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### MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

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

**BAPTISMS:** Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Father Brendan 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, Jan 8 NO MASS Tuesday, Jan 9 NO MASS Wednesday, Jan 10 NO MASS +Frank Ziegler Private Thursday, Jan 11 +Andy DeRock NO MASS Private +/Spec Int-Deceased & Living Mbrs of St W-CCW Friday, Jan 12 NO MASS Private Saturday, Jan 13 4:30 PM Reconciliation prior to Mass 5:00 PM Winthrop +Marvin Weber Sunday, Jan 14 8:00 AM Fairfax People of the All Saints Area Faith Community 10:00 AM Gibbon +Dennis Nau

### Reflection Question for The Epiphany of the Lord

Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I've recognized an encounter with Christ? We might call it an "a-ha moment," a "God thing," an "unexplainable event." We often write it off. Instead of writing it off, stop and remember it. Then thank God for it. "Thank you, Jesus." If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen



### Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/

Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 **Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9,

10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/

Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 **Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Mk 2:13-17

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

#### **Reflection meditation**

Happy Epiphany. We rejoice as the three Magi encounter Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race. Epiphany comes to us from the Greek word, ἐπιφάνεια (in Greek letters), epipháneia (English letters in modern Greek). Epiphany means appearance, manifestation, coming to light, sudden insight, powerful realization. As Catholic Christians we believe in following Jesus Christ. But before that we need to make the decision to accept him when he appears to us. We have two choices when he appears. We can choose to be like bad king Herod. He tries to control Jesus and ultimately wants to murder him (Matthew 2:16-18). Or instead, we can be like the three Magi, kings from East of Bethlehem who embrace Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12). They chose to seek Christ and invest their personal resources to journey toward him. When they kneel before him, they personally accept him as Lord, Savior, and King of kings. Have you accepted Jesus personally again in 2024? In his last moments of life, our friend and fellow parishioner, Frank Ziegler, whispered, Jesus "I surrender everything to you." Like the Magi, Frank was a wise man. Like the Magi, Frank knew life is a journey toward Jesus. Like the Magi, Frank knelt before Jesus Christ his Lord, Savior, the King of kings. Like the Magi, Frank surrendered everything to Jesus including his own life. Let us be like Frank Ziegler and like the Magi. Let us be wise. Invite Jesus Christ to change your life in 2024!

Thank you to everyone who made Christmas so special for our parish families, especially for visiting family, friends, and guests. God promises he is with us when two or three are gathered and there were great numbers this year. I was overwhelmed by your generosity to me personally in gifts, cards, and goodies. My heart is full of gratitude for you. Thank you.

As we begin the new year, I offer you this news. After consulting with our parish trustees, administrative councils, the diocese, and many volunteers, we will move the All Saints Office Manager's location from Fairfax to the office space in Gibbon. Danette's new office will be in what was originally Sr. Mary Ann's office. The location is more central to all three parishes and will mean less driving for Danette, especially in winter weather. Reflecting a trend in many parishes and AFCs, this change will also put the parsonage in Gibbon to good use. A carpet cleaning is being scheduled for the space and we will need volunteers to help with the move. Please contact the office for details if you are willing and able to help. Teamwork makes the dream work so thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the impact of this new arrangement together.

Finally, next weekend, January 13-14, our parishes will host a mission with Food for the Poor. Please give Father a solid welcome. I'm leaving a steak and apple pie in the fridge for him like I do for all mission priests. Some give by going to the missions, you and I can go by giving. Please prayerfully consider what gift God might be asking you to make.

Blessings, Fr. Rolling

WINTHROP MASS INTENTIONS ARE GETTING LOW. 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. 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 7 Valerie Rieke, Kimberely VanDeest, Mark McClain, Robert Senkyr, Rick Klement, Diane Radloff, Brent Lang, Braylen Pulley
- Jan 8 Joseph Vos, Lincoln Werner
- Jan 9 Helen Fahey, Connie Ardolf, Elizabeth Edick, Charlie Schiller, Kari Brecht
- Jan 10 Sarah Rubischko, Lynn Majeski
- Jan 11 Olivia Goblish, Briaa Roche
- Jan 12 Monica Rico, Michael Evenson
- Jan 13 Steve Bastian

**OIN 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 8th.

**GETTING MARRIED.** Please note the dates for the 2024 Pre-Marriage program are now posted on the Family Life page of the Diocese of New Ulm, DNU, website. New Pre-Marriage booklets are at the entrance to all churches.

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



Please Remember in Prayer

Casey O'Brien
St. Francis de Sales

Arvina Schweiss
St. Andrew's

Elsie Linsmeier
St. Andrew

Mary Schweiss
St. Andrew's

Millie Forst
St. Willibrord's

Adeline Roiger

St. Andrew's

Lyle Muth

St. Francis de Sales

George Schweiss

St. Andrew

Pat Fahev

George Schweiss St. Willibrord's Michelle Lindenfelser

(Schwecke) St. Francis de Sales

> Claire Van Epp St. Andrew's Ray Berg

St. Willibrord's RoseMarie Garrahy

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Mary Liebl St. Andrew's

Pete & Marianne Machaiek St Francis de Sales **FR. STU MOVIE** - There will be a showing of the popular "Fr Stu" movie, with Mark Wahlberg, on <u>Sunday evening</u>, 6:30 <u>p.m.</u>, <u>February 4<sup>th</sup></u> in the St. Willibrord's church social hall. The movie is based on a true story of Stuart Long, a former amateur boxer, who survives a terrible motorcycle accident which leads him to seek a second chance to help others. Surprisingly, he realizes that he is being called to be a priest! A devastating health crisis occurs, inspiring not only those near him, but countless others along the way. It is funny and also very touching. The original movie has been remade into a PG-13 edition, removing or toning down the language that was in the theater version. There is no charge, and popcorn and juice will be provided! This event is made possible by St. Willibrord's Council of Catholic United Financial. Catholic United Financial is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial services company, connecting people of faith, protecting their future and generously impacting parishes, schools and communities. Local Sales Representative is David Schonhardt, telephone: 763-760-9058, e-mail: <u>dschonhardt@catholicunited.org</u>



COGLEY SISTERS YOUTH BENEFIT CONCERT - Back by popular demand! Sunday afternoon, February 11th, at 2 p.m. at St. Willibrord's, followed by desserts/beverages, and a bake sale. This is a benefit for our youth and chaperones attending the Steubenville Youth conference in July. The Cogleys were a huge hit last year, so we hope you will plan on attending! Advance Sale Ticket Prices are \$15 for students and adults, \$10 for 8 years and younger, or \$18 and \$13 at the door that day. So buy your tickets in advance after Mass, or contact one of the following youth or adults selling tickets: Gibbon – Jennifer Guzman, Regie Mattes, Ella and Tina Nachreiner, Christopher and Gabriel Ruiz, Kora Schwarzrock, or Berny Berger. Fairfax – Anita Weir, Lesllie Davila, Bernardo Davila or Erick Herrera. Winthrop – Alan Banda, Jose Farrias, or Will Lang. If you like to bake, we can really use donations of baked goods as well from the parishes- bring them to the concert or contact Berny to make arrangements to pick them up (or to request tickets - 320-583-7975).

**ANOTHER MALE CHAPERONE** may be needed for our Steubenville Conference trip next July 12-14 in Rochester. We have 10 boys who plan on attending, and need one male chaperone for every 8 boys. This is a great experience, and one that you would never regret volunteering for! Please contact Berny Berger (320) 583-7975, or Brent Lang (612) 418-2768 for answers to any questions you may have about this opportunity.

**DONATE A BIBLE.** Would you consider making a gift for our 20 students for their Sacrament of Confirmation? My hope is that parishioners will celebrate their Confirmation with a gift of the Great Adventure Bible from Ascension Press. We are able to get a 10% discount so each Bible costs \$58.45. Kellie Sloot describes it as a "beautiful book! Feels nice, pages are nice weight paper, it lays open flat. And yes, the study notes and etc. are awesome!" We need funds of about \$1,200 to include shipping. You can help send these young people off to college and jobs with a Bible they will want on their shelf. Thank you for considering this gift to our future adult parishioners.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** This is a winter weather reminder that if law enforcement announces a no travel advisory, or if school is cancelled or has a late start in your school district, there will be NO mass in your town that day. Also, if school is let out early due to weather, there will be no parish activity or Religious Education Class that evening. Please be sure to sign up for "Flocknote" by texting allsaints 4 to 84576 to get text updates from parish staff and listen to the following station for weather related announcements: KNUJ (860 AM) in New Ulm

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
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Adult	7,799.02	1,503.00	5,260.00
Loose/Youth Plate	93.00	222.00	275.00
Building/Maint/Furnace	250.00		
Education-CUF			1,000.00
Votive Lights	125.00		
Christmas Flowers			30.00
Hall Rental		200.00	
Christmas	300.00	40.00	850.00
Fuel			25.00
Solemnity of Mary			77.05
TOTAL	\$8,567.02	\$1,965.00	\$7,517.05

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, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and SGT Colin Jackson, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

"One in Christ" DMA Appeal Funds Summary as of January 2, 2024. Parish Goals: St. Andrew \$14,978.10, total cash received \$10,880.00. St. Willibrord \$8,665.02, total cash received \$5,250.00. St Francis de Sales \$6,932.01, total cash received \$5,985.00.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wednesday, Jan 3, 2024: Class Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024: Class

Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024: Class – Confirmation Interviews

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024: Class Saturday, Jan 20, 2024: Confirmation Retreat & ROI Mass Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024: Class – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation 6:30 pm Gibbon

**STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE** – If anyone decides they would like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference next July 12-14, in Rochester, MN, please contact Berny Berger (<a href="mailto:jbberger1972@gmail.com">jbberger1972@gmail.com</a> or 320-583-7975). Registration is still possible, though the cost is slightly higher. Fundraisers are available for this great experience for our youth, and additional chaperons are still needed!

**ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP 9-12TH** Every 1st Sunday of each month we will meet with unique activities listed monthly! Come to the Gibbon Parsonage next to the church from noon to 1:00 for pizza and fun in Christ. Bring your own pop or juice.

**Please note:** Religious Education classes will be held from 6:30-7:30pm beginning Wednesday January 3rd. Pizza for the confirmation students and snacks for 9th grade and under will be available beginning at 6pm. An e-mail with details was sent to all families by Flocknote. Contact Kellie Sloot if you have questions.

# ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, January 14th-10:00 AM

Lector: Melvin Neyers/Regie Mattes Dist: Steve Grosam Servers: Jose & Silvana Ruiz Ushers: Greg Hartmann, Tom

Lindmeyer, Nick Stadtherr **Gifts:** Melvin & Genny Neyers **Sacristan:** Jeannine Grosam

Sunday, January 21st-10:00 AM

Lector: Jerome Petersen Dist: Genny Neyers Servers: Sophia & Ella Nachreiner Ushers: Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer, Nick

Stadtherr Gifts: Chris & Tina Nachreiner Sacristan: Rose Forst

Sunday, January 28th-10:00 AM

Lector: Chuck & Ann Southworth Dist: Jerome Petersen Servers: Jennifer Guzman, Melody Exum Ushers: Greg Hartmann,

Tom Lindmeyer, Nick Stadtherr Gifts: Melissa Rettig, Sharon Briese Sacristan: Connie Tautges

**CHOIR** will sing for the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> at the10:00 am Mass. Meet to practice in the social hall at 9:30 am..New Members always welcome!

The Parish Volunteer Team of Catholic United Financial are meeting on Wednesday, January 10,2024 following the 8:30 AM mass to discuss event planning for 2024 along with other business. This meeting is for all CUF members. Please come join us! The CUF Team will be presenting a \$1,000 matching grant check to Father for our religious education program at the 5:00 mass on Saturday, December 30. Catholic United Financial is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial services company, connecting people of faith, protecting their future and generously impacting parishes, schools and communities. Local Sales Representative is David Schonhardt, telephone: 763-760-9058, e-mail: <a href="mailto:dschonhardt@catholicunited.org">dschonhardt@catholicunited.org</a>

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023-January 4th, 2024

 Income
 \$ 91,919.07

 Expenses
 \$ 57,346.47

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 34,572.60

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, January 13th-5:00 PM

Lectors: Mary Nelson Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Lorie Schauer Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda Gifts: Tom & Celeste Witucki Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki

Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer Saturday, January 20th 5:00 PM

Lectors: Harry Sloot Eucharistic Ministers: Brent Lang Servers: Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Schmidt Gifts: Jane Weber, Jean Groehler Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki

Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer

Saturday, January 27th-5:00 PM

Lectors: Bob & Laurie Kaukola Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin & Sue Lauwagie Servers: Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger Gifts: Dennis & Joan Dording Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2024 envelopes from the table in the entry to the church-it saves us the cost of mailing them out.

**ST. FRANCIS WILL BE HAVING A LIGHT SUPPER** after the Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, mass. Proceeds will be going to the kids Stuebenville Trip.

# ST. ANDREW'S - FAIRFAX

Sunday, January 14th-8:00 AM

Lector: Cindy Rieke Dist: Maria Davila, Lidia Gonzalez Servers: Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner, Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl Ushers: Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl Gifts: Victor & Connie Serbus Sacristan: Cindy Rieke

Sunday, January 21st-8:00 AM

Lector: Mike Beranek Dist: Myron Schweiss Servers: Ashley, Isaac & Alex Vos Ushers: Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel, Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner Gifts: Paul & Jan Simonsen Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Sunday, January 28th-8:00 AM

Lector: Jody Busch Dist: Agnes Wendinger Servers: Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir Ushers: John Rieke, Brian

Marquardt, LeRoy Schweiss, John Case Gifts: Mike & Maribeth Vait Sacristan: Agnes Wendinger

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 6: Shirl Huiras, Jackie Anderson

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023 - January 4, 2024

 Income
 \$ 117,444.42

 Expenses
 \$ 95,956.93

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 21,487.49

### HISPANIC COMMUNITY

#### **ENGLISH:**

Dear Community: I ask for your prayers for the Hispanic ministry events we are holding this year to enrich our Spanish Masses: the music workshop on January 27th and the Lectors' training on February 17th. Please help us spread the word so that many may participate and benefit from these events. It's a gift we can offer to the Child God and serve the church with the talents God has given us: our voices, to improve and beautify them with His grace. This is our prayer.

"Lord and my God, God of Israel, who has desired that the gentiles be co-heirs of the same inheritance, members of the same body, and copartners of the same promise in Jesus Christ through the Gospel. We ask for your grace and strength to bring your Gospel to all peoples, so that every soul may know and adore you as the Magi did. Enable us to understand the significance of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we can offer you. May we have your help to turn away from the paths of those who seek to kill the child Jesus born in our hearts. We implore this in the name of Jesus Christ, whose kingdom extends from sea to sea and from one end of the earth to the other, before whom all the kings of the earth bow. We ask for the Savior you have given to all nations, the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen"

#### **SPANISH:**

Querida Comunidad: Pido sus oraciones para los eventos de ministeiro hispano que estamos realizando este año para embellecer nuestras Misas en español: el taller de música el 27 de enero y el entrenamiento para Lectores el 17 de febrero. Ayudenos a correr la voz para que muchos participen y se beneficien de estos eventos. Un regalo que podemos ofrecer al Niño Dios y servir a la iglesia con los talentos que Dios nos ha dado: nuestra voz y mejorarla y embellecerla con su gracia. Esta es nuestra oración.

"Señor y Dios mío, Dios de Israel, quien ha deseado que los paganos sean coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo. Te pedimos tu gracia y fortaleza para llevar tu Evangelio a todos los pueblos, para que cada alma te conozca y te adore como lo hicieron los Reyes Magos. Permítenos comprender qué representan los regalos de oro, incienso y mirra que podemos ofrecerte. Que contemos con tu auxilio para apartarnos de los caminos de aquellos que intentan matar al niño Jesús nacido en nuestros corazones. Te lo rogamos en el nombre de Jesucristo, cuyo reino se extiende de mar a mar y desde un extremo de la tierra hasta el otro, ante quien se postran todos los reyes de la tierra. Te pedimos por el Salvador que has otorgado a todas las naciones, el Mesías prometido, Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén."

### Anisabel Palma

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