



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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS

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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.

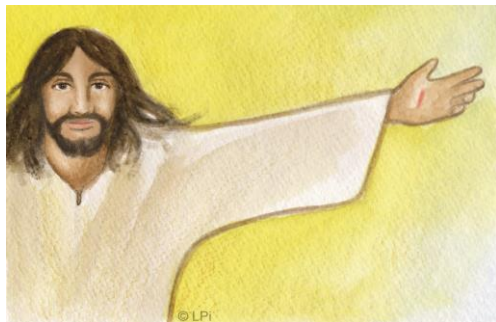
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm:
1-866-670-5163.
(Confidential Counseling Services and Referral Information)

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

Monday, November 30	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 1	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Mary Ziegler
Wednesday, December 2	8:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec Int – Petrea Durnan
Thursday, December 3	8:00 AM	Fairfax (TIME CHANGE)	+Christian Mothers
Friday, December 4	8:00 AM	Winthrop (TIME CHANGE)	+Jim Essler
Saturday, December 5	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Winthrop	+Benjamin Holicky
Sunday, December 6	8:30 AM	Fairfax	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec Int -Frank Moldan
	12:30 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Reflection Questions for First Sunday of Advent

How can I give control over to God?



Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

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

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24

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: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

How responsible are you with the work entrusted to you? **Have you made a good assessment of what exactly is expected of you on your job, be it in your family or at your workplace?** More importantly have you asked yourself whether through all that you are busy doing, you are achieving God's purposes? If you are not clear about God's purpose for which he has entrusted you with whatever you are doing in your given role or destination in life, you are asleep, and wrongfully so. The Lord is revealing a simple truth: Don't sleep on your job! Sleeping on one's job could be understood in its literal sense. On a deeper level it could also mean, doing something for worldly gain without keeping an eye on whether what I am doing is contributing to the spread of God's kingdom. Are we awake to this truth? We must always be on guard. We do not know the time or hour God will come.

"Lord Jesus, I want to experience your blessing as I wait and watch and prepare this Advent."

This Advent **I encourage you to go to confession and recommend it to family and friends.** As Pope Francis has reminded us, when speaking about God's mercy, "In the confessional...it is an encounter with Jesus, who donates to us the peace that only he gives." Pope Francis also explained that being ashamed of sins is "not only natural; it's a virtue that helps prepare us for God's forgiveness."

"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.
~Saint Francis de Sales

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA PARISH

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov 30** Tony Freitag, Matthew McCue
Dec 1 Gayle Clobes, Jose Salvatierra, Will Hewitt, Suzanne Pichotta
Dec 2 Mona Forst, Jesse Forstner, Donald & Connie Haas Anniv., Hailey Busse
Dec 3 Trevor Hanson, Tom Langhoff, Joel & Lynn Majeski Anniv., Dave & Lorie Schauer Anniv.
Dec 4 Evarose Davila
Dec 5 Barb Borth
Dec 6 Louise Goelz



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

Peter Thomas Nunez, son of Emily & Adam Nunez, who was baptized at St. Andrew's on November 21st.

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

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE & ADVENT CALENDAR: Attached to last week's bulletin was the Advent calendar and the schedule for the Advent/Christmas celebrations. The Children's Christmas program for St. Francis's on Saturday, December 12th, following mass, has been cancelled. Please refer to these during the following weeks.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR—Sunday, December 6th, at St. Willibrord's, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour will also include the rosary, scripture readings, prayer, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

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 parish project.

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.

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 2nd. 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 allsaintsaafc.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 SSND: 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/.

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.**

Gift of Grain

Farmers can qualify for income and self-employment tax savings on raised grain if the unsold grain is gifted to your parish. The grain must be delivered to an elevator and the actual storage ticket should be given to the parish. In order to qualify for the tax savings, it's critical that the parish sells the grain and not the person gifting the grain.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,198.00	465.00	1,055.00
Loose Plate	37.00	27.00	100.00
Christmas Flowers	125.00		
Campaign for Human Dev	161.00	60.00	
Baptism	40.00		
Food Shelf	50.00		
Gifts & Memorials			
Christmas			
Cemetery Operating			
TOTAL	\$1,611.00	\$552.00	\$1,155.00

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

Wednesday, December 2, 2020: No Class

Wednesday, December 9, 2020: No Class

Wednesday, December 16, 2020: No Class

Wednesday, December 23, 2020: No Class

Wednesday, December 30, 2020: No Class

DUE TO THE RISING NUMBER OF COVID CASES, and the request of Gov. Walz to dial back for the next 4 weeks, all in-person religion classes have been suspended until after January 1, 2021. Families are asked to watch their e-mail, enrichment lessons/opportunities will be sent.

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. 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 Sloat 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

Sunday, December 6th-10:30 AM

Lector: Amy Weber **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr **Sacristan:** Rose Forst

Sunday, December 13th-10:30 AM

Lector: Alan Neyers **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

Sunday, December 20th-10:30 AM

Lector: Gail Herschman **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr **Sacristan:** Charlene Forst

CCW will meet Wednesday, December 2nd, in the social hall after the 8:30 A.M. morning Mass in Gibbon. We will have our quilt raffle and donations report and be voting on our annual donations and anything happening between now and our spring meeting. Facemasks and social distancing required. All women of the parish are members of CCW and welcome to come to the meeting, or you can contact Berny Berger, President, with any questions.

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 25th, 2020

Income \$ 31,268.34 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$ 33,177.77

Net Gain/Loss \$(1,909.43)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, December 5th-4:00 PM

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

Saturday, December 12th-4:00 PM

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

Saturday, December 19th-4:00 PM

Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola **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!

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, December 6th -8:30 AM Lector: Janet Simonsen Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe
Sunday, December 13th -8:30 AM Lector: Cindy Rieke Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Colleen Schweiss
Sunday, December 20th -8:30 AM Lector: Mike Beranek Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe

FOUND ON ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH STEP on September 12, 2020 a gold/silver round earring. You can pick up at office. Thanks.

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. 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 29th, 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 1ST. 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.

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-November 25, 2020

Income \$ 72,169.31 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)

Expenses \$ (56,954.60)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 15,214.71

Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses \$51,759.30/(\$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 16th. Names will be printed in the December 20th bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: _____

Parish: _____

In Memory of: _____



ANNAI HOME FOR CHILDREN

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Kalaiyarkoil - 630 551

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Tamilnadu, INDIA.

Our Dear Godparents and Friends and Dad Fr. Bruno,

Loving wishes from Children of Annai Home orphanage. We are welcoming you to Annai Home. We are so happy that you come to Annai Home and being with us. We feel good about your visit. We are very proud to say that your visit is wonderful and marvelous for us. Your visit is great and precious for us. It gives us a lot of happiness and comfort in our Annai Home life. We are ever grateful to you.

We would like to say a few words about our orphanage of Annai Home for Children. ANNAI HOME FOR CHILDREN was started on June 2006 for the orphaned, semi-orphaned, abandoned and destitute children at Annai Nagar, Andichioorani of Sivagangai district. The orphaned, semi-orphaned, abandoned and destitute children are collected from the two districts of Ramnad and Sivagangai. This orphanage home is run by the "PEOPLE'S SERVICE TRUST". At present we are about 286 children living at Annai Home and 155 children studying outside of Annai Home for their higher education. For our education, we are going to nearby schools for our primary, secondary, higher secondary schools and to the college. Our basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter and education are offered to us. We are provided good food, clothes, education, medical care and personal needs. Wherever the children are found deserted as orphaned and abandoned, Annai Home collect them and fulfill their basic needs of food, clothes, shelter and education. We are growing well physically, spiritually and psychologically. We live in good health.

We are giving our heartfelt thanks to you for the generosity and the good will of the sponsors **Mom Mary Carroll and Mom Sharon, Rick and Gwen, Tim and Lora Rahe, and Steve Biebl and our Dad Fr. Bruno.** Because of you and generous sponsors we are living a happy life at Annai Home and getting good education. We are very proud of you.

We are offering prayers for you and for your sound health and for your intentions and for your families and for your safe travel. May God bless you all!

Yours Sincerely

Children at Annai Home and Director Fr. Francis

Date: 19th January 2020