



# ALL SAINTS

## AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S  
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'S  
GIBBON, MN



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
WINTHROP, MN



SACRED HEART  
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, November 27	NO MASS		
Tuesday, November 28	NO MASS		
Wednesday, November 29	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Marge Berg
Thursday, November 30	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Rose Marlowe
	10:15 AM	Franklin Nursing Home	+Eleanora Kuelbs
Friday, December 1	9:30 AM	Winthrop Health Care	Word & Communion Service
Saturday, December 2	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass in Franklin</i>	
	4:00 PM	Franklin	Teri (Crain) Dickmeyer
	5:45 PM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, December 3	8:30 AM	Winthrop	+Mark Brunner
	10:15 AM	Fairfax	+Marian Wendinger

#### **Reflection Questions for the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Will I be judged a sheep or a goat at the end of time?
- How/when have you experienced God's shepherding care for you?
- What will I do differently as we enter the new church year?



#### **Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017**

- Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/  
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**PASTOR'S NOTES:** We have arrived at the final weekend in our church year, and so we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our King is seen sitting on his glorious throne judging all by what they did or failed to do for the least in our midst. This focus on the final things of death, heaven and hell leads us into the season of Advent which begins by calling our attention to Christ's second coming. Advent is only three weeks long this year. Advent Penance/Reconciliation will be Dec. 10 at Gibbon at 2:00 pm; Dec. 12 at Franklin at 7:00 pm; and Dec. 17 at Fairfax at 3:30 pm.

Thank you to all who have given to the 2017 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in church. Remember that your gift also supports our parish project—Sacred Heart: Seal-coating the parking lot; St. Andrew: New floor mats at the entrances of church; St. Willibrord: Tree trimming over the rectory mandated by insurance; St. Francis: Church roof repair/future boiler replacement. As in past years, you may mail the DMA envelope to the Diocese, place it in the collection basket, or give online at [www.dnu.org/dma/](http://www.dnu.org/dma/).

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. If you would still like to give, it is not too late. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

I need to be in the Twin Cities Dec. 1-3 for the Knights of Columbus, so Fr. Germain Rademacher will be here for the Masses next weekend.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception, Dec. 7 at Fairfax at 6:30 pm, and Dec. 8 at Winthrop at 8:30 am.

The Area Pastoral Council is again taking nominations for the All Saints AFC Distinguished Service Award at this time. Please nominate someone who has given exceptional service over a long period of time (at least ten years.) 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](mailto:ffgw@centurytel.net).

## AREA PARISH

### AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 27** Maurice & Mary Bless Anniv., Sara Duck, Jeff Lund, Leon Stadtherr  
**Nov 28** Barbara Beranek, Bernardo Davila, Bill Rademacher, Steve & Gail Hershman Anniv., Pete & LeAnn Theis Anniv., Brian & Betty Grewe Ann  
**Nov 29** Allen Schweiss, Gerald & Chris Jandl Anniv., Carol Haas  
**Nov 30** Tony Freitag, John & Alice Goelz Anniv.  
**Dec 1** Gayle Clobes, Halley Busse, Abby Osborne  
**Dec 2** Anna Peichel, Joel Wiltscheck, Harold Klement, Mona Forst, Jesse Forstner, Donald & Connie Haas Anniv., Joanne Rathke, Tom Langhoff, Joel & Lynn Majeski Anniv, Dave & Lorie Shauer Anniv,  
**Dec 3** Cindy Rieke, Greg & Dianne Merkel Anniv., Sylvester & Helen Fahey Anniv., David Edick, Bill & Maria Kapolynski Anniv, Suzanne Pichotta



Francis puts forward three new ways Christians can be seen as blessed, in the style of Jesus' beatitudes:

"Blessed ... are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope."

"Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity."

"Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes:' they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters." **"Let us love, not with words but with deeds."**

**ACTIONS FOR THE POOR:** Let us continue to respond with good deeds so that the poor in our area are helped by us. Thanks to those who generously gave to the Thanksgiving Drive by bringing items of food by or offering a financial donation. The financial contributions will go toward the area food shelves as well as the Christmas projects – Santa's Helpers/Santa's Closet. If you have a preference of which cause you want your financial contribution to go towards please indicate that on an envelope and place it in the collection basket this week.



*Please Remember in  
Prayer*

**Mary Illg**  
St. Andrew's

**Frank Ziegler**  
St. Andrew's

**Yvonne O'Brien**  
St. Francis de Sales

**Clarence Schroedl**  
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

**Adeline Roiger**  
St. Andrew's

**Richard Mathiowetz**  
St. Andrew's

**SANTA’S HELPERS/SANTA’S CLOSET:** These programs help disadvantaged families in Sibley and Renville counties, providing Christmas gifts that families in need wouldn’t ordinarily have. Please consider giving new: toys, games, mittens, hats, blankets, gift cards (especially for teenagers), sweat shirts, baby clothes, financial contribution, Christmas wrapping paper etc. Gifts are also needed for adults so that children in families can give a gift to their parents for Christmas. Let us do some loving deeds! All donations need to be given by **December 8**. Drop-off sites are: all four churches in our AFC; Perennial Bank or Mid-country Bank – Winthrop; Franklin State Bank; Frandsen Bank – Fairfax; and MN West Bank, Cenex Gas Station, Gibbon Hardware – Gibbon Let us be a sign of hope to those in need.

**APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SANTA’S HELPERS/SANTA’S CLOSET:** Any person/family who needs assistance with Christmas gifts can get an application form from your city office or bank in your town, regardless of the county you live in. Application forms need to be sent to the designated place indicated on the form by December 1. So please apply soon!

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE & CALENDAR:** Attached to this bulletin are the Advent calendar and the schedule for the Advent/Christmas celebrations. Please save and post for the season!

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:** Communal penance services will begin soon in our Area Faith Community. Please note the times, dates and places:

- Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m., St. Willibrord, Gibbon
- Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart, Franklin
- Sunday, December 17, 3:30 p.m., St. Andrew, Fairfax

Two readers are needed for the penance service. You can find a copy in the sacristy. Thanks for your help!

**VISITING:** Father Jeff and Sister Mary Ann will be making visits to parishioners in health care facilities and in their homes these next few weeks. If anyone wants to be included for a visit, please let S. Mary Ann know. Thanks so much!

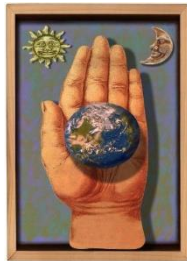
**KNOW A SAINT:** Maura Clarke and Companions (Dec. 2)

In 1980 a small gathering of people in a cow pasture in El Salvador came to witness the exhumation of four North American women. One by one their broken bodies were dragged from the shallow grave: Maura Clarke and Ita Ford – Maryknoll Sisters; Dorothy Kasel - an Ursuline Sister; and Jean Donovan – a lay missionary. They had been killed on December 2 by Salvadoran soldiers. Each woman had followed a different path: Maura and Ita, with many years in Nicaragua and Chile; Dorothy, the longest in El Salvador; Jean, only 27, who had wrestled with the possibility of marriage and a lucrative career, chose to remain in El Salvador. But for each one, called by Christ to stand with the poor, the path led to the same cow pasture. In these nightmare years in El Salvador, thousands of civilians were killed by security forces on suspicion of “subversion”. People who embraced the “option for the poor” shared the same fate as did these women. Witnesses to the cross, they joined a long life of witnesses to the resurrection.

**BEST ADVENT EVER:** Dynamic Catholic offers free email programs that will help you celebrate the season of Advent and focus on what is really important. All you need to do is sign up at **DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp**. Starting Sunday, December 3 you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos and practical tips for living your daily life. What a good way to reflect and slow down during this hectic season! It only takes a few moments of your time.

WE WERE  
GIVEN  
THIS  
CREATION  
FROM GOD.

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



**Laudato Si (Praise be to You)**

**Lines of Approach and Action** – Chapter 5

“Dialogue for New National and Local Policies”:

Local individuals and groups can make a real difference if they work within existing political powers. People generate processes, uphold principles and work for the common good because of their love of the land.

-Participate in endeavors that help protect the love of the land.

**ALL SAINTS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM;**

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe the nominee’s service to their faith community (include membership on liturgy, music, religious education, finance committee, social concerns, cemetery, maintenance, youth programming, or parish visitors, etc.).

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>:** Feast of St. Andrew

We pray for all the members of St. Andrew's parish on this special feast day.

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**—Sunday, **December 3rd**, 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. Advent is a great time for making a quiet space for prayer in all the rush of the holidays. Everyone welcome!

**SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CRISIS NURSERY (SMNCN)** You are invited to a presentation by Amber Collins from Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery (SMNCN) located in New Ulm on November 29, 2017, at 9:00 AM at St. Willibrord's church basement in Gibbon following 8:30 AM mass. Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery is a non-profit 24-hour home that exists to provide a temporary, safe and loving environment for children while supporting and strengthening families experiencing a stressful situation. Coffee and rolls will be served. Following the presentation, St. Willibrord's CCW will be meeting in the church basement.

**ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE** All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoir on Sunday, December 10. The service is at 2:00 p.m. in Tracy at the Church of St. Mary. This service is designed to help us focus on Advent and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, centered on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop LeVoir individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes" collection (blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.) will be taken for babies in need and given to We Care in Morgan. Any cash donations will also be taken to "We Care in Morgan". For more information, contact the diocesan evangelization and catechesis offices at 507-233-5325.

**ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Lafayette is having their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch will be available.

**ST GEORGE CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL** invites you to play bingo with them at their annual Holiday Prize Bingo, Sunday, December 3; 1:30 P.M. St. George Parish Center. Prizes and fun for all ages. Desserts and coffee available following bingo.

**GIVE THE CHRISTMAS GIFT** that gives for generations to come by attending the December 9-10 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) or call 651.454.3238 for additional information.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, Nov 29:** Class

**FAITH FORMATION OPORTUNITIES!** Have you ever attended a TEC Retreat weekend? Been to a Steubenville North Conference? Now is the time! For more information contact Berny Berger 507-834-6321 or Kellie Slood 320-583-6755.

**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 Slood.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING & PRESENT WRAPPING** There are ASAF students willing to help with Christmas decorating and present wrapping. If you would like help with either of these items please contact:

Amy Koupal in Franklin 507-276-9222

Karen Guggisberg in Fairfax 507-426-7348

Genny Neyers in Gibbon 507-834-6659

Kellie Slood in Winthrop 320-583-6755

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

	FX	WN	GB	FR
Adult	1,571.00	3,257.50	1,250.00	6,465.28
Loose Plate	31.75	156.00	3.25	28.60
Student			4.00	2.00
Fuel Collection	250.00			
IRA Distribution			1,600.00	
Building Fund		60.00		
Fall Collection	687.29			
Spanish Mass	67.00			
Human Dev	880.00	140.00	20.00	125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,487.04</b>	<b>\$3,613.50</b>	<b>\$2,877.25</b>	<b>\$6,620.88</b>

**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

Saturday, **December 2nd**, 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** John Goelz **Dist:** Connie Serbus, Larry & Julie Serbus **Servers:** Maverick Weber, Megan Sandgren **Cross:** Cara Robinson  
**Ushers:** Larry & Julie Serbus **Gifts:** Jered & Tina Weber

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Saturday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Sheila Robinson **Dist:** Sheila Robinson, Angela Sandgren, Robert Senkyr **Servers:** Zachary & Nathan Sandgren **Cross:** Tommy Ochs  
**Ushers:** Robert & Mark Senkyr **Gifts:** Bernice Senkyr

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Saturday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Tim Sullivan **Dist:** Linda Harmoning, Karen Fox, Deacon Roger **Servers:** Lydia Sullivan, Katelyn Lorang **Cross:** Vincent Ochs  
**Ushers:** Vic Serbus, Jeff Distad **Gifts:** Kitty Coles

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**This week's winner** of \$100.00 is Rosemary McGraw of Franklin.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**CCW NEWS** Remember the fall dinner collection. There is an envelope in with your church envelopes. Also, a reminder that November is food shelf month.

Evangelization talked about, demonstrate your faith; pray in restaurants, listen to others, be kind and inviting...

**MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** Any youth and adults who are willing to help with music for Christmas Eve are invited to come to a couple short practices right after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The two practices will be **Saturday, Dec. 9 and Dec. 23.** Please come and share your gifts!

**RYAN BUCHANAN BENEFIT...**The Franklin Lions Club will be sponsoring a benefit for Ryan Buchanan on Sunday, December 10th and will be a free will offering. Ryan was involved in a serious farm accident this Fall that will require long term rehabilitation and has meant he is unable to work. The benefit will be held at the Franklin Community Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and be catered by Chris Cakes. The menu will include pancakes and sausages. Please show your support for Ryan by attending the benefit. Donations will also be accepted at the Franklin State Bank, P.O. Box 99, Franklin, MN 55333 and can be made payable to the Franklin Lions Club.

## ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Saturday, **December 2nd**-5:45 PM

**Lector:** Amy Weber, Jerome Petersen **Dist:** Dawn Hoffmann, Jerome & Mary Petersen **Servers:** Wyatt, Madison, Anden Hoffmann  
**Ushers:** Terry Forst, Lyle Forst, Corey Hanson **Gifts:** Jim & Cheryl Dingels

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Saturday, **December 9th**-5:45 PM

**Lector:** Chuck & Ann Southworth **Dist:** Geneva Klover, Genny Neyers, Grace Rubischko **Servers:** Jessica & Abby Willigal, Brianna Roche  
**Ushers:** Terry Forst, Lyle Forst, Corey Hanson **Gifts:** Randy & Theresa Fischer

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Saturday, **December 16th**-5:45 PM

**Lector:** Gail Herschman, Stacy Helget **Dist:** Deacon Roger, Jay Howe, Mavis Lindmeyer **Servers:** Erin & Taylor Haas, Cole Howe  
**Ushers:** Terry Forst, Lyle Forst, Corey Hanson **Gifts:** Greg & Tammy Stadherr

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**LOCKING THE CHURCH:** This is just a reminder that St. Willibrord's Church will be locked around 5:00 p.m. each day unless there are activities or meetings scheduled for the evening.

**BAKESALE - YOUTH BENEFIT** will be held at the Gibbon Santa Claus Day Craft show on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the GFW Elementary school gym. Donations of bake sale items are also very much welcomed! Contact Berny (834-6321) if you have something to donate. Please support our youth fundraising for youth conference trips.

**AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL** There is an open position on the Area Pastoral Council that will begin at our Feb. 16th meeting. If you are interested, please contact Ron Bastian or Fr. Jeff.

**SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CRISIS NURSERY (SMNCN).** Please see information listed in the Area Section about this upcoming presentation. The CCW meeting agenda includes Jan and Berny sharing their experiences attending the National CCW convention in Dallas, Texas in early September.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - We will start program practice on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 5:00 and every Wednesday following. Any child from pre-school to 4<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to participate. Please join us for the Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas from our youth.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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Sunday, **December 3rd**– 10:15 AM

**Lector:** Bob/Laurie Kaukola **Dist:** Tom Witucki, Kevin & Sue Lauwagie **Servers:** Brynn Busse, Lali Rangel **Cross:** Jose Farias  
**Gifts:** Nick & Mary Jo Krueger Family **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vicki Neid

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Sunday, **December 10th**– 10:15 AM

**Lector:** Amy Burns **Dist:** Dennis Dording, Pete & Marianne Machaiek **Servers:** Ivan Rangel, Logan Felska **Gifts:** Harry & Kellie Sloom **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid

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Sunday, **December 17th**– 10:15 AM

**Lector:** Wendy Lang **Dist:** Deacon Roger, Brent Lang, Pam Osborne **Servers:** Miah Busse, Kaylee Felska **Cross:** William Lang  
**Gifts:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid

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**THANKS TO ALL** who worked so hard to make our 75<sup>th</sup> parish anniversary such a wonderful celebration. We have good reason to proud. Fr. Jeff

**A BIG 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU!** What a wonderful day we had thanks to so many people who did so many things to make the day a great celebration. Thanks especially to all the committee members: **Invitations/Tickets/RSVPs:** Barb Dietl, Mary Nelson; **Pre-Meal Social and Meal Planning:** Pete and Mary Ann Machaiek, Bill and Che May, Karen Weitzenkamp, Yvonne O'Brien; **Meal Set-Up and Decorations:** Tom and Celeste Witucki, Joel & Lynn Majeski, Fran Ziegler, Connie Portner; **Program:** Megan Schmidt, Diane Lang; **Advertising and Promotion:** Drew Schmidt; **History Display:** Dave and Lori Schauer Barb Pagel, Pam Osborne; **Mass & Worship Aid:** Becky Busse, Diane Lang, Pam Osborne. Also thanks to those who brought items from home to display. Special Thanks to former priests Fr. Rademacher, Fr. Steiner, and Fr. Berger for attending, and thanks to Bishop LeVoir for sharing the day with us. More thanks to all our musicians who helped with the music at the Mass: Becky Busse, Diane Lang, Tim Cayler, Bob Kaukola, Abi Osborne, S. Mary Ann Kuhn and our St. Francis Choir and guests, Connie Portner, Sue Lauwagie, Jenna Portner, Lee Zollner, John Sloom, Wendy Lang and Pam Osborne. Thanks to Brent Lang for the concertina music at the reception. Thanks also to Fr. Jeff and Deacon Roger, the Liturgy Committee, those who helped with the Mass ministries, and anyone who helped in any way! Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their presence. Thanks to Hahn's Dining for preparing the food. Thanks to everyone who attended! The History Display will be left up for an indefinite amount of time to give people time to look it over—there is so much to look at! It was a **great day** of celebrating our St. Francis de Sales parish!

## ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

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Sunday, **December 3rd**-8:30 AM

**Lector:** Carter Nachreiner **Commentator:** Jolene Palmer **Dist:** Leroy Schweiss, Richard Frank, Brian Wortz **Servers:** Allen & Julia Schweiss, Annika Nosbush **Ushers:** Ralph Fairchild, Jason Weinzettl, Frank Ziegler, Kevin Roiger **Gifts:** George & Mary Peichel  
**Visit the Sick:** Jean Fairchild

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Sunday, **December 10th**-8:30 AM

**Lector:** Mike Beranek **Commentator:** Jody Busch **Dist:** Desiree Ziegler, Myron Schweiss, Karen Bastian **Servers:** Isabella Vos, Emily Liebl, William Bastian **Ushers:** Richard Hellendrung, Pat Schreiner, Curt & Brenda Frank **Gifts:** Wesley & Doris Prax **Visit the Sick:** Sandy Hellendrung

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Sunday, **December 17th**-8:30 AM

**Lector:** Cindy Rieke **Commentator:** Jan Simonsen **Dist:** Maria Davilla, Manuel & Maria Munoz **Servers:** Litzy Davila, Jaedan Nachreiner, Maddy Nachreiner **Ushers:** George Wendinger, Dan Turbes, Jim Prax, Ton Nachreiner **Gifts:** Mark & Cindy Rieke  
**Visit the Sick:** Chuck Marlowe

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

**ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS** have started to sew and would like a few ladies to help tie quilts on Fridays from 9 to 11 am. If you have any questions call Delores Kortz at 507-426-7303.

**CUF CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be December 12th starting at 5:00 pm hors-d'oeuvres and meal at 5:30. Please call Agnes Wendinger to RSVP at 426-7675 or cell 507-276-7261. Thank you!

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm and

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** at 7:30 pm

## LITURGY MEETING

Minutes – Nov. 20, '17

The meeting began with prayer and extending a warm welcome to Kathy Bruns who joined the committee.

Enrichment: “Feasts of the Christmas Season”

We reflected on the feasts that occur during the Christmas season:

Nativity (Dec. 25) – The feast comes during a time of both darkness and light. The birth of Christ signals the new dawn, a light that is not overcome by darkness.

Holy Family (Dec. 31) – Joseph had a dream – to look after Mary and be a good father to Jesus. We are invited to pay attention to dreams God sends to us. On this feast every family is called to be a good family which takes hard work.

Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1) – Mary says “yes” to the plan God has for her. Her “yes” brought Christ into the world. How do we bring Christ to others each day?

Epiphany (Jan. 7) – The Magi followed a star, knowing that it signified something important. Sometimes Christ is right in our midst and we don't notice – someone else needs to point it out to us. How does the light (Christ) lead us to others?

Baptism of Christ (Jan. 8) – This rite of initiation affirms that God's son is like us – fully human – who Shows us how to respond to God's call for him. Who are we called to be by God? As Jesus goes out to minister to others, can we follow in his footsteps?

Review Goals for Committee: The committee reviewed the goals currently in place. Some of the actions have already been addressed. The goals will be updated and brought to the next meeting.

Crosses for Deceased: Many of the families who had a loved one die this past year were present the weekend of Oct. 29-30 when all deceased parishioners were remembered. Social were also important for those who participated in them. The crosses will be returned to families the weekend of Nov. 25-26. It seems that all four parishes have enough space in their “Book of the Deceased” to add more deceased next year.

Know a Saint: The following saints will be highlighted during these next months:

January – Timothy & Titus (26)    Feb. - Agatha (5)    March - Casimir (4)

Advent Wreath: If there is a blessing of the Advent wreathes it takes place right after the intercessions the weekend of Dec. 2-3. The same happens with the Christmas Crèche on Christmas Eve.

Review Advent/Christmas Schedule: The committee reviewed the Mass schedule for the last weekend of Advent and the celebration of Christmas. Since Advent ends on the same day Christmas Eve begins the decorating of churches needs to happen prior to Dec. 24-24. It is recommended that the Advent wreath be kept through the weekend Masses and then removed right after them to make room for the Christmas environment. It is suggested that Christmas plants be taken out of churches after the third weekend of January since the Christmas season is over.

Christian Unity Week Services: Please watch the bulletin for the Christian Unity services scheduled in mid-January.

St. Blaise Blessing: Anyone who wants to have their throats blessed can do so at the end of each Mass the weekend of Feb. 3-4. Eucharistic ministers will again help with the blessing of throats.

Upcoming Baptisms: There will be some baptisms happening in Winthrop and possibly Fairfax in the coming months. Please make sure there are enough baptismal gowns for children in third grade and younger.

“DMA” Envelopes: Some DMA envelopes have been left out in churches for anyone who wants to still make a donation. The envelopes can be removed by mid-January.

Thanksgiving Masses: Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m., Gibbon    Thursday, Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m., Fairfax

Confirmation: Saturday, Feb. 17, 4:00 p.m., Fairfax

Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m., church hall, Fairfax



### **Christmas Flower Donation Form**

If you wish to make a donation for Christmas flowers, you may use this form. Fill out the form, place in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or Parish office by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Names will be printed in the December 17<sup>st</sup> bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_