January 15, 2023

St. Andrew's FAIRFAX, MN

ST. WILLIBRORD'S GIBBON, MN

St. Francis de Sales WINTHROP, MN

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

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

BAPTISMS: Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Father Bruno anywhere from one to two months prior to the date of the baptism of

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 16 NO MASS Tuesday, January 17 NO MASS **Fairfax** Wednesday, January 18 5:30 PM **Gibbon-Time Change** +James Moldan Thursday, January 19 NO MASS **Fairfax** Friday, January 20 NO MASS Winthrop Saturday, January 21 Reconciliation prior to Mass 4:30 PM

5:00 PM Winthrop People of the All Saints Area Faith Community

Sunday, January 22 8:00 AM Fairfax +Janet Peichel 10:00 AM Gibbon +Mike Hartmann

Reflection Question for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

How can I be a better witness to the truth, to what I see with eyes of faith?



Readings for the Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/

Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6 **Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/

Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/

Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

John the Baptist recognized Jesus: The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is God's chosen one upon whom the Spirit descended and came to rest.

The example of John the Baptist in the Gospel text of today shows that true personal fulfilment and greatness lie not in how we may compare with others but in how faithful we are to our God given roles in life. The words of John that we hear in today's Gospel, "Behold the Lamb of God" are familiar to us, because we hear them at every Mass just before Communion. John's proclamation about Jesus has become the invitation to Communion in our liturgy. For us today those words are more than just singling out someone who was walking along the Jordan River. These words are now a profession of faith in what we do at every Mass. For in Communion, we receive the body and blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven." ~Pope Pius X

Jesus came among us to be with us. When you first wake up in the morning, but **before you get out of bed,** place yourself in God's presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Fr. Bruno OSB

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact Kellie Sloot at 320-583-6755 and she will get you to the right person while Father Bruno is gone. Thank you.

THERE ARE FEW MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULED ON THE CALENDAR Infinite graces flow from prayers offered at Mass. Intentions can be offered for a variety of reasons: thanksgiving, birthday or anniversaries of the living and most commonly for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one. If you have been thinking you would like to have a Mass intention offered, you can put the request in the collection basket with the name of the person/persons to be prayed for and make a note of whether the person is deceased or living; or list the reason of the intention (e.g. thanksgiving, peace, living family members, etc.) If you have a specific date in mind, please make note of that as well. Include your financial gift

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(typically \$10 per Mass). Or call the All Saints AFC office or email the office and get the intention scheduled and

Jan 15 Bill Caven, Shawn Kopel, Bradley Bastian

send in your donation. Thank you!

Jan 17 Donald Linsmeier, Cheyenne Runck, Kimberly Holmquist, Sofia Nachreiner, Gary Renner, Lorie Schauer

Jan 19 Mary Ann Schweiss, Nick Stadtherr, Kellie Sloot

Jan 20 John & Elaine Palmer Anniv., Gerald Peichel, Alexander Mikkelson, Manuel Munoz, Carol Gregory, Bernie Sauter

Jan 21 Elaine Palmer, Zocorro Rico, Caleb Radloff

Please remember in your prayers . . .



Shirley Lauwagie who passed away on Monday, January 2nd. Her mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, January 8th, at St. Willibrord's Catholic Church with burial in the church cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to the family.

Frank Ziegler St. Andrew's Casey O'Brien St. Francis de Sales Arvina Schweiss St. Andrew's **Judy Farrell** St. Andrew's Elsie Linsmeier St. Andrew Mary Schweiss St. Andrew's Millie Forst St. Willibrord's Lorraine Ravnaas St. Francis de Sales **Adeline Roiger** St. Andrew Pat Fahev St. Andrew's **Dory Schreiner** St. Andrew's

Please Remember in Prayer

Liturgy Matters #11

We can now turn to the form and order of the ritual in which the Word is proclaimed at Mass. All that we have said in these recent weeks is given concrete form by what we read, how we read, who reads, and the order in which we read. This form and order express that the center of what is proclaimed is the death and Resurrection of Jesus. The spreading out of many scriptural texts throughout the liturgical year repeats in our community's experience and understanding what the Church in each generation discovers with awe and wonder: that the meaning of the whole creation and the whole of human history is revealed in the mystery of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The scriptures are read in a certain order, an order that follows the order of salvation history; that is, the liturgy begins with a text from the Old Testament, where creation and the history of Israel are recounted, and moves toward the climax of the proclamation of the Gospel. This is the order of the Liturgy of the Word because the Gospel is the climax and center of the scripture, or put more comprehensively: because Christ himself is the fulfillment of creation and the history of Israel. Thus, for a Christian, only from the perspective of the Gospel is the Old Testament text understood in its fullness, or again: only in Christ are creation and the history of Israel understood. Some reading from the writings of the apostles forms a link between Gospel and Old Testament, a contemplative insight, a theological insight that helps bind the event of the Gospel to the event of the Old Testament. We are not talking about specific sets of texts as found in the Lectionary for the celebration of a given day, where this connection is sometimes more, sometimes less clear, as the case may be. The point is a general one about this structure in the liturgy. However, once the theological

significance of this structure is grasped, "the structure is a mystery!" profound and unexpected connections can emerge between the texts that will not appear when the texts are simply read side by side as texts.

JOIN US EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 PM as we pray the Rosary live on Facebook on the All Saints Area Faith Community page!

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – There will be a break until February 9th.

RENEWED IN HOPE DMA Appeal Funds Summary as of January 9th, 2021. Parish goals: St. Andrew's \$13,073.39, total cash received \$7,663.70; St. Willibrord's \$8,142.20, total cash received \$4,020.00; St. Francis's \$4,931.19, total cash received \$4,950.00. Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Lafayette Area Lions. College Fund Benefit for Elisa Ries whose dad, Jason Ries, died unexpectedly October 9th. Her mother, Cindy Preisinger, is not able to care for her due to MS. Elisa is living with her aunt and uncle, Jackie & Glenn Forst. This will be held on Sunday, January 15th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Lafayette Fire Hall. There will also be a cash raffle, quilt raffle and silent auction. Please attend, eat and give from the heart. Thanks.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD AT THE CARL ROBINSON MEMORIAL Bloodmobile at the Franklin Community Center Monday, January 16th, Noon – 6PM. Schedule an appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or RedCrossBlood.org or call Tom Robinson to set up an appointment.

YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by December 31st can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.

Life Insurance

If you own life insurance policies that you no longer need, the cash value of these policies may be another source from which to make gifts to your parish, and they may result in significant state and/orfederal estate tax savings. You can also name your parish as beneficiary of your life insurance or annuity.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY ANN: Greetings to all of you! My thoughts and prayers have been with you throughout these months, and I have felt the power of your prayer as we moved about 110 sisters to Benedictine Living Center in Shakopee from August to November 15. I thought moving my Mom into an assisted living place some years back was a lot. However, after all these weeks with our sisters, my Mom's move seemed rather simple, though heart-wrenching as well. Our sisters are adjusting to their new place, including Sister Emma. She is doing great and of course her positive 93 year old attitude makes a huge difference. She is amazing! The 16 of us who are still here in Mankato finished moving to another building here on Good Counsel Hill to save on heat and be closer to the activity happening in this space. Sometime we will be moving off the hill. When – we don't know – but we will continue to enjoy this sacred place while we are here. So keep praying for all of us! This transition has had its gifts and challenges! During these months we have had 10 sisters make their journey to God, many to declining health and the aging process. We know they continue to be with us as we create a new way of living religious life. I'm also writing to ask for your support for "Pedal Past Poverty" once again. We as sisters want to participate in happenings that benefit people in need. So we know we can do that in some way for people in need of shelter. This event will take place on Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Mankato YMC. It is sponsored by Partners for Housing. If you would like to sponsor me I would be most grateful! All donations, small or large, help lessen others' needs. My address is: Sister Mary Ann Kuhn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato, MN 56001. (Checks made payable to Partners for Housing.) Deadline date: Feb. 13! Know that all of you are making a big difference through your prayer for and support of this event. Thanks for your goodness and love! S. Mary Ann

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,123.00	863.00	5,297.50
Loose/Youth Plate	115.00	12.00	52.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00		
Christmas		2,000.00	
Maintenance/Building		30.00	
Energy/Fuel			100.00
Christmas			75.00
TOTAL	\$1,243.00	\$2,905.00	\$5,524.50

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: MSG William R. Schmidt, SSG Jeff Ziegler, Ryan E Lawrenz, SGT, Sgt. Chris Levinske, Amber Lindberg, Sgt Kenneth Coleman, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and SGT Colin Jackson, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday Feb 1, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday Feb 22, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn Wednesday Feb 8, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn & 2nd Grade First Reconciliation

"THE COGLEY SISTERS"/Youth Benefit Concert—Mark your calendars! At 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, February 5th, at St. Willibrord's church, there will be a concert by the The Cogley Sisters, from Hutchinson (50's and Christian music), followed by a spaghetti supper from 5-6:30 p.m. Advance tickets available from the youth and chaperones: For Adults - \$18.00 concert and supper, or Youth 8 yrs & under - \$12.00 concert and supper. (Price at the door for Adults - \$12 meal, \$8 concert, Youth 8 yrs & under - \$8 meal, \$6 concert) To get advance tickets, contact Anita Weir in Fairfax (507-441-1309), Berny Berger in Gibbon (320-583-7975) or Brent Lang in Winthrop (612-418-2851). In conjunction with the concert and meal, there will also be a Bakesale in the social hall (donated baked goods from parishioners are also much appreciated!). Proceeds go toward 12 AFC youth and 3 chaperones attending the Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester July 14-16, 2023.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, January 22nd-10:00 AM

Lector: Gail Herschman Dist: Jerome Petersen Servers: Abby & Kelly Willegal Ushers: Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom

Forstner Gifts: Vickie Dreier, Kevin Dreier Sacristan: Rose Forst

Sunday, January 29th-10:00 AM

Lector: Melvin Neyers/Regie Mattes Dist: Geneva Klover Servers: Imani & Mandy Prigge Ushers: Clete Krzmarzick, Joel

Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner Gifts: Randy & Theresa Fischer Sacristan: Jeannine Grosam

Sunday, February 5th-10:00 AM

Lector: Jerome Petersen Dist: Grace Rubishko Servers: Kitzelin Morales, Silvana Ruiz, Josse Ruiz Ushers: Jerome Rubischko,

Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer Gifts: Lyle & Rose Forst Sacristan: Kathy Bruns

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner" of \$200 for Week #42, goes to **Jim and Cheryl Dingels**, of Gibbon. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES For those wondering about the church envelopes they were ordered many months ago but they are experiencing some difficulties with work equipment, hired help, etc. They are hoping to get them out soon. Please put your contributions in a plain envelope for the collection. Thank you.

ENJOY SOCIAL GATHERINGS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS! We are in need of support. Please sign up or call Genny at 834-6659 or Mavis at 834-6537 if you can bring or host a Sunday. Thank you.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL (CUF) will meet on Sunday, January 15, 2023, following the 10:00 AM mass in the south classroom to set its 2023 goals, discuss events planned for 2023, including scheduling a workshop, and further discussion on a funding request for AFC youth to Steubenville in the summer. All Catholic United Financial members are welcomed and encouraged to come to the meeting.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CUF will be serving a light meal after Mass on Sunday, January 15th. This activity is sponsored by St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial Council - Local Representative is Bill McMullen 763-656-8603.

<u>Friends of San Lucas Coffee</u> can be purchased directly from <u>www.sanlucasmission.org/juan-ana-cafe/order-a-bag/</u> or by stopping at Chuck Spaeth Ford in New Ulm (507-354-3673) or Sleepy Eye (507-794-3673). Contact Mavis 507-829-4416 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our Guatemala Mission

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022-January 11th, 2023

Income \$77,646.25 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$50,457.75 **Net Gain/Loss** \$27,188.50

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, January 21st-5:00 PM

Lector: Kellie Sloot Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Lorie Schauer Servers: Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse Gifts: Mary Nelson, Joe Wersal Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters: Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki

Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer Saturday, **January 28th-**5:00 PM

Lector: Yvonne O'Brien Eucharistic Ministers: Brent Lang Servers: Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger Gifts: Dave & Jorie Schauer Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters: Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki

Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer

Saturday, February 4th-5:00 PM

Lector: Jason & Carly Tupy Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin & Sue Lauwagie Servers: Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer Gifts: Harry & Kellie Sloot Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters: Sue Lauwagie,

Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie

FURNACE FUND SUPPER: There will be a light supper after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, Jan 28th. Good will offerings will go towards the Furnace Fund. Hope you can join us!

2023 ENVELOPES are on table in narthex and parishioners should pick them up.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES IS HAVING A GROCERY BINGO on Sunday, February 19th, at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fun with 40 games of grocery bingo, door prizes, raffle and a delicious lunch following bingo. We are looking for volunteers for prizes, grocery items, help with bingo and serving lunch. Grocery bingo is open for all ages. Proceeds from this will go toward the water project in India and for the LED project. Contact Michelle Oswald at 507-766-9943 if you have any questions or if you can help in any way. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW'S - FAIRFAX

Sunday, January 22nd-8:00 AM

Lector: Jody Busch Dist: Lidia Gonzalez & Maria Davila Servers: Elyiana & Kayln Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl Ushers: Jim Prax, Tom Nachreiner, Dave Borth, Randy Boehm Gifts: Richard & Sandy Hellendrung Sacristan: Mary Ann Dummer/Kathy Schroeder

Sunday, January 29th-8:00 AM

Lector: Pat Buboltz Dist: Paul Simonsen Servers: Nathan & Zach Sandgren, Nico Nosbush, Bernardo Davila Ushers: Kevin Schweiss, Frank Ziegler, Kevin Roiger, David Runck Gifts: Chuck & Denine Hellendrung Sacristan: Agnes Wendinger

Sunday, February 5th-8:00 AM

Lector: Anita Weir **Dist:** Mary Ann Dummer **Servers:** Annika Nosbush, Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner **Ushers:** Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth, Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer **Gifts:** Gerald & Chris Jandl **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

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ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 5: Denine Hellendrung, Desiree Ziegler

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022 – January 11th, 2023

 Income
 \$ 112,163.48
 Donations to Maintenance Fund
 \$53,735.28

 Expenses
 \$ 78,168.10
 Roof Payment
 93,578.75

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 33,995.38
 Shortfall
 (\$39,843.47)

Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (*Aperuit illus*, no. 2).

To celebrate this observance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a Sunday Seminar Series of five videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, offered in English and Spanish, will be offered by some of the finest biblical scholars in the United States and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions and suggestions for further reading.

The videos will be made available on the Sunday of the Word of God, January 22, 2023 at: https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/

Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel. May the people of God be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with scripture in a new, prayerful way.

