**AREA FAITH COMMUNITY** 

St. Andrew's FAIRFAX, MN

ST. WILLIBRORD'S GIBBON, MN

St. Francis de Sales WINTHROP, MN

January 22, 2023

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### 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 23 NO MASS NO MASS Tuesday, January 24 **Fairfax** Wednesday, January 25 NO MASS Gibbon Fairfax-Time Change Thursday, January 26 5:30 PM Friday, January 27 9:30 AM Winthrop Saturday, January 28 4:30 PM

Reconciliation prior to Mass 5:00 PM Winthrop +Michael Harder

Sunday, January 29 8:00 AM Fairfax People of the All Saints Area Faith Community

> 10:00 AM Gibbon +Shirley Lauwagie

# **Reflection Question for Third Sunday in Ordinary**

Can I commit myself to studying scripture daily in 2023, making it central in my life?



### Readings for the Week of January 22, 2023

+Leroy Schreiner

+William Aver

**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

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/

Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/

Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/

Mk 16:15-18

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,

13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/

Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/

Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew

5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Today's Gospel text may be seen as divided into three parts. The first is the fifth fulfilment quotation from Isaiah which explains that what Isaiah predicted is being fulfilled in Jesus. This part also includes the first public proclamation of Jesus in Galilee. The second part is the call of the first four disciples and the third part is the summary statement. Many of us still think that it is our good deeds which are responsible for our salvation and that if we continue to do good and be good, we will have earned eternal life. This is a warped way of understanding Jesus and his message. Salvation can never be earned or bought by our goodness. Rather, our goodness is a consequence of our salvation. Like the disciples who responded to the call of Jesus with confidence and courage and like the Christian community at Corinth who were invited to focus entirely on Jesus, we too are invited to hear the call to repentance and discipleship and respond with love. We are also called to proclaim the kingdom that Jesus inaugurated and to remember that it is a kingdom that involves word and action, saying and doing.

"We will always have two secretaries: the devil, who writes down our bad actions, to accuse us of them; and our good angel, who writes down our good ones, to justify us on the Day of Judgement." ~St. John Mary Vianney

After the shepherds visited Jesus, they told others who didn't yet know about him. Pope St. John Paul II urged us to do the same. "If we truly encounter Jesus again and again, we cannot keep him to ourselves." As disciples we are required to make disciples.

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

(typically \$10 per Mass). Or call the All Saints AFC office or email the office and get the intention scheduled and send in your donation. Thank you!

# AREA CALENDAR

# AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 22 Wanda Fahey, Jennifer Dummer

Jan 23 Janet Nachreiner, Steve Liebl, Gregory Stadtherr

Jan 24 Nathaniel Volz

Jan 25 Tim O'Brien

Jan 26 Melissa Marin. Jake Isaacson

Jan 27 Marlene Herschman, Brianna Holmquist, Debbie Halverson, Eric Platz

Jan 28 Berny Berger, Karen Holm

### **Liturgy Matters #12**

Now it is time to discuss the "First Reading". I have said that the Gospel is the center of the Liturgy of the Word. This claim has its roots in the Old Testament, and on a most basic level, it is a careful reading of the text as a whole, which leads us to make such a claim. The Old Testament, which is used in the first reading, is a vast collection of theological traditions developed during well over a thousand years. Yet, despite the differences of the many human circumstances and authors that are reflected there, it is not difficult for the one who reads with faith to see that the collection as a whole leads to a center. When a passage of this collection is read at Mass, now in virtue of Jesus' Resurrection, that original event becomes the event of the community that hears it. That is, the Christian community hears it with the insight lent it by the presence of the risen Lord. What happens at Mass during the reading of the Old

Testament passage was expressed already in the Gospel of Luke where the story of the risen Lord's appearance to the two disciples along the road to Emmaus is recounted. "How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced!" and again later, "Jesus said, everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms had to be fulfilled."

In addition to the context of the first reading, we should also take into account the one who is asked to read the passage. More is happening here than just a sense of "somebody has to do this", so we chose one of the baptized. Even as we listen to the reading, we should marvel at the grace that enables one of us to stand up and be used as an instrument through which the holy and life-giving Word of God is announced in the assembly. At the end of the proclamation of the passage, the reader bluntly declares what it is that we have just heard: "The word of the Lord". We, as the body of Christ, express orally what is in our hearts, "Thanks be to God!"

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.



Please Remember in Prayer 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. Francis de Sales Adeline Roiger St. Andrew Pat Fahey St. Andrew's **Dory Schreiner** 

St. Willibrord's Lorraine Ravnaas

St. Andrew's Davis Biebl

St. Willibrord's

**RENEWED IN HOPE DMA Appeal Funds Summary** as of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Parish goals: St. Andrew's \$13,073.39, total cash received \$9,173.70; St. Willibrord's \$8,142.20, total cash received \$4,455.00; St. Francis's \$4,931.19, total cash received \$5,600.00. Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

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                | 1,076.80     | 1,675.00      | 1,002.85         |
| Loose/Youth Plate    | 183.66       | 42.00         | 105.00           |
| Hall Rent            | 50.00        |               |                  |
| Christmas            |              |               |                  |
| Maintenance/Building |              |               | 151.00           |
| Energy/Fuel          |              |               |                  |
| Christmas            |              |               |                  |
| TOTAL                | \$1,310.46   | \$1,717.00    | \$1,258.85       |

& 2nd Grade First Reconciliation

#### 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 25, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn Wednesday Feb 8, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn

Wednesday Feb 1, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx

Wednesday Feb 22, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn

"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 (Take-outs available) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Advance tickets available from the youth and chaperones: For Adults - \$18.00 concert and supper, or Youth 8 years & under - \$12.00 concert and supper. (Price at the door for Adults - \$12 meal, \$8 concert, Youth 8 years & 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 very much appreciated!). Proceeds go toward 13 AFC youth and 3 chaperones attending the Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester July 14-16, 2023. Partial funding is being provided by St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial Council, Grant for Good -Social. Local Representative is Bill McMullen 763-656-8603.



# ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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

Sunday, February 12th-10:00 AM

Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth Dist: Jeannine Grosam Servers: Jennifer Guzman, Melody Exum, Briana Roche Ushers: Jerome

Rubischko, Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer Gifts: Thomas & Jesse Forstner Sacristan: Connie Tautges

**St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner"** of \$100 for Week #43, goes to **Janet Gunnink**, 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.

<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 18th, 2023

Income \$78,914.14 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$50,457.75

Net Gain/Loss \$28,456.39

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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

Saturday, February 11th-5:00 PM

Lector: Pete Machaiek Eucharistic Ministers: Che May Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda Gifts: Tom & Celeste Witucki 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, January 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (Winthrop/Gaylord #7051) Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Francis's Catholic Church in Winthrop.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES IS HAVING A GROCERY BINGO on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 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

Sunday, February 12th-8:00 AM

**Lector:** Jan Simonsen **Dist:** Myron Schweiss **Servers:** Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir **Ushers:** Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl, Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel **Gifts:** Brad & Cheryl Kiecker **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck/Brenda Frank

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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 18th, 2023

 Income
 \$ 113,473.94
 Donations to Maintenance Fund
 \$53,735.28

 Expenses
 \$ 78,482.43
 Roof Payment
 93,578.75

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 34,991.51
 Shortfall
 (\$39,843.47)

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### Raffle of the Day Winners - St. Willibrords Fall Bazaar 2022

Quilted Wall Hanging Lyle & Rose Forst
Tie Blanket Carol Haas
Kids Art Basket Tina Elbert

Towel/Socks Bernadette Schneider Devotional Book/Cards Rita Herschman Table Runner/ Lit Latern Ann Southworth Towel Set/Lotiom & Gel Set Lyle Forst Flashlight Book Gary Schaefer Chocolate Comfort Basket Ann Southworth Children's Book Basket Cindy Rubendall Gary Schaefer Karaoke Yav Tea Towels Carol Haas Nancy Blumhofer MN Wine Basket Kid's Advent Calendar Rita Herschman

Christmas Kitchen Basket Mary Haas Mary Kay Set Genny Neyers Christmas Gnome Décor Kari Doetkot Kitchen Towel Basket Barb Bastian 3 Garden Sticks Linda Grossman Tastefully Simple Set Joan Eckert Mary Kay Set Rose Forst Christmas Painting/Lantern Amy Eckert MN Beer Basket Tina Elbert

Dorothea Paul Print Karen (Kevin) Spaude Candles/Whit Work Gift Card Bernadette Schneider