

St. Andrew's FAIRFAX, MN

St. Willibrord's GIBBON, MN

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES WINTHROP, MN

January 8, 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:

Referral Information)

1-866-670-5163 (Confidential Counseling Services and

LITURGY SCHEDULE: In case of a funeral a regular scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

Monday, January 9 NO MASS Tuesday, January 10 NO MASS **Fairfax** Wednesday, January 11 NO MASS Gibbon Thursday, January 12 **Fairfax-Time Change** +John Weldy 5:30 PM Friday, January 13 9:30 AM Winthrop +Jim Essler Saturday, January 14 4:30 PM Reconciliation prior to Mass 5:00 PM Winthrop

+Marvin Weber Sunday, January 15 8:00 AM Fairfax +Ben Grosam

> 10:00 AM Gibbon People of the All Saints Area Faith Community

Reflection Question for the Epiphany of the Lord

How has my encounter with the Lord through this Christmas season changed me? Where do I imagine my new path will lead?



Readings for the Week of January 8, 2023

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 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4,

3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or

Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 **Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12 **Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17 **Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/

1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

The magi from the east followed King Herod, being jealous of his earthly crown, and was threatened by the coming of another king, star to Bethlehem from which a ruler was to come.

Epiphany has been defined as the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. The choice of the Gospel text today for the feast of the Epiphany underscores the truth that Jesus is God's revelation not to a select few, but to the whole world. The Magi in Matthew are guided not only by astrology but also by the Scriptures. Revelation outside the Scriptures motivates them to obey the one God; yet, they do not find their way to Jesus without the Scriptures. This means that God, not the social or political structures of the day, is the source of our light. It teaches that openness and humility are necessary if we wish to read the "signs of the times." It insists that when we discover the "promised one," we must be willing to offer him all that we have. The light has come and we are invited to live in it. The feast of the Epiphany seeks to remind us that God is bigger than we can ever imagine and his mercy and forgiveness are not restricted to a few but are available to all.

"If God be with us, there is no one else left to fear." ~St, Philip Neri

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season. We will **enter into six and a half weeks of ordinary time** before entering into the season of Lent on February 22.

Fr. Bruno OSB

PLEASE NOTE: We have had some issues with our old email so we have set up a new email. Please use this new email immediately. It is <u>allsaints7739@gmail.com</u>. I have set up the group emails for sending out the bulletin each week. If you don't receive one, please let me know. If you get these bulletins by email and don't want to be sent one, also, please let me know. You can always go on our website at <u>allsaintsafc.org</u> to look at the bulletin. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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 8 Frank Ziegler, Joseph Vos, Lincoln Werner

Jan 9 Helen Fahey, Connie Ardolf, Charlie Schiller

Jan 10 Sarah Rubischko, Lynn Majeski

Jan 11 Olivia Goblish, Briana Roche

Jan 12 Monica Rico, Michael Evenson

Jan 13 Steve Bastian

Jan 14 Lisa Schweiss, Brooke Weinzetl, Jose Cardenas Jr

Liturgy Matters #10

Now begins the first major part of the liturgy: the Liturgy of the Word. So, the "Word of God" in the Liturgy of the Word does not mean the words of the Bible considered merely as words like our words, it is far more. The Word of God is an event: the event of creation and the event of what God is doing and saying in Israel and finally the event of what God is doing and saying in Jesus. The words of the Bible narrate the event. They are precious means to us, for they are given by the Holy Spirit. As such, they carry far more than mere human words can carry. They carry the very events of which they speak, and in their formulation is revealed the mystery of the event. In the proclamation of these words, the event proclaimed becomes present.

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 Fahey St. Andrew's **Dory Schreiner** St. Andrew's

Please Remember in Prayer

No matter what particular readings occur in a given liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word always has about it an event character; that is, the events of the past that are proclaimed become event for the believing community that hears them told. And all the events of the scripture find their center in the one event that is the center of them all: the death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is this about which all the scriptures speak. This is not talk delivering ideas and concepts. It is, as I say, an event: the same event in which God once acted to save His people delivered now to this assembly by means of the scriptures, the gift of the Spirit to the Church.

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.

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 quilt raffle and silent auction. Please attend, eat and give from the heart. Thanks.

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.

A Charitable Remainder Trust is designed for individuals with highly appreciated assets like farm land or stock. Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs) offer donors extra tax advantages while allowing the donor to set the life income rate they would like to receive (generally 5% to 7%). As a donor, you can designate your parish to benefit from your gift after your lifetime. There are many variations of these trusts, and we work with Catholic charitable foundations that can walk you through various alternatives. These

foundations also offer the expertise of attorneys who work with every day to insure competent investment advice. A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) provides an immediate tax deduction while providing a predictable stream of income during your life or other period of time you choose. You can name your parish to be the beneficiary of your CGA after your lifetime.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	2,325.00	613.00	4,750.00
Loose/Youth Plate	49.00	64.00	90.00
Solemnity of Mary	45.00		15.00
Christmas	1,460.00	595.00	925.00
Maintenance/Building	20,000.00	160.00	
Energy/Fuel	10.00		50.00
Retirement for Religious	100.00		
Rent		50.00	
Votives			10.00
TOTAL	\$23,989.00	\$1,482.00	\$

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:
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 11, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn

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

& 2nd Grade First Reconciliation

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

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday Feb 1, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx

"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.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE & FUNDRAISING – Registration is now open for the Steubenville Youth Conference being held next summer in Rochester (July 14-16). Steubenville is an *extraordinary*, and affordable youth conference opportunity! Come and experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us! Flyers are being sent home with 8th Grade and older students at religion classes. Early Bird registration is due by January 15th but sign up should be sooner. Contact Kellie Sloot, Anita Wier or Berny Berger for more information held.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, January 15th-10:00 AM

Lector: Alan Neyers **Dist:** Genny Neyers **Servers:** Christopher Ruiz, Gabriel Ruiz, Regie Mattes **Ushers:** Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Jim & Cheryl Dingles **Sacristan:** Charlene Forst

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

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner" of \$100 for Week #41, goes to **Renae Schwarzrock**, 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.

CHOIR will sing for the Feast of the Epiphany, 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, January 8th. Meet to practice at 9:30 a.m. – new members always welcome!

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. Coffee and donuts and goodies will also be served by CUF after mass and everyone is invited and welcomed downstairs after mass for fellowship and conversation.

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.

TODAY, EPIPHANY SUNDAY AND MIGRATION WEEK, WE PRAY:

God of every land and nation, you have created all people and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ.

Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Coffee and Rolls after 10:00 a.m. Mass today

<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 5th, 2023

Income \$72,121.75 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)

Expenses <u>\$47,034.79</u> **Net Gain/Loss \$25,086.96**

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, January 14th-5:00 PM

Lector: Dave Schauer Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Portner Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda Gifts: Gary & Mary Renner Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters: Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer

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

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. ANDREW'S - FAIRFAX

Sunday, January 15th-8:00 AM

Lector: Mike Beranek **Dist:** LeRoy Schweiss **Servers:** Ashley, Isabelle, Isaac & Alex Vos **Ushers:** Dennis Weinzetl, Jason Weinzetl, Pat Schreiner, George Wendinger **Gifts:** Mike & Barb Freitag **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

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

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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 5th, 2023

 Income
 \$ 107,738.29
 Donations to Maintenance Fund
 \$52,205.28

 Expenses
 \$ 72,864.87
 Roof Payment
 93,578.75

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 34,873.42
 Shortfall
 (\$41,373.47)