the night's event will benefit St. Andrew's Religious Education Program.

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's will receive a matching grant
up to \$1000 from Catholic United Financial.