

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



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, December 14	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 15	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+John Vait
Wednesday, December 16	8:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec. Int. – J.H. & family
Thursday, December 17	8:30 AM	Fairfax	Spec. Int. – Peter & Arvina Schweiss
Friday, December 18	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Tom Sherry
Saturday, December 19	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Winthrop	+Raymond Broz
Sunday, December 20	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Robert Prax
	10:30 AM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	12:30 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Reflection Questions for Third Sunday of Advent

When and where do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the world?



Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54

[Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

John the Baptist is the forerunner of Jesus. He gives witness to Jesus by his preaching. He reminds us that Jesus is coming, but not in the way that we might be expecting him at this time of year. We are caught up in all the preparation for Christmas, and we are thinking about Jesus being born as a little baby whom Mary will lay in a manger. But John the Baptist is pointing to Jesus the light, the one who comes to enlighten all and to shine the brightness of judgement on the works of darkness. To endure this light, we must make straight the way of the Lord in our own lives.

“Lord Jesus, open my eyes. Help me to recognize you today.”

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Catholic tradition, **after making an examination of conscience that often involves review of the Ten Commandments and/or the Seven Deadly Sins and/or the Beatitudes, the penitent confesses his/her sins to receive the fullness of God’s grace.** The intent of this sacrament is to provide healing for the soul as well as to restore one’s relationship to God, lost by sin.

Fr. Bruno OSB

THERE ARE VERY FEW MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. FRANCIS’S. If you have been thinking you would like a Mass offered for a deceased or a living relative or friend, you can always put a request in the collection basket with your name, the name of the person to be prayed for, whether they are deceased or living and your financial gift (typically \$10 per mass). Thank you.

AREA PARISH

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec 14** Don Fahey, Maurice Bleese, Kalley Koupal, Jan Forst, Phil Dummer
Dec 15 Brian VanEpps, Emily & Adam Nunez Anniv., Dolores Kokesch, Joe & Sharon Wersal Anniv.
Dec 16 Kevin Roiger, Nora Herrera, Sydney Kerkhoff, Stephanie Sievert
Dec 17 Samuel Sullivan
Dec 18 Alan Merkel, Lydia Sullivan, Barbara Bastian, Nathan Serbus, Carol Rieke, Brian Kretsch,
Steve & Grace Rubischko Anniv., Connie Portner
Dec 19 Trinity Buboltz, Loni & Tara VanMaasdam Anniv.
Dec 20 Charles Gerardy, Petrea Miketey, Jordan Lyon

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

St. Andrew, Fairfax - Sunday, December 20, 3-4 pm, **St. Willibrord, Gibbon** - Saturday, December 19, 9-10 am,
St. Francis, Winthrop Saturday, December 19, 3-3:45 pm

PLEASE NOTE: We will be adding another mass on Christmas Eve in Fairfax at 6:30 pm. Please add this to your Advent/Christmas schedule.

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

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

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.**

Donor Advised Fund

Did you have an event that resulted in higher taxable income this year? Maybe it was the sale of a business, company stock, or other appreciated asset. Or maybe your income is just higher this year. A donor advised fund can allow you to receive a charitable deduction for your giving this year, while providing you the flexibility to use it for charitable giving over time.



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

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	2,108.00	985.00	2,415.00
Loose Plate	20.00	33.00	40.00
Christmas Flowers	195.00		105.00
Building		10.00	
Wedding/Funeral	300.00	50.00	
Votive Candles	72.00	1.00	6.00
Spanish Mass	82.00		
Immaculate Conception	25.00		110.00
Retirement for Religious	2.00		25.00
Energy/Fuel			50.00
Thanksgiving		50.00	
Christmas	130.00		300.00
Cemetery Operating			225.00
TOTAL	\$2,934.00	\$1,129.00	\$3,276.00

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 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 20th -10:30 AM Lector: Gail Herschman Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Charlene Forst
Thursday, December 24th -3:00 PM (Christmas Eve) Lector: Jessica Willegal Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Connie Tautges
Sunday, December 27th -10:30 AM Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Rose Forst
Sunday, January 3rd -8:30 AM Lector: Melvin Neyers Ushers: Jason Haas, Tom Lindmeyer, Mike Willegal Sacristan:

CHRISTMAS EVE - Christmas Carols will be sung before Mass on Christmas Eve, starting at 2:50 p.m. Choir will be practicing that day at 2:15 in the social hall – anyone interested in joining us is welcome!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO AMY WEBER for using her decorating talent, time, and care in keeping the altar looking so nice from September through Thanksgiving. The fall colors and arrangements were so beautiful! Thank you Amy!

WANTED – Used vacuum cleaner to be kept and used in the rectory – preferably a newer style, lighter vacuum if possible. If you have one to donate to the church, please call Berny at 834-6321. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-December 9th, 2020

Income \$ 35,937.34 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$ 36,670.54

Net Gain/Loss \$(733.20)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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

Friday, December 25th-8:00 AM (Christmas Day)

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

Saturday, December 26th-4:00 PM

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

Sunday, January 3rd-10:30 AM

Lector: Kellie Sloat **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki

ST. ANDREW’S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, December 20th-8:30 AM

Lector: Mike Beranek **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe

Thursday, December 24th-4:30 PM & 6:30 PM (Christmas Eve-two masses)

Lector: Jody Busch/Pat Buboltz **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

Sunday, December 27th-8:30 AM

Lector: Anita Weir **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

Saturday, January 2nd-4:00 PM

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

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 are still looking for a 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.

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!

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-December 9th, 2020

Income \$ 76,709.84 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)

Expenses \$ (62,440.70)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 1

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

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

“Even if you do not confess, God is not ignorant of the deed, since he knew it before it was committed. Why then do you not speak of it? Does the transgression become heavier by the confession? No, it becomes lighter and less troublesome. And this is why he wants you to confess: not that you should be punished, but that you should be forgive; not that he may learn your sin-how could that be, since he has seen it?-but that you may learn the greatness of his grace, so that you may praise him perfectly, that you may be slower to sin, that you may be quicker to virtue. And if you do not confess the greatness of the need, you will not understand the enormous magnitude of his grace.”

-St. John Chrysostom

THE DIOCESE OF NEW ULM has clearance to cablecast the following series **LONG RIDE HOME** on AGGW Public Access, channels 7 and 8, at 11 a.m. on Fridays and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sundays.

- December 18th & 20th -To Dare is to Do -Episode 1
- December 25th & 27th -The Strong Will of Brotherhood -Episode 2
- January 1st & 3rd-Image of God-Episode 3
- January 8th & 10th-Courage-Episode 4
- January 15th & 17th-Act Like a Man-Episode 5
- January 22nd & 24th-Strength Rejoices in the Challenge-Episode 6
- January 29th & 31st-Fire Tests Gold-Episode 7
- February 5th & 7th-Strong in Adversity-Episode 8
- February 12th & 14th-Sweetness After Adversity-Episode 9
- February 19th & 21st-The Long Ride Home-Episode 10



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: _____