



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, December 13	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 14	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Asteria Hindermann
Wednesday, December 15	8:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec Int – Lynn Tupy
			<i>Eucharistic Adoration following mass</i>
Thursday, December 16	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Leroy Vait
Friday, December 17	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Fred Witucki
Saturday, December 18	4:30 PM		<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	+/Spec Int – John Weldy & Kathy Bianchi
Sunday, December 19	8:00 AM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:00 AM	Winthrop	+Al Clobes
	4:00 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Third Sunday of Advent

How can I spread the joy in my family, my neighborhood, my world?



Readings for the Week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John the Baptist preach. For many generations, they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah. And now **John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that “all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.”** But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though when he emphasized that “one mightier than I is coming.” **If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should we humble ourselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah?** As we meditate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this incredible gift of a Savior? The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

“You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you.”

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

As Pope Benedict XVI said: “The renewal of the Church in America and throughout the world depends on the renewal of the sacrament of penance.”

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

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

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

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA CALENDAR

WINTHROP ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm in Winthrop

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 13 Karen M Borth, Keegan Lorang, Greg Olson, Megan Howe, Lucille Stelzer

Dec 14 Donn Fahey, Maurice Bless, Kalley Koupal, Jan Forst, Phil Dummer

Dec 15 Brian VanEpps, Emily & Adam Nunez, Dolores Kokesch

Dec 16 Kevin Roiger, Nora Herrera, Sydney Kerkhoff, Stephanie Sievert

Dec 17 Samuel Sullivan

Dec 18 Alan Merkel, Paul Liebl, Carol Rieke, Lydia Sullivan, Barbara Bastian, Nathan Serbus, Steve & Grace Rubischko, Brian Kretsch, Connie Portner

Dec 19 Trinity Buboltz, Loni & Tara VanMaasdam Anniv.



KNOW A SAINT Mary Frances Schervier – December 15

Mary Frances Schervier was inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. She began to help a parish priest who ran a soup kitchen for the poor. She made sick calls while helping there and when a family friend told her that she was called to serve God she became a nun. Rather than join an existing convent, Frances and four other women started their own religious order to care for the poor called the Poor Sisters of St. Francis. They took sick people into their own homes to care for them and opened more soup kitchens. They visited women who were in prison. Since Frances insisted they use only donations to do this the Sisters were very poor themselves. Frances, who was only 26 at the time, wanted the Sisters to be as poor as the people they helped.

The number of Sisters grew quickly, despite the sacrifices they made. Soon Poor Sisters of St. Francis went to the United States to help German immigrants in New York, New Jersey, and Ohio. Mother Frances, as she was known opened hospitals in Europe and the U.S. for people suffering from tuberculosis. In 1863, she came to the United States to help her Sisters help American soldiers injured in the Civil War. Mother Frances Schervier died in 1876 and in the 31 years since their order was formed the number of Sisters had grown to 2,500. Frances Schervier saw the face of God in every poor and sick person she cared for.

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



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

Gerald Peichel

St. Andrew's

Arline Kiecker

St. Andrew's

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 11 – The Battle Against The Flesh, The World and The Devil. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursday at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON! From now until the Fourth Week of Advent, there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Annai Home for Boys and Girls in India. Baskets and a display are in each parish. Any money collected will be sent directly to the home in India. The children are very grateful for your generosity and especially for your prayers! Thank you for considering and Merry Christmas!

ATTENTION! With the change of seasons and more wintry 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 or text allsaints4 to 84576

HELP AGING RELIGIOUS. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

THANK YOU to all that came to our AFC Youth Bake Sale at Santa days in Gibbon last Saturday, and a special thank you to parishioners that donated bake sale items to the youth! It was a big success, and we sold out by noon. We appreciate the support!

VIRTUAL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS NOVENA The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite young adults (ages 18+) to their December online evening prayer which will be the fourth night of a chanted, candlelight Christmas novena on Sunday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/12.19.21.

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	4,973.81	2,312.00	1,925.00
Loose/Youth Plate	129.00	109.00	115.00
Christmas Flowers	185.00		40.00
Zollner Funeral	80.00		
Spanish Mass	115.00		
Immaculate Conception	25.00		10.00
Building		230.00	
Coffee		75.00	
Rent		50.00	
Donation for India		20.00	6.00
Retirement for Religious			20.00
Memorial-Bullemer			250.00
Maintenance			200.00
TOTAL	\$5,507.81	\$2,796.00	\$2,566.00

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 Pvt Jordan Lindmeyer, SGT Colin Jackson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Wednesday, January 5, 2022: Class

Wednesday, January 12, 2022: Class

Wednesday, January 19, 2022: Class

Wednesday, January 26, 2022: Class – Confirmation Guest Speaker

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, **December 19th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Jerome Petersen **Dist:** Steve Grosam **Servers:** Taylor Haas, Jessica Willegal, Katelynn Eaton **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Melvin & Genny Neyers **Sacristan:** Jeannine Grosam

Friday, **December 24th**-4:30 PM (**Christmas Eve**)

Lector: Amy Weber **Dist:** Genny Neyers **Servers:** Abby Willegal, Kelly Willegal, Ella Nachreiner **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Melissa Rettig, Sharon Briese **Sacristan:** Rose Forst

Sunday, **December 26th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Alan Neyers **Dist:** Connie Tautges **Servers:** Brooklyn & Lincoln Werner, Brianna Roche **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Charles & Mary Rieke **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

Saturday, **January 1st**-5:00 PM

Lector: Gail Herschman **Dist:** Jerome Petersen **Servers:** Kyler & Mirra Sjogren, Kitzelin Morales **Ushers:** Davis Biebl, Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck **Gifts:** Jason & Sara Rubischko **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CCW will hold our winter meeting on Saturday morning, December 11th, at 9 a.m. in the social hall. Coffee and rolls will be provided. Agenda items will include our bazaar report, winter activities, and discussion of the National CCW convention which will be held in Minneapolis next fall, November 2-5 at the Marriott City Center. All women of the parish are included in Council of Catholic Women (CCW). Please join us!

COFFEE AND ROLLS supporting India orphanage will be held after the December 12th mass.

CHOIR WILL SING for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 19th, meeting to practice at 7:40 a.m. We will practice after Mass for 30-40 minutes for the Christmas eve music. We will also practice at 3:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve, before Mass. New members or "casual singers" welcome anytime - Please join us!

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: After 8:00 am mass on Sunday, December 19th, it would be appreciated again this year any help from men, women, and youth with carrying up the tree, manger scene, and decorations and in decorating our church for the Christmas season. Thank you for any assistance!

CHOIR WILL SING for Christmas Eve Mass, December 24th, with carols being sung before Mass starting at 4:15 p.m. Parishioners are invited to come early and enjoy the music!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Giving July 1st, 2021-December 8th, 2021

Income \$40,410.64

Expenses \$38,068.74

Net Gain/Loss \$ 2,341.90

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, **December 19th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Mary Nelson **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jason & Carly Tupa **Servers:** Lincoln McCue, Brynn Busse, Kaylee Felska **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

Friday, **December 24th**-3:00 PM (**Christmas Eve**)

Lector: Harry Slood **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tyler & Emilee Stehr **Servers:** William Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

Sunday, **December 26th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Wendy Lang **Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie Portner **Servers:** William Lang, Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

Saturday, **January 1st**-9:30 AM (**New Year's Day**)

Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Servers:** Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse **Gifts:** Dennis & Joan Dording **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

Sunday, **January 2nd**-8:00 AM

Lector: Barb Pagel **Eucharistic Ministers:** Brent Lang **Servers:** Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda **Gifts:** Gary & Vicki Neid **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS at St Francis: After the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, December 19th, we will be decorating our church for the Christmas season. All are welcome to stay and help! A light lunch and fellowship will follow! Thank you for any assistance! Advent Blessings!

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.

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, December 18th -5:00 PM Lector: Cindy Rieke Dist: Mary Ann Dummer Servers: Kaden Weir, Keyden Buboltz, Annika Nosbush Ushers: Jim Prax, Tom Nachreiner, Dave Borth, Randy Boehm Gifts: Mary & LeAnder Nachreiner Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe
Friday, December 24th -6:30 PM Christmas Eve Lector: Mike Beranek Dist: Myron Schweiss Servers: Nathan Sandgren, Zach Sandgren, Micahl Nachreiner Ushers: Kevin Schweiss, Frank Ziegler, Kevin Roiger, Richard Hellendrung Gifts: Ross & Andrea Nachreiner Sacristan: Agnes Wendinger
Saturday, December 25th -10:00 AM Christmas Mass Lector: Jody Busch Dist: Agnes Wendinger Servers: Kayln Hellendrung, Elyiana Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl Ushers: Leander Nachreiner, David Runck, Richard Frank, Gilbert Borth Gifts: Gene & Joni Nachreiner Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe
Sunday, December 26th -12:00 PM (Time Change) Lector: Pat Buboltz Dist: Maria Davila or Lidia Gonzalez Servers: William Bastian, Luke Bastian, Bernardo Davila Ushers: Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl Gifts: Bradley & Sara Nosbush Sacristan: Brenda Runck
Friday, December 31st -6:30 PM New Year's Eve Lector: Anita Weir Dist: George Wendinger Servers: Annika & Nico Nosbush, Kaden Weir Ushers: Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel, Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner Gifts: Doris & Wesley Prax Sacristan: Brenda Runck
Sunday, January 2nd -10:00 AM Lector: Agnes Kiecker Dist: Margaret Liebl Servers: Ashley, Isabelle, Isaac & Alex Vos Ushers: Brian Wortz, John Rieke, Brian Marquardt, Leroy Schweiss Gifts: Mark & Cindy Rieke Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe

THANKS TO EVERYONE who either donated food or cash or helped in anyway to make our Thanksgiving Food Drive a HUGE success. This year we had 292# of food donated. Thanks again for being so generous and sharing with those that need our help. Agnes Wendinger & Sandy Hellendrung

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St. Andrew's Parish will have a light supper following the 5:00 mass on December 18th to help the children.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR SING for either of the Christmas Services are welcome! Please contact Dave Munsell (507-557-2432) for the Christmas Eve Mass @ 6:30 or contact Carmin Van Epps (426-7736) for the Christmas Morning Mass @ 10:00 .

St. Andrew's would like to have more people who want to be part of the music ministry. We need people to play piano and people who could song lead in any capacity. (Groups/duo's/etc.) Please consider this important ministry and what we can do to help! Thank you!

FAIRFAX KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be meeting Thursday, December 16th, at 7:00 pm in Fairfax.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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Giving July 1st, 2021 – December 8th, 2021

Income	\$ 86,732.92
Expenses	<u>\$ 67,550.02</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 19,182.90



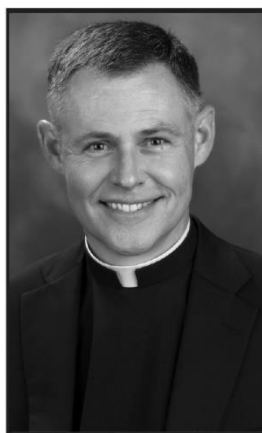
Christmas Flower Donation Form

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 15th. Names will be printed in the December 19th bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: _____

Parish: _____

In Memory of: _____



Msgr. Douglas Grams

WEEKLY

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

available online

www.dnu.org