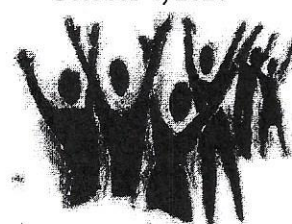




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AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



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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 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, October 5	NO MASS		
Tuesday, October 6	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Adeline Dickmeyer
Wednesday, October 7	8:30 AM	Gibbon	SI – Peace in Our Country
Thursday, October 8	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Mary Ziegler
		<i>Eucharist Adoration following Mass</i>	
Friday, October 9	9:30 AM	Winthrop	SI – LaVonne Johnson & Andrea Erickson
Saturday, October 10	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	+Marian Wendinger
Sunday, October 11	8:00 AM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:00 AM	Gibbon	+Warren Hartmann

Reflection Questions for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

What one specific thing can I do with my time and talents to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?



Readings for the Week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/ Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/ Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/ Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/ Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Jesus uses the parable of a vineyard owner. Salvation is offered to all. The chosen who reject Christ are really turning him over to the whole world. The vineyard will be leased to others. The kingdom of God will produce fruit.

The parable of the wicked tenants is perfect for this Sunday as we focus on the theme of respect for life. The wicked tenants of the vineyard had none for the master's servants, or even for his son. Our faith tells us that all human life is sacred from conception to death. That means we protect the unborn child, the newborn child vulnerable youth and adults, the elderly, the prisoner, and those with special needs. We make no exception! And that is the most difficult part. In the parable the tenants only look out for themselves. We must care for all!

"Lord Jesus, you came so that all might have life and have it more abundantly."

Make distractions a plus in prayer. There is no better way to build a relationship with Jesus than through prayer. St. Francis de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions, gently recall it and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

The month of October is dedicated to the most Holy Rosary and human life. The rosary is a beautiful prayer that helps us meditate on the life of Jesus. I encourage you to pray the rosary as a family, especially during this month.

We heighten our awareness of how sacred human life is from the moment of conception to death. We live in a society that in many ways supports a culture of death, but the Gospel is clear in calling each of us to promote a culture of life.

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA PARISH

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct 5 Rich & Diane Hacker Anniv.
- Oct 6 Adam Goblisch, Angelica Rico, Brady Forst
- Oct 7 Brian & Dani Jo VanEpps Anniv., Megan & Ryan Hillmann Anniv., Joan Dording
- Oct 8 Jennifer Haas, David Theis, Daryl Kokesch
- Oct 9 Philip Blumhoefer, Richard Schmidt, Leonardo E Herrera, Mary Volz, Alex Howe, Dennis Weber, Richard Weber
- Oct 10 Matthew Grosam
- Oct 11 Wesley Prax, Claire VanEpps, Kitzelin Morales, Bill May, Dave Schauer, Dana Lopez

Know A Saint - St. Francis of Assisi (October 4)



St. Francis was born in Italy to a wealthy family. He served as a soldier. During war he was captured as a prisoner of war and held for ransom which his father paid after nearly a year of imprisonment. During his imprisonment St. Francis began receiving visions telling him to build God's church. After his release from prison he abandoned his life of luxury to spread the word of God. St. Francis is known for his compassion and for his deep connection to all beings particularly the animal kingdom. During his lifetime he cared for the sick and the poor. St. Francis traveled the country side delivering sermons

to humans and to animals. He believed all creatures were his brothers and sisters under God. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment. **St. Francis of Assisi** was the founder of the Franciscan order and was loved for his simple lifestyle. Pope Francis took his name on becoming pope.

TODAY IS THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR—Sunday, October 4th, at St. Willibrord's, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Note seasonal time change). Holy Hour will include the rosary, scripture readings, prayer, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating the kickoff of Respect Life Month. Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



Please Remember in Prayer

Mary Illg
St. Andrew's
Pat O'Brien
St. Francis de Sales
Casey O'Brien
St. Francis de Sales
Rich Mathiowetz
St. Andrew's
Orren Rathke
St. Francis de Sales
Deloris Fink
St. Andrew's
Ben Tragner
St. Andrew's
Arvina Schweiss
St. Andrew's
Judy Farrell
St. Andrew's
Elsie Linsmeier
St. Andrew
John Rieke
St. Andrew's
Barb Kuehn
Scott Vandeest

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020, THE ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZERS will be speaking after Mass in Gibbon. They will be giving tips and ideas about how to visit with and invite people back to church, share our faith and live the gospel. A light lunch will follow. COVID-19 restrictions will be adhered to.

A DRIVE- BY FAREWELL FOR BISHOP LEVOIR is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2020 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the north parking lot of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm.

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 3 – To Be a Father. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

2020 INDIA WELL WATER PROJECT: This 2020 year has given us many unexpected challenges! Because of not being able to gather for Mass and for social events and have fundraisers, our All Saints AFC Well Project with Fr. Stephen at the Benedictine Monastery in Sivagangai, India had to be put aside for a few months. Thank you to any who have given donations during the pandemic; it is much appreciated! Now that we are able to be somewhat back together, and have some social gatherings, we hope that we can again try to reach our goal to reduce, or even eliminate, the \$20,000 loan the monastery has borrowed to pay for the well. The well has given the local people in the village a renewed water supply, and supplies water for the irrigation of the crops. The local people are very dependent on the crops they grow to provide a living for their families. Having the well totally paid for will allow the monastery to use their funds to help the local people in a variety of other ways. Through prayer and heartfelt consideration, we hope you will be able to give a generous donation! 100 % of the money donated to the Well Project will go to pay down the Well Project bank loan. Checks can be written out to: **Church of St. Andrew** and can either be left in the can at your church's Well Project display, or mailed to: Fr. Bruno Santiago, Box C, 15 1st St SE, Fairfax, MN 55332. Thank You from Fr. Stephen and Fr. Bruno!

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,142.00	1,562.00	860.00
Loose Plate	34.00	47.00	59.00
DUF			
Church Use-Funeral	130.00		
Funfest/Pork Chop			
Building/Maintenance	1,952.94		
Votives			3.00
CCD Tuition			
Cemetery Operating			
TOTAL	\$3,258.94	\$1,609.00	\$922.00

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, 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 Pvt Jordan Lindmeyer, SGT Colin Jackson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin with an opening Mass on Wednesday October 7, 2020. Please join us at St. Andrew's in Fairfax at 6:30 pm. Watch for a detailed letter in the mail.

NEW! Online registration for students attending religious education classes! Visit allsaintsafc.org click on Religious Education, then RE registration to complete the form.

While you are there, check out the updated website to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for spiritual growth that are offered.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, October 11 th -10:00 AM Lector: Melvin Neyers Ushers: Dean Schreiner, Nick Stadtherr, Butch Weber Sacristan: Rose Forst
Sunday, October 18 th -10:00 AM Lector: Jerome Petersen Ushers: Dean Schreiner, Nick Stadtherr, Butch Weber Sacristan: Kathy Bruns
Sunday, October 25 th -10:00 AM Lector: Amy Weber Ushers: Dean Schreiner, Nick Stadtherr, Butch Weber Sacristan: Connie Tautges

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1, 2020-September 30th, 2020

Income \$ 11,978.77

Expenses \$ 21,211.00

Net Gain/Loss \$(9,232.23)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, October 11th-8:00 AM

Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola **Ushers:** Tom & Sam Langhoff, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer
Money Counters: Karen Weitzenkamp, Leon Lang

Sunday, October 18th-8:00 AM

Lector: Barb Pagel **Ushers:** Tom & Sam Langhoff, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Money Counters:** Karen Weitzenkamp, Leon Lang

Sunday, October 25th-8:00 AM

Lector: Dave Schauer **Ushers:** Tom & Sam Langhoff, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Money Counters:** Karen Weitzenkamp, Leon Lang

FALL PORK CHOP DINNER UPDATE: Due to Covid 19, St. Francis's has decided to cancel the 2020 Pork Chop Dinner. Please send in your donation or greater if you can. A letter has been sent out. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU TO MIKE REIN for stepping up to take Roger Osborne's place on the St. Francis Administrative Council. We still need someone to take Pam Osborne's place on the Area Parish Future Planning Committee. Please contact Tom Witucki to volunteer.

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, October 10th-5:00 PM

Lector: Agnes Kiecker **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Colleen Schweiss

Saturday, October 17th-5:00 PM

Lector: Janet Simonsen **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe

Saturday, October 24th-5:00 PM

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

CUSTODIAN NEEDED: We have recently been notified that Lisa Nachreiner will be retiring from her position as custodian for the St. Andrew's Parish. Interested applicants should contact Ross Nachreiner at 507-430-3406 or email at arnachreiner@yahoo.com. Position is open until filled. Total hours per week are dependent on activities within the church (average 4-6/week). Work hours are flexible. We want to thank Lisa for her time and dedication.

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 1: Jody Busch, Jamie Case

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-September 30th, 2020

Income \$ 45,652.14 (Funfest included)

Expenses \$ (36,434.24)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 9,217.90

Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses \$52,259.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(28,323.04)

Funfest 2020 Collected \$12,970.00

October is "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH". Awareness is the key! Violence is so common, not just physical but emotional and sexual **"Women Healing the Wounds" written by Kathy Bonner and educational brochure.** Pamphlets are available to pick up at the entrance of church

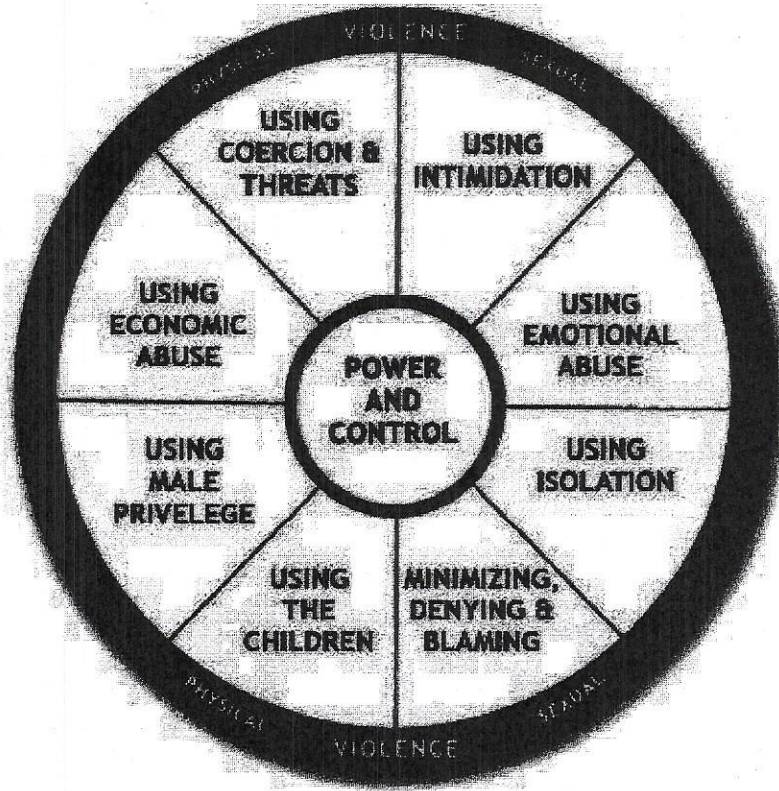
An Overview of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It includes physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, and economic abuse. Some examples of domestic abuse include battering, name-calling and insults, threats to kill or harm one's partner or children, destruction of property, marital rape, and forced sterilization or abortion.⁹

Domestic violence is often shrouded in silence. People outside the family hesitate to interfere, even when they suspect abuse is occurring. Many times even extended family denies that abuse exists, out of loyalty to the abuser and in order to protect the image of the family. Some people still argue—mistakenly—that intervention by outside sources endangers the sanctity of the home. Yet abuse and assault are no less serious when they occur within a family. Even when domestic violence is reported, sometimes there are failures to protect victims adequately or to punish perpetrators.

1. **What is Domestic Abuse and Violence.** Domestic abuse and violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It includes physical, sexual psychological, verbal, and economic abuse. Some examples of domestic abuse include battering, name-calling and insults, threats to kill or harm one's partner or children, destruction of property, marital rape and forced sterilization or abortion.
2. **Domestic violence is not just a woman's issue.** Domestic Violence is: *an issue which affects our families * a health care issue *an issue which affects the workplace, * an issue which affects our first responders.
3. **What is the Church's response to Domestic Abuse?** A correct reading of scripture leads to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love. ***Husbands should love** their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church. ***Forgiveness does not mean forgetting** the abuse or pretending it did not happen. Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. ***An abuse woman's suffering is not punishment from God.** This image of a harsh, cruel God runs contrary to the biblical image of a kind and merciful, loving God.. ***No person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage.** We encourage abused persons who have divorced to investigate the possibility of seeking an annulment.
<http://www.uscch.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/when-i-call-for-help.cfm>
4. **What are some Awareness Prevention Resources?** Life Matters: Domestic Violence by Frank J Moncher, PhD. Persons experiencing domestic violence are termed "victim" or if the situation has resolved, "survivors," , tu it is most important to recall they are children of God, with dignity and deserving our love and respect."
5. **What do we need to know about Teen Dating Abuse and Violence?** Young people are the future of our church and country. Let us help them find a better way and enter their adulthood without the burden of violence but full of peace, self-confidence and living their faith.
National Dating Abuse Helpline: 1-866-331-9474

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides crisis intervention and referrals to local service providers. Call **800-799-SAFE (7233)** or **800-787-3224 (TTY)**. For more information, go to www.thehotline.org. Hotline Advocates are available to chat online, Monday to Friday, 9AM-7PM CST.



Prayer to End Domestic Violence

O God, our world at times is divided and hostile. Some people consider themselves dominate over others based on gender, race, color, class or status. Through your Son's cross our world can be reconciled; the walls of hostility can be broken. We pray for all women who experience the pain and suffering of violence, that they may feel your healing touch and be at peace in your living embrace. We pray for those who victimize and abuse others, that they may see the errors of their sins and seek repentance. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, may we understand and support those who may come to us for help. We ask these things through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.