



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

Father Jeffrey Horejsi
Pastor
Residence: 426-7125

Sister Mary Ann Kuhn
Parish Minister
Residence: 834-6461

Kellie Sloom
Area Religious Ed Coordinator
Office Hours: Wed. 10am – 1pm
426-7742
yesterdayskitchen@gmail.com

Deacon Roger Osborne
Residence: 647-5894
Diocese Website:
www.dnu.org

Danette Polzin
Secretary– 426-7739
E mail - ffgw@centurytel.net

AFC Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
AFC Website: www.allsaintsafc.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS

Sacred Heart – Amy Koupal 507-276-9222
St. Andrew - Karen Guggisberg 507-426-7348

St. Willibrord - Genny Neyers 507-834-6659
St. Francis - Kellie Sloom 320-583-6755

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, December 4	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 5	10:15 AM	Fairfax Community Home	+Buddy & Arlene Gerardy
Wednesday, December 6	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Deceased members of St. Andrew's CUF
Thursday, December 7	10:15 AM	Franklin Nursing Home	+Verna Scharfenkamp
<i>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception</i>	6:30 PM	Fairfax	+Dennis Blumhoefer
Friday, December 8	8:30 AM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Saturday, December 9	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass in Franklin</i>	
	4:00 PM	Franklin	+Everett & Isabel Huiras
	5:45 PM	Gibbon	+James Moldan
Sunday, December 10	8:30 AM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:15 AM	Fairfax	+Slyvester Brunner
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	5:00 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	+Irene Athmann

Reflection Questions for the First Sunday of Advent

What might you do in your life to remain watchful and alert for the many comings of Christ?

When have you felt yourself being shaped like clay in God's hands?

How do you meet others' longing for Christ's presence?



Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

PASTOR'S NOTES: As we all know, the season of Advent prepares us for the Christmas season. We begin by focusing on Christ's second coming. Jesus invites us to be watchful. The prophet Isaiah expresses his wish that the Lord would meet us doing right. Please plan on celebrating at one of our three Advent Penance/Reconciliation services: 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. The sacrament is also offered before the first Saturday evening Mass, 3:30 pm at Franklin.

If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift to the 2017 Diocesan Ministries Appeal yet, envelopes are available in church. Remember that 20% of 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. You may mail the DMA envelope to the Diocese, place it in the collection basket, or give online at www.dnu.org/dma/.

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.

Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

The Area Pastoral Council is again taking nominations for the All Saints AFC Distinguished Service Award at this time. 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.

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Sunday Dec. 10th, 5:00 pm Spanish Mass at Fairfax, followed by a Potluck meal. All are welcome.

AREA PARISH

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec 4** Joe Schweiss, Trevor Hanson
Dec 5 Barb Borth, Rob Timm
Dec 6 Louise Goelz
Dec 7 Dianne Merkel, Hilda Hacker, Linda Freitag, Julie Reinhart
Dec 8 Pat Fahey, Mike & Barb Freitag Anniv., Carolina Carrillo, Joan Eckert
Dec 9 Delores Kortz, Patrick & Jolynn Sullivan Anniv., Charlene Forst, Nathan Meyer

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, you have given us Mary, the mother of Jesus, to encourage and guide us on our way to union with you. Let her life of loving obedience and humble prayer be a beacon of light and courage for us as we seek to follow Christ. This we ask in your name!

SANTA'S HELPERS/SANTA'S CLOSET: Thanks to those who have already responded to these Christmas programs for families in Sibley and Renville counties. You still have time to contribute. Please do so by this Friday, **Dec. 8!** 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!

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.

ADVENT CALENDAR: Take a few minutes each day to reflect on the reading and the thought given in the Advent calendar. It was attached to last week's bulletin or you can find it on the AFC website.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: Communal penance services will begin next week 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!



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

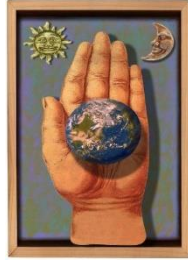
Richard Mathiowetz
St. Andrew's

Orren Rathke
St. Francis de Sales

Paula Wittgraf
St. Willibrord's

VISITS: 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!

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 and Transparency in Decision-Making”

It is necessary to foster the development of honest and transparent decision making processes, in order to “discern” which policies and business initiatives can lead to “genuine integral development”.

-how do you conscientiously decide to live each day caring for humanity, our environment and at the same time act on local, public and family affairs?

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!

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.

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 or call 651.454.3238 for additional information.

THANK YOU The students from our All Saints Area who attended NCYC had a fun and faith filled experience! They are grateful for all the support and prayers as they traveled to Indianapolis and back. If you get a chance, take a minute to visit with any students or chaperones that went, they would love to share!

RELIGION EDUCATION

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017: Class

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017: Immaculate Conception Mass Fairfax 6:30pm

Friday, Dec. 8, 2017: Immaculate Conception Mass Winthrop 8:30am

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017: Franklin Christmas Program 4:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017: Class

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017: Winthrop Christmas Program 8:30am Mass; Fairfax Christmas Program 10:15am Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017: Class & Gibbon Christmas Program 7pm

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017: No 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 Sloom 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 Sloom.

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 Sloom in Winthrop 320-583-6755

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.).

Due February 12, 2018

WEEKLY OFFERING

	FX	WN	GB	FR
Adult	870.00	500.00	315.00	601.00
Loose Plate	42.00	36.00	38.75	58.00
Student			6.00	1.00
Anniversary		45.00		
Religion Tuition			740.00	
Sibley County Foodshelf			46.00	
Hall Rent – 4H			25.00	
Sibley County Santa's Help			46.00	
Fuel Collection	25.00		50.00	
Thanksgiving Loose Plate	141.00			
Building Fund		20.00		
Fall Collection	900.00			
Christmas Flowers	20.00		20.00	
Human Dev	15.00			100.00
Total	\$2,013.00	\$601.00	\$1,286.75	\$760.00

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

Saturday, **December 9th**, 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

Saturday, **December 16th**, 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

Saturday, **December 23rd**, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: April Sullivan **Dist:** Deb Dummer, Jeff Distad, Lori Hacker **Servers:** Grace Sullivan, Shyann Koupal **Cross:** Lauryn Menk **Ushers:** Chris & Lori Hacker **Gifts:** Jeff & Jane Distad

Sunday, **December 24th**, 5:30 p.m. (**Christmas Eve**)

Lector: Katie Madsen **Dist:** Katie Madsen, Shiela Robinson, Connie Serbus **Servers:** Hunter Madsen, Sam Sullivan **Cross:** Cara Robinson **Ushers:** Bill Radermacher, John Robinson **Gifts:** Linda Drexler

This week's winner of \$1,000.00 Pam McColey of Franklin.

CCW NEWS There will be a potluck after mass and the Christmas program. Please come and join. Remember the fall dinner collection. There is an envelope in with your church envelopes. Also, a reminder that November is food shelf month.

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 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, Greg Stadtherr **Gifts:** Randy & Theresa Fischer

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, Greg Stadtherr **Gifts:** Greg & Tammy Stadtherr

Saturday, **December 23rd**-5:45 PM

Lector: Melvin Neyers, Alan Neyers **Dist:** Connie Tautges, Charlene Forst, Rose Forst **Servers:** Brooklyn & Lincoln Werner, Zach Weber **Ushers:** Terry Forst, Lyle Forst, Greg Stadtherr **Gifts:** Don & Charlene Forst

Sunday, **December 24th**-5:30 PM

Lector: Chuck & Ann Southworth **Dist:** Jerome & Mary Petersen, Geneva Klover **Servers:** Kaitlyn & Kylie Unger, Brianna Roche **Ushers:** Terry Forst, Lyle Forst, Greg Stadtherr **Gifts:** Wade & Jennifer Werner

CCW ROSARY will be prayed for the souls of Juliette Weber and Karen Wittgraf, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5:20 p.m. before Mass. Please join us as we gather to pray for them!

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.

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

ADULT CHOIR will sing for the 5:45 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 9th, meeting to practice at 4:45 p.m.. This practice will also include a practice of a few songs for Christmas Eve. Please come – we need new members!

PARISH GIFT FROM CCW – please use and enjoy the spiritual benefits from the pocket “Way of the Cross” booklets enclosed with your envelope boxes. They are a gift from St. Willibrord’s Council of Catholic Women. We appreciate your support of our projects, and all the gifts of your time and talents that you offer for our parish!

DECORATING THE CHURCH Your help would be greatly appreciated in helping to bring the Christmas decorations into the church. For anyone who is able to help for a short time, please come to help Saturday, December 16 right after 5:45 PM mass. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU Thank you to all the women of the parish that helped in making the 2017 Fall Bazaar a success. Thank you to Carol Haas and Vickie Dreier for being the chair women for the kitchen. I think this is one of the hardest jobs of the bazaar and they did a great job. Also, a huge thank you to all the other chair people for a job well done: Bake Sale- Mona Forst, Amy Weber, and Sandy Howe. Raffle of the Day- Rose Forst and Jennifer Werner. Grandma’s Attic- Ann Southworth and Charlene Forst . Raffle Table- Catherine Willegal for collecting fees and raffle tickets. Thanks for all your help. To all the homemade soup makers: Patty Bastian, Jan Forst, Carol Haas, and Kay Klement. To Barb and Lorraine Bastian and Tami Stadther for the American and German Potato Salads. To Mavis Lindmeyer, Vickie Dreier, and Genny Neyers for all the homemade rolls. We also want to thank Connie Tautges for donating the beef for the sandwiches. To all those who donated to the Bake Sale, Raffle of the Day, Desserts or to Grandma’s Attic and all the workers who donated their time, the bazaar was a success because of you. Last but definitely not least we want to send a HUGE thank you to Charlene Forst for making and donating the beautiful quilt for the large raffle, your talent and donation are very much appreciated. We have some very talented people in the parish and some GREAT COOKS!! Thank You!!

Chris Unger and Barb Bastian, 2017 Overall Bazaar Chairpersons

Item	Donated By	Winner
Quilt	Charlene Forst	Kara Landgraf
Door Prize	Barb Bastian	JoAnn Portner
Wine Basket	Bernie Berger	Barb Bruns
Baking Set/Red Rooster Gift Card	Mavis Lindmeyer	Taylor Wendinger
Bear with Rocking Chair	Anonymous Leon & Bev	Rita Herschman
Star Wars/Viking Blanket	Stadtherr	Rita Herschman
Origami Owl Locket	Samantha Messerli	Delores Hanson
Scarecrow Bottle Set	Jennifer Werner	Rita Herschman

MN Gopher Piggy Bank	Leon & Bev	Shirley Lauwagie
Quilt Center Piece	Stadtherr	Elaine Kachelmeier
Honey/Lip Balm	Rose Forst	Rose Forst
Basketball Set	Debbie Halverson	Kendra Kramer
Camping Light	Mavis Lindmeyer	Kendra Kramer
Dish Towel/Kitchen Set	Geneva Klover	Betty Grewe
Christmas Books/Tin	Cheryl Dingels	Delores Hanson
Table Runner	Jennifer Haas	Nancy Guggisberg
Christmas Runner/Lantern	Cathy Willegal	Taylor Wendinger
Thanksgiving Center Piece	Patty Bastian	Cory Hartmann
John Deere Toys	Jennifer Haas	Barb Bruns
Kitchen Set	Betty Schreiner	Marie Wiltscheck
Quilt Piece	Sharon Briese	Agnes Wendinger
Noel Sign	Cathy Willegal	Sister Mary Ann
Card/Stamp Basket	Rita Herschman	Connie Tautges
Quilt Candle Piece	Betty Schreiner	Jessica Nilges
Mary Kay Lotion Set	Rose Forst	Patricia Schreiner
Magnetic Play Set	Rita Herschman	Madison Nilges
Welcome Sign Set	Mavis Lindmeyer	Rita Herschman
Christmas Wreath	Anonymous	Noreen Beranek
K'nex Set	Barb Bruns	Genny Neyers
Quilted Centerpiece Candle	Grace Rubischko	Rita Herschman
Lit Snowmen	Bernie Berger	Kathy Bruns
My Spy Bird House	Jennifer Werner	Madison Nilges
My Spy Bird House	Anonymous	Doris Schweiss
		Beradette
Christmas Tree Wall Hanging	Carol Haas	Schneider

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, **December 10th**– 8:30 AM

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

Sunday, **December 17th**– 8:30 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

Sunday, **December 24th**– 9:00 AM

Lector: Mike Burns **Dist:** Lyle & Shari Muth, Connie Portner **Servers:** Carter Burns, Logan Steele **Cross:** Madyson Steele **Gifts:** Dennis & Joan Dording **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid

Sunday, **December 24th**– 4:00 PM

Lector: Mary Nelson **Dist:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Mary Renner **Servers:** Brynn Busse, Derek Steele **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, **December 10th**-10:15AM

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

Sunday, **December 17th**-10:15 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

Sunday, **December 24th**-9:00 AM

Lector: Agnes Kiecker **Commentator:** Pat Buboltz **Dist:** Mary Ann Dummer, Jolene Palmer, Carmen VanEpps **Servers:** Zach & Kayln Hellendrung, Megan Palmer **Ushers:** Dennis Weinzetl, Jason Weinzetl, LeAnder Nachreiner, Gene Nachreiner **Gifts:** Mark & Sandy Schaefer **Visit the Sick:** Adeline Roiger

Sunday, **December 24th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Carter Nachreiner **Commentator:** Jolene Palmer **Dist:** Eloina & Rodrigo Carillo, Lydia Gonzales **Servers:** Allen & Julia Schweiss, Hannah Marti **Ushers:** Melvin Eckstein, Dave Busch, Don Huiras, John Palmer **Gifts:** Richard & Margery Schmidt

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!



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 13th. Names will be printed in the December 17st bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: _____


Parish: _____

In Memory of: _____



December

Advent 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 "Come - be with us!" As we begin Advent how do you want Christ to be with you these weeks? <i>Mark 13:33-37</i></p>	<p>4 "Come, bring us healing!" Christ desires to bring wholeness. What kind of healing do you want? <i>Mat. 8:8</i></p>	<p>5 "Come, give us peace!" Imagine a world where all can live in peace. How can you bring peace to someone now? <i>Ls. 11:1-10</i></p>	<p>6 "Come, sustain us!" Jesus does not want anyone to be hungry. Reach out and offer care to someone today. <i>Mat. 15:29-37</i></p>	<p>7 "Come, move us to act!" We hear a lot of words and see little action. Act on a promise you have made. <i>Mat. 7:21, 24-27</i></p>	<p>8 "Come, be with us!" Mary was able to say "yes" because she trusted God-with-her. To what do you want to say "yes"? <i>Mat. 9:27-31</i></p>	<p>9 "Come, show us your care!" We are called to offer compassion to anyone in need. How do you need care? <i>Mat. 10:7-8</i></p>
<p>10 "Come, make our paths smooth!" God desires good things to happen. Help lighten someone's load. <i>Ls. 40:1-5, 9-11</i></p>	<p>11 "Come, fill us with awe!" Christ does wonders in our midst. Recognize something today that is "awe-some". <i>Luke 5:17-26</i></p>	<p>12 "Come, be our shelter!" Christ appeared to Mary, an unlikely candidate. Be ready to see Christ in some unlikely person near you. <i>Luke 1:26-38</i></p>	<p>13 "Come, strengthen us." Christ renews us when we are weary. In what way do you need Christ's grace and help? <i>Ls. 40:31</i></p>	<p>14 "Come, help us bring change!" There is much chaos in our world. What can you do to make a difference? <i>Ls. 41:13-20</i></p>	<p>15 "Come, instill courage in us." It is never easy to do as Jesus did. Stand up to someone not doing good deeds. <i>Mat. 11:16-19</i></p>	<p>16 "Come, help us forgive." We all make mistakes and follow our ways rather than Jesus' ways. How do you need forgiveness? <i>Mat. 17:9-13</i></p>
<p>17 "Come, let us rejoice in your love." We are so blessed by God. Name a blessing in your life! <i>Ls. 61:1-2, 10-11</i></p>	<p>18 "Come, deepen our faith." Joseph trusted God and looked after Mary. Who needs your support? <i>Mat. 1:18-25</i></p>	<p>19 "Come, guide us!" We have angels with us all the time. In what way do you need some guidance right now? <i>Luke 1:5-25</i></p>	<p>20 "Come, we need you." Just as Mary needed to know her call in life, so do we. How do you know God working in you? <i>Luke 1:26-38</i></p>	<p>21 "Come, urge us to share joy." All of us are asked to do good, even when it is inconvenient. Who can you help? <i>Luke 1:39-45</i></p>	<p>22 "Come, call us to the hurting." We see many people struggling. Give to someone who has little. <i>Luke 1:46-56</i></p>	<p>23 "Come, teach us humility." More and more we know we are NOT God. How is Christ asking you to use your gifts? <i>Ps. 25:4-5, 8-10</i></p>
<p>24 "Come, remove fear in us." Christ comes - again & again. How do you see Christ near you? <i>Luke 1:26-38</i></p>	<p>25 "Come, let us welcome you!" Christ comes for all. Be a shining light for someone this season! <i>Ls. 9:1-6</i></p>			<p><i>Come! May the God of hope, justice, and peace bring fight to us and to all who dwell in darkness! Come, Emmanuel - God-With-Us!</i></p>		

Advent/Christmas 2017

Advent Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 10, 2:00 pm
St. Willibrod, Gibbon
Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart, Franklin
Sunday, December 17, 3:30 pm
St. Andrew, Fairfax

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule:
Thursday, December 7:
6:30 pm, St. Andrew, Fairfax
Friday, December 8: 8:30 am,
St. Francis de Sales, Winthrop

Novena (Rosary & songs in Spanish for 9 days leading up to the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
Dec. 1-6, 8-9, 7:00 pm.
Social hall, St. Andrew's Church, Fairfax
All are invited to attend!

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 10, 5:00 pm,
St. Andrew's Church, Fairfax
(Mass in Spanish 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, Christmas wrapping paper, etc.
All donations need to be given by December 8 to one of the following:

Drop-off sites are:

Our four AFC Churches
Perennial & Mid-Country Banks - Winthrop
Franklin State Bank
Frandsen Bank - Fairfax
MN West Bank, Gibbon Hardware,
Cenex Gas Station - Gibbon

Posadas

Mass in Spanish, Friday, Dec. 22,
6:30 pm, St. Andrew's, Fairfax,
followed by potluck supper. All invited!

Christmas Programs

Saturday, December 9, following
4:00 pm Mass, Sacred Heart, Franklin
Sunday, December 17, following
8:30 am Mass, St. Francis de Sales,
at the end of the 10:15 am Mass,
St. Andrew, Fairfax
Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm,
St. Willibrod, Gibbon

4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Weekend Schedule

Saturday, December 23:
4:00 pm, Franklin, 5:45 pm, Gibbon
Sunday, December 24:
9:00 am, Winthrop & Fairfax (same time)

Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24:

4:00 pm, Winthrop & Fairfax
5:30 pm, Gibbon & Franklin
Monday, Christmas Day, December 25
8:30 am, St. Andrew, Fairfax

December 30 - January 1 Schedule

Saturday, December 30: 4:00 pm. - Franklin
5:45 pm. - Gibbon
Sunday, December 31: 8:30 am. - Winthrop
10:15 am. - Fairfax
Monday, January 1: 9:00 am. - Fairfax
Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Come let us

Adore

Him

