

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021



# 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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St. Willibrord - Genny Neyers 507-834-6659

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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 29	NO MASS		
Tuesday, November 30	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Fairfax-Feast of St Andrew</b>	+Peter Schweiss
Wednesday, December 1	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Lenord Eichten
Thursday, December 2	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Christian Mothers
Friday, December 3	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Steve Lauwagie
	7:00 PM	Winthrop- <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
Saturday, December 4	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	+Buddy Gerardy
Sunday, December 5	8:00 AM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:00 AM	Winthrop	+Richard Portner
	12:30 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

Can I name a person or group of people whom I now realize I have overlooked? How can I seek out Jesus in my neighbor?



#### **Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021**

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Jesus instructs his disciples to take an attitude of confidence in the midst of a terribly disturbing situation. Describing his second coming, Jesus says that on seeing this event unfold, **“People will die of fright.”** And yet the disciples are supposed to be pillars of strength. While others tremble in fear, the Lord’s followers are somehow immune, with heads raised high. Presumably, because those who follow Christ have nothing to fear. On the contrary, when they have to “stand before the son of Man,” it will be a happy occasion. But if we want to be counted among this confident crew, there are a few things for us to do. **We have to make sure that “hearts do not become drowsy.”** Advent is an ideal time to examine our lives to determine what activities, priorities, or pastimes might be putting our hearts to sleep. **We need to pray.** We need to ask Jesus himself for “the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man”. We can’t do it alone. But with God’s help, we can be true, fearless disciples.

**“Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands you to pray, but he forbids you to worry.”**  
~ St. Francis de Sales

**The Feast of St. Andrew** is Tuesday, November 30th. We will celebrate our patron saint with Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

**Confession is a sacrament** instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. We also know this sacrament by the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation. In this sacrament we meet Christ in the person of the priest, ready and eager to absolve us and restore us to new life. Don’t let this Advent pass you by without a visit to receive the Lord’s Mercy.

Mark your Calendars for the **All Saints AFC Penance Services**

Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales

Sunday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m. - St. Willibrord

Sunday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. - St. Andrew

Fr. Bruno OSB

**WE ARE COMING LOW ON MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. FRANCIS.** 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

**Nov 29** Allen Schweiss, Gerald & Chris Jandl Anniv., Carol Haas

**Nov 30** Matthew McCue

**Dec 1** Gayle Clobes, Jose Salvatierra, Suzanne Pichotta

**Dec 2** Mona Forst, Jesse Forstner, Donald & Connie Haas Anniv., Halley Busse

**Dec 3** Trevor Hanson, Tom Langhoff, Joel & Lynn Majeski Anniv., Dave & Lorie Schauer Anniv.

**Dec 4** Evarose Davila

**Dec 5** Barb Borth

**JOIN US EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 8:30 PM** as we pray the Rosary live on Facebook on the All Saints Area Faith Community page!

#### **HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

You are invited to come and spend some time in quiet prayer with our Eucharistic Lord. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our AFC as follows:

**St. Andrew's:** 2nd Thursday of each month following 8:30 am Mass

**St. Willibrord's:** 1st Sunday of each month (7-8 pm Spring/Summer) (4-5pm Fall/Winter)

3rd Wednesday of each month following 8:30 am Mass

**St. Francis de Sales:** 1st Friday of each month 7-8 pm

**Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men’s program** – Week 9 – The Battle for Your Marriage. All men 18 and older Are welcome. We meet on Thursday at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

**EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**–Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at St. Willibrord’s, from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Holy Hour will include the rosary, scripture readings, prayer, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!



*Please Remember in Prayer*

**Frank Ziegler**

St. Andrew’s

**Pat O’Brien**

St. Francis de Sales

**Casey O’Brien**

St. Francis de Sales

**Deloris Fink**

St. Andrew’s

**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

**Cathy Willegal**

St. Willibrord’s

**Gerald Peichel**

St. Andrew’s

**Arline Kiecker**

St. Andrew’s

**Marian Zollner**

St. Andrew’s

**ATTENTION!** With the change of seasons and more wintery weather in the forecast, please take a minute to be sure you are signed up for **Flocknote**. This is the surest way to receive weather related messages and announcements. **Join Flocknote** by visiting [flocknote.com/asafc](http://flocknote.com/asafc) or text allsaints4 to 84576

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Please look for the “Book of the Deceased” and 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT** last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click “How to Give” under “Resources.”

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN TO THE DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL.** If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward your parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure - ministries that are vital to our diocesan church - as well as our own parish project.

**BAKESALE (YOUTH BENEFIT)** will be held on Saturday, December 4th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown Gibbon at “Mary Jane’s”, 1024 First Avenue, in conjunction with the annual *Santa Claus Day* activities. Donations of bake sale items will be very much appreciated! In Fairfax, please contact Anita Wier (call or text 507-441-1309) to drop off bake sale items before Thursday afternoon, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Winthrop, contact Wendy Lang (612-418-2768) or Susie Steele (507-766-1348), or in Gibbon, contact Berny Berger (320-583-7975), to make arrangements to drop off bake sale items. Please support our youth fundraising for the 2022 Steubenville Youth Conference!

**FEAST OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL – November 27<sup>th</sup>** is the Feast Day of the Miraculous Medal. In 1930, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France and promised that those who wear this medal will receive great graces from Almighty God. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but so many miracles were attributed to it, that it became popularly known as the “Miraculous Medal”. The Miraculous Medal is the most widely distributed religious medal in the world and is said to be instrumental in bringing God’s grace, miracles of both a physical and spiritual nature, and bringing about conversions to Jesus Christ. In honor of this Feast Day of Our Lady, there are free blessed medals and holy cards (with the story) available in each of the churches in our AFC. Help yourself and give some to friends and family too!

**US CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB):** Abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies per year in the United States. The upcoming Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* (begins December 1<sup>st</sup>) is our **greatest opportunity in a generation** to change that. This is the case that **could overturn Roe v. Wade**—the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Join this historic gathering of prayers, bringing together Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians. Together, we will pray for a just outcome that **protects millions of pre-born babies and their mothers**. Jesus says, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew’s	St. Francis’s	St. Willibrord’s
Adult	918.00	667.00	170.00
Loose/Youth Plate	216.00	225.00	69.25
Fuel Collection	60.00		
Spanish Mass	122.00		
Fall Collection	150.00		
All Saints	5.00		
Human Development	324.00	160.00	210.00
Building		20.00	
Votive Lights			3.00
Maintenance			60.00
Cemetery Operating Care			25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,795.00</b>	<b>\$1,072.00</b>	<b>\$537.25</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: 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 Pvt Jordan Lindmeyer, SGT Colin Jackson

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Wednesday December 1, 2021:** Class

**Wednesday December 8, 2021:** Class

**Saturday December 11, 2021:** St. Andrew’s Christmas Program

**Sunday December 12, 2021:** St. Francis Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021:** Class & St. Willibrord’s Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021:** No Class-Confirmation Christmas Retreat/Bowling Party

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021:** No Class

**2022 YOUTH CONFERENCES** Calling all high schoolers! Throughout the Bible, the Lord tells us over and over again, “Be not afraid,” and he continues to speak these words to us today. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville – St. Thomas University in St. Paul, July 29-31, or Rochester, MN July 15-17, to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us.

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders through H.S. Seniors, are invited to attend this retreat with our All Saints AFC group. **Fundraisers will cover cost!** First fundraising opportunity is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>! **If interested, please let us know by November 24<sup>th</sup>!** Learn more at <http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/> or contact Kellie Sloom or Berny Berger (507-834-6321) for more information, if you are interested in attending.

## **ST. WILLIBRORD’S – GIBBON**

<p>Sunday, <b>December 5th-8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Chuck/Ann Southworth <b>Dist:</b> Jeannine Grosam <b>Servers:</b> Abby Willegal, Kelly Willegal, Imani Prigge <b>Ushers:</b> Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm <b>Gifts:</b> Tom &amp; Mavis Lindmeyer <b>Sacristan:</b> Charlene Forst</p>
<p>Sunday, <b>December 12th-8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Melvin Neyers <b>Dist:</b> Rose Forst <b>Servers:</b> Kyler &amp; Mirra Sjogren, Sophia Nachreiner <b>Ushers:</b> Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm <b>Gifts:</b> Chris &amp; Tina Nachreiner <b>Sacristan:</b> Kathy Bruns</p>
<p>Sunday, <b>December 19th-8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Jerome Petersen <b>Dist:</b> Steve Grosam <b>Servers:</b> Taylor Haas, Jessica Willegal, Katelynn Eaton <b>Ushers:</b> Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm <b>Gifts:</b> Melvin &amp; Genny Neyers <b>Sacristan:</b> Jeannine Grosam</p>

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO AMY WEBER** for the lovely fall decor and mums she decorated our altar with from September through Thanksgiving! Also, a BIG thank you to Carol Haas for planting and taking care of the beautiful outdoor planters from May through November. You ladies help make our church and altar welcoming and so beautiful! From Advent through January 30th, Rose Forst and Dawn Hoffmann will be the festive flower ladies. Thank you!!

**FOOD SHARE MONTH:** November is the time of year our local County Food Share program needs our help with donations of non-perishable food items, papers supplies, toiletries and monetary donations. A box is provided in the back of church. Monetary donations can be put in an envelope marked “Food Share” {checks can be made out to Sibley County Food share}. The county food share gives families and individuals in need an opportunity to shop once a month as well as access to other support services. Thank you for your support and prayers helping neighbors.

**SANTAS HELPERS:** Sibley County Santa’s Workshop is preparing for the Holidays by collections of toys, games, books, hats, mittens, blankets, gift cards, stocking stuffers and items for adults so kids can shop for parents. Deadline for donations is **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Donations can be left at MinnWest Bank, Ogren Insurance or at St. Willibrord’s in the box provided. Thank you for your donations to the needy during these holidays.

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022</b>	
Giving July 1st, 2021-November 24th, 2021	
Income	\$37,204.39
Expenses	<u>\$33,598.37</u>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 3,606.02</b>

## **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP**

<p>Sunday, <b>December 5th-10:00 AM</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Pete Machaiek <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Dennis Dording <b>Servers:</b> Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Will Lang <b>Gifts:</b> Tyler &amp; Emilee Stehr <b>Ushers:</b> Bill &amp; Che May, Gary &amp; Vickie Neid <b>Money Counters:</b> Gary Neid, Bill May <b>Sacristan:</b> Che May</p>
<p>Sunday, <b>December 12th-10:00 AM</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Tyler &amp; Emilee Stehr <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Tom Witucki <b>Servers:</b> Emilee Krueger, Quinn Schmidt, Alan Banda <b>Gifts:</b> Harry &amp; Kellie Sloom <b>Ushers:</b> Bill &amp; Che May, Gary &amp; Vickie Neid <b>Money Counters:</b> Gary Neid, Bill May <b>Sacristan:</b> Che May</p>
<p>Sunday, <b>December 19th-10:00 AM</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Mary Nelson <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Jason &amp; Carly Tupa <b>Servers:</b> Lincoln McCue, Brynn Busse, Kaylee Felska <b>Gifts:</b> Tom &amp; Celeste Witucki <b>Ushers:</b> Bill &amp; Che May, Gary &amp; Vickie Neid <b>Money Counters:</b> Gary Neid, Bill May <b>Sacristan:</b> Che May</p>

**SYMPATHY TO MIKE REIN AND HIS FAMILY** on the death of his brother-in-law, Allan Clobes, who passed away on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. His mass of Christian burial will be on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Visitation will be Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 3-7 pm at the Minnesota Valley Funeral Home -North Chapel. Please remember them in your prayers.

**THERE WILL BE SWEETS AND COFFEE** served after the 10:00 am masses during the months of November and December. All are welcome!

**ANY FAMILY FROM ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH** wanting to join St Francis de Sales parish, or wanting envelopes, needs to complete a new member form ASAP. The new member form can be found in the folder under the bulletin board. Put the completed form in the collection basket.

**WE ARE WELCOMING DONATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER** for MN Food Share, Sibley County Food Drive. Ideas: Cereal, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Soup, Dry Legumes, Macaroni & Cheese, Boxed Main Dishes, Coffee, Tea, Condiments, Juice, Personal Care Items, Diapers & Wipes (Larger sizes and pull ups). We cannot accept home canned foods. Please place your items in the drop box at church. **THANK YOU** for your donation!

## ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

<p>Saturday, <b>December 4th</b>-5:00 PM  <b>Lector:</b> Agnes Kiecker <b>Dist:</b> Kristi Marquardt <b>Servers:</b> Ashley Vos, Isabelle Vos, Isaac Vos <b>Ushers:</b> Gene Blumhoefer, Dave Nosbush, Mike Vait, Dennis Weinzetl <b>Gifts:</b> Curtis &amp; Lisa Nachreiner <b>Sacristan:</b> Chuck Marlowe</p>
<p>Saturday, <b>December 11th</b>-5:00 PM  <b>Lector:</b> Jan Simonsen <b>Dist:</b> Paul Simonsen <b>Servers:</b> Maddy, Lydia, Kellen &amp; Sylvia Nachreiner <b>Ushers:</b> Jason Weinzetl, Pat Schreiner, Brenda Frank, George Wendinger <b>Gifts:</b> Manuel &amp; Maria Munoz <b>Sacristan:</b> Colleen Schweiss</p>
<p>Saturday, <b>December 18th</b>-5:00 PM  <b>Lector:</b> Cindy Rieke <b>Dist:</b> Mary Ann Dummer <b>Servers:</b> Kaden Weir, Keyden Buboltz, Annika Nosbush <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Prax, Tom Nachreiner, Dave Borth, Randy Boehm <b>Gifts:</b> Mary &amp; LeAnder Nachreiner <b>Sacristan:</b> Chuck Marlowe</p>

**THE CCW WILL MEET DECEMBER 7TH** @ 6:30 in the Social Hall. Agenda items include:

- Fall Bazaar Report
- Fall Bazaar Chairmen for 2023
- Update Serving groups - a couple missed people
- Annual Donations

We look forward to seeing you there!

CCW Officers

**FALL BAZAAR FRIENDLY REMINDER:** For those that were unable to work/donate at the Fall Bazaar, please send in your recommended donation of \$30, by Friday, 12-3-21. The committee is working to close out the books for this year's event. Thank you!

**NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE** – We again will have food drive starting November 1, 2021 thru November 30, 2021. 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 to all for generous donations for all the people that need our help during this time. If any questions, call Sandy Hellendrung @ 426-7480 or Agnes Wendinger 2 42-7675.

**ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 6:** LuAnn Kockelman and Chris Wortz

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

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

Giving July 1st, 2021 – November 24th, 2021

Income	\$ 78,738.85
Expenses	<u>\$ 60,454.53</u>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 18,284.32</b>

## Advent 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Nov 28</b> Let Advent be a time for God to come in "new" ways. Bring peace &amp; joy to someone.</p>	<p><b>Nov 29</b> God desires to give healing to all. Be a healing presence by listening to a person.</p>	<p><b>Nov 30</b> God calls us to follow like Andrew. Say "yes" to another's need today.</p>	<p><b>Dec 1</b> Jesus comes to feed us. Be bread for someone who is lonely or grieving.</p>	<p><b>2</b> We're to place our trust in God. Today place your trust in a friend/spouse.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Christ gives us vision and wisdom. See the good in someone you can easily criticize.</p>	<p><b>4</b> God is always near us. Show kindness to someone who may need it today.</p>
<p><b>5</b> We are called to make room for Christ. Give someone a second chance.</p>	<p><b>6</b> God comes to redeem us. Gift someone by forgiving them.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Every person &amp; thing is important to God. Invite someone who is excluded by others.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Feast of Mary!! God calls "ordinary" people to greatness! Give life to a family member today.</p>	<p><b>9</b> God helps us to be more like Christ. Let God help you—ask!!</p>	<p><b>10</b> God teaches us! Find some way to give loving service to one who could use it.</p>	<p><b>11</b> With God's help powerful things happen. Turn to God and be renewed.</p>
<p><b>12</b> God gives us the "best". Bring a joyful heart and cheerful attitude to this day.</p>	<p><b>13</b> God's word provides guidance. Be a guiding presence by doing a good deed.</p>	<p><b>14</b> God touches hearts and lives are changed. Change something in you to draw closer to God</p>	<p><b>15</b> God wants us to have "right" relationships. Reach out to someone who feels your "coldness".</p>	<p><b>16</b> God's love is always with us. Look for good in another and love will be present.</p>	<p><b>17</b> All are called and favored by God. Do some kind deed for one who feels "less than" another.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Feast of Joseph Faith was so pronounced in Joseph. Reflect on his goodness and learn from him.</p>
<p><b>19</b> God is always coming into our lives. Be attentive to one way God is present today.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Through God the unimaginable is possible. Ask God to help you in your "unknowns".</p>	<p><b>21</b> God reminds us that we are "blessed". Share one way in which you feel blessed!</p>	<p><b>22</b> Mary and Hannah praise God humbly! Reach out to one who feels "poor" and be God's love.</p>	<p><b>23</b> God comes in word and in silence. Take time for prayer and for a family member/friend.</p>	<p><b>24</b> God comes to set us free. How has Advent prepared your heart for this Christmas?</p>	<p><b>25</b> Christmas A light shines in the darkness! Let Christ once again be born in you.</p>

*God of love, you were so generous, sending the presence of your Beloved to dwell among us and to tell us who you are. Encourage me during this Advent season to continue in the sharing of this loving presence through my attentiveness, given in prayer and in deeds. You who dwell within me, remind me often to let go of my busyness so that I can be with others in a loving way. Convince me that "being" is as important as "doing". Thank you for your strengthening presence. Thank you for being with me. Amen.*



# Advent/Christmas 2021

<p><b>ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES</b>  <b>St. Francis, Winthrop</b>          Sunday, December 5, 2-3 pm  <b>St. Willbrod, Gibbon</b>          Sunday, December 12, 2-3 pm  <b>St. Andrew, Fairfax</b>          Sunday, December 19, 2-3 pm</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE</b>  <b>Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24</b>          3:00 pm, St. Francis, Winthrop          4:30 pm, St. Willbrod, Gibbon          6:30 pm, St. Andrew, Fairfax  <b>Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25</b>          10:00 am -Fairfax</p>	<p><b>SANTAS HELPERS OF SIBLEY COUNTY</b>          Please consider giving a donation of new: toys, games, mittens, blankets, gift cards (especially for teenagers), sweatshirts, baby clothes, money, stocking stuffers, gifts for mom &amp; dad, Christmas wrapping paper, etc. All donations should be given by <b>Wednesday, December 1</b>.</p> <p>Drop-off sites are:          Perennial &amp; Mid Country Banks – Winthrop          MN West Bank, Ogen's Insurance – Gibbon          There will also be jars for money donations at area businesses.</p>
<p><b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>          Wednesday, December 8, 8:30 am          St. Willbrod, Gibbon</p>	<p><b>NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE</b>  <b>Friday, December 31, 6:30 pm</b>          St. Andrew, Fairfax  <b>Saturday, January 1, 9:30 am</b>          St. Francis, Winthrop</p>	<p><b>SANTAS CLOSET EXPRESS OF RENVILLE COUNTY</b>          Santa's Closet will be done like last year. We will be making and delivering "care boxes" to the towns for pickup. You can drop off donations at listed places. Monetary donations are appreciated.</p> <p>Drop off sites are:          Franklin State Bank - Franklin          Franklin Bank – Fairfax or mail to Santa's Closet Express, PO Box 115,          Olivia MN 56270</p> <p>Gifts can be dropped off at our church as well.</p>
<p><b>SPANISH MASSES DURING ADVENT</b>          Sunday, December 5, 12:30 pm          Sunday, December 19, 12:30 pm          St. Andrew, Fairfax</p>	<p><b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS</b>          Saturday, December 11, St. Andrew (after mass)          Sunday, December 12, St. Francis (after mass)          Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b>          Sunday, December 12, 4:00 pm          St. Andrew's Church, Fairfax</p>
		