



# ALL SAINTS

## AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



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 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, November 23	NO MASS		
Tuesday, November 24	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Gordon & Stella Rieke
Wednesday, November 25	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Gibbon ( <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> )	+Anita Blais
Thursday, November 26	8:30 AM	Fairfax ( <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> )	+Adeline Dickmeyer
Friday, November 27	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Bernie & Dorothy Osborne
Saturday, November 28	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, November 29	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Mary Lou Huiras
	10:30 AM	Gibbon	+Beverly Bregel

#### **Reflection Questions for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Who have I ignored or overlooked that I can reach out to now in mercy? At Thanksgiving, who can I thank for reaching out to me in my need this year?



#### **Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020**

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
[Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a  
[Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/  
Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

All people **will come to be judged by the Son of Man seated on his royal throne.** The sheep will be on his right, the goats on his left. He will reward all good and punish all evil.

In what category do your good works fall? Does merely keeping the ten commandments qualify as good works? The ten commandments are a set of don'ts. Jesus is more interested in the dos. Not without reason, Jesus summarizes the ten commandments into two positive dos: Love of God and love of neighbor. On judgement day, we are going to be judged by our dos. What have I done to uplift the poor, the lonely, the starving, the naked, the homeless, the imprisoned? Human weaknesses may cause us to fumble in keeping the commandments, but human sensitivity ought to help us act on behalf of the less privileged. We may genuinely struggle with some of the commandments; however, there is no excuse for our sins of omission. Therefore, we need to be attentive to the promptings of God's Spirit and respond to his commissioning of us to serve. Am I drifting towards the goats, or am I being drawn towards the sheep - the sheep that hear and follow their shepherd's voice?

*“Lord Jesus, my King and my Judge, teach me to love as you love.”*

**Thank you to all who have given to the 2020 DMA *Sharing the Light of Hope.*** If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, you may still do so. Return your envelope in the collection basket, drop it in the mail. Your gift will be used to support only those ministries designated in the DMA brochure – ministries that are vital to our church – as well as the parish projects for each worship site.

Thanksgiving Mass **will be held Wednesday, November 25 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Willibrord and Thursday, November 28 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Andrew.** All are welcome to praise and thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. I wish each of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

The Feast of Christ the King today **marks the end of this liturgical year.** Next Saturday at sunset, the season of Advent begins as we move into Cycle B of the lectionary of readings.

Fr. Bruno OSB

**The office will be closed Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please have bulletin items by the end of Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Danette.**

## AREA PARISH

### AREA CALENDAR

**AFC LITURGY MEETING** Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm, at St. Francis social hall.

**AFC ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING** Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at St. Francis.

### AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 23** Leander & Mary Nachreiner Anniv., Dory Schreiner, Elizabeth Wiley, Roger & Pam Osborne Anniv.  
**Nov 24** Kevin Dreier, Jake Langemo  
**Nov 25** Joel Wiltscheck  
**Nov 26** Cindy Rieke, Greg & Dianne Merkel Anniv., Carol Weikle, David Edick, Bill & Maria Kapolynski Anniv.  
**Nov 27** Maurice & Mary Bless Anniv., Connor Rieke, Leon Stadtherr  
**Nov 28** Barbara Beranek, Bernardo Davila, Bill Rademacher, Steve & Gail Herschman Anniv.  
Brian & Betty Grewe Anniv.  
**Nov 29** Allen Schweiss, Gerald & Chris Jandl Anniv., Carol Haas



We welcome into the Area Faith Community through the waters of Baptism:

**Issac Stephen Valdez Jr.**, son of Jennifer Davila & Issac Valdez Sr, who was baptized at St. Andrew's on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

*May this child and his family grow in faith and love of God.*



*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**



*Please remember in your prayers . . .*

**John Weldy** who passed away on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. His mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at St. Andrew's Church.

*We offer our sympathy to the family.*

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE & ADVENT CALENDAR:** Attached to this bulletin are the Advent Calendar and Schedule for the Advent/Christmas celebrations. Please save and post for the season!

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** The "Book of Deceased" is displayed in church. Please take time to write names of your deceased loved ones in it. They will be remembered in a special way during the month of November.

**Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program** – No men's program until after the new year.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE 2020 DMA.** We saw in the video last week the impact of our contribution on real people right here in the diocese. By joining with others around the diocese in support of these ministries, we can help those in need and support programs for youth and adults who need our prayers and assistance. If you haven't made your pledge or given a gift, please consider making your contribution now. Remember that your gift also supports our parish project. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure and no other.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.** In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP/SANTA'S CLOSET:** These programs help disadvantaged families in Sibley and Renville counties, providing Christmas gifts that families in need wouldn't ordinarily have. In Sibley County (Santa's Workshop) they are looking for items for boys & girls (age 4-18), gifts for mom & dad, stocking stuffers, stuff animals, bags & tissue paper, donations of money. Deadline for donations is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sites you can drop off items are: Perennial & Mid Country Banks-Winthrop, MN West Bank & Ogrens Insurance-Gibbon. You can also drop off at your church. There will also be jars for money donations at area businesses.

Renville County (Santa's Closet) will be different this year because of Covid. They will be making and delivering "care boxes" to the towns. They are looking for monetary donations to purchase the items needed. You can drop off or send to: First National Bank of Fairfax, Frandsen Bank & Trust or directly to Santa's Closet Express, PO Box 115, Olivia MN 56270.

Please contact your county if you are in need this season.

**ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 29, 2020!** How are you planning to prepare your heart? Check out any one or more of these resources:

- \* Wordonfire.com Bishop Barron's Advent Reflections books will be available at all parishes
- \* Dynamiccatholic.com Best Advent Ever, reflections can be sent to your inbox
- \* Rejoiceprogram.com *Rejoice!* Advent Reflections with the Holy Family, books are available, Contact Kellie Sloom
- \* FORMED Sign up at [allsaintsafe.org](http://allsaintsafe.org)

**ANYONE WHO HAS SUFFERED SEXUAL ABUSE BY A PRIEST OR ANOTHER PERSON** involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

#### **LIVING OUR CALL AS SSNDS: RESPONDING TO RACISM**

Hear the personal stories of School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) as they explore the topic of racism from the perspective of SSND charism, life and mission. Seeking to witness to unity in our divided world, SSND engage fully in the lifelong process of conversion of heart and return to love. This online event will take place December 1, 2020, 7-8 p.m. CST. Women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more and register by November 30 at [ssnd.org/events/](http://ssnd.org/events/).

#### **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.**

#### **Gifts of Cash**

The most popular way to give to charity is still by cash or check. Gifts completed by December 31st will qualify for tax deductibility for the current tax year. Gifts of cash qualify for up to one-half of your adjusted gross income (AGI). You must receive an acknowledgement for gifts of \$250 or more.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	3,483.00	3,135.00	1,420.09
Loose Plate	40.00	54.00	30.00
Spanish Mass	30.00		
Campaign for Human Dev		40.00	25.00
Votive Offering	74.00		6.00
Building/Maintenance			165.00
Gifts & Memorials	2,071.95		
Christmas	50.00		
Peter's Pence			25.00
Cemetery Operating			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,748.95</b>	<b>\$3,229.00</b>	<b>\$1,671.09</b>

**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

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020:** No Class

**Sunday, November 29, 2020:** Advent begins!

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020:** Class

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020:** Class

**Saturday, December 12, 2020:** St. Francis Christmas program after 4pm Mass

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020:** Class

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020:** No Class

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020:** No Class

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** No class on Wednesday November 25th! Have a safe and Blessed holiday!

**ATTENTION PLEASE!** COVID numbers are changing! Be sure your child's teacher has your e-mail address!

**This will be the primary means of communicating potential changes regarding distance learning! PLEASE CHECK THE DEVOUT WEEKLY** at [allsaintsaafc.org](http://allsaintsaafc.org) Hard copies will be sent home the first Wednesday of each month.

**PLEASE! TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT ALLSAINTSAFC.ORG TO REGISTER** your student for CCD! This must be done whether you are in person or distance learning! We need your current information to keep in touch! *50% of our families have registered, we are halfway there!*

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** Please contact Kellie Sloom if you do not have your online account set up with Ascension Press! This is an important part of your Confirmation preparation!

## ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Wednesday, <b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b> -7:00 PM ( <b>THANKSGIVING EVE</b> ) <b>Lector:</b> Melvin Neyers <b>Ushers:</b> Jay Howe, Jerry Howe, Donny Forst <b>Sacristan:</b>
Sunday, <b>November 29<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Jerome Petersen <b>Ushers:</b> Jay Howe, Jerry Howe, Donny Forst <b>Sacristan:</b> Charlene Forst
Sunday, <b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Amy Weber <b>Ushers:</b> Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr <b>Sacristan:</b> Rose Forst
Sunday, <b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Alan Neyers <b>Ushers:</b> Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr <b>Sacristan:</b> Kathy Bruns

**FEED THE HUNGRY...** Social Concerns will be sponsoring a food drive for the Sibley County Foodshare during the month of November and continuing all year long. Your donations can be any non-perishable item, perishable or monetary. Place your non-perishable items in the box in the back of church. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked for Sibley County Foodshare or mailed directly (make checks to Sibley County Foodshare, 111 Industrial Ave. S., Gaylord, Mn 55334). Perishable items are accepted (ex. apples, garden produce, etc.). Contact Betty Schreiner (320)-593-7254 or Mavis Lindmeyer (507)-834-6537 so your items can be delivered promptly. The holidays are an extra special time of need and your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



## STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1, 2020-November 18th, 2020

Income \$ 23,013.34

Expenses \$ 32,743.43

Net Gain/Loss \$( 9,730.09)

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>-4:00 PM

**Lector:** Mary Nelson **Ushers:** Joel & Lynn Majeski, Harry & Kellie Sloom **Sacristan:** Sharon Wersal **Money Counters:** Lynn Majeski & Harry Sloom

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>-4:00 PM

**Lector:** Harry Sloom **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid **Sacristan:** Che May **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>-4:00 PM

**Lector:** Wendy Lang **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid **Sacristan:** Che May **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** Non-perishable food will be collected during the month of November to be distributed to the Sibley County FoodShare. Sibley County FoodShare's slogan is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". We want to be supportive during these unsure times. The FoodShare has remained open and has participated in several COVID food giveaways and has been a good neighbor to many. A collection box is available at church during the month of November. Thank you for participating!

**THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL CHANGE A LITTLE THIS YEAR.** We will be conducting a drive though only event at St. Francis Church in Winthrop on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will only be accepting reservations this year and pick up will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Francis parking lot. We will only be accepting 225 reservations this year, with a limit of 10 meals per immediate family. For reservations, please call Bill or Che May at 507-647-2238 or Ted or June Oman at 507-647-5771. If you leave a message, please include name, phone number, number of meals needed and a time you will pick up. The deadline is November 20, 2020.

## ST. ANDREW’S – FAIRFAX

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM (THANKSGIVING DAY)

**Lector:** Mike Beranek **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM

**Lector:** Agnes Kiecker **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM

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

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM

**Lector:** Cindy Rieke **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Colleen Schweiss

**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 [ar\\_nachreiner@yahoo.com](mailto:ar_nachreiner@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.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** – Starting November 1st, 2020 thru November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we will be taking non-perishable food donations or cash donations for the Renville County Food Shelf. The donation boxes will be at both entries of church. Thank you for all your help and generous donations for all our people of need through these very trying and uncertain times. Any questions, call Agnes W. at 426-7675 or Sandy H. at 426-7480.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS** during the month of December. Please call Barb Freitag at 507-426-7759 if you can help. Please leave a message. Thank you!

**DUE TO THE RISE IN COVID-19 CASES, THE CCW MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.** Here is the agenda that the officers will consider by e-mail (with any input from members).

1. Fall Bazaar update
2. Update Serving Group’s and phone numbers
3. Church cleaning – will be scheduled in spring with groups assigned areas as in the past
4. Annual donations – keep the same as last year if ok with the group
5. Future CCW officers – Participation/interest in the future of the CCW

We would like to thank everyone for understanding the current situation and the need to do things a little differently for a while.

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

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021**

Giving July 1st, 2020-November 18, 2020

Income	\$ 70,769.31 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)
Expenses	\$ ( <u>54,697.66</u> )
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 16,071.65</b>

**Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses**                      \$51,759.30.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(28,823.04)



**Christmas Flower Donation Form**

If you wish to make a donation for Christmas flowers, you may use this form. Fill out the form, place in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or Parish office by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Names will be printed in the December 20th bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

