



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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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 19	NO MASS	Private	+Mary Boisvert
Tuesday, December 20	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Anna Hacker
Wednesday, December 21	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Mary & Otto Hartmann
Thursday, December 22	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Kelly & Bernice Smith
Friday, December 23	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Verna Ludewig
Saturday, December 24	3:00 PM	Winthrop-Christmas Eve	+Marvin Weber
	4:30 PM	Gibbon-Christmas Eve	+Mike Hartmann
	6:30 PM	Fairfax-Christmas Eve	+James Fahey
Sunday, December 25	10:00 AM	Fairfax-Christmas Day	+Francis & Kay Schweiss
	12:30 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Reflection Question for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Through all the excitement and stress of this coming week, can I be attentive to how Jesus remains with me and discern how God is calling me?



Readings for the Week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn:

Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is

52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or

1:1-5, 9-14



It was A Silent Night...

During this loud and busy time of year we want to take a moment to reflect and remember that silent night so long ago.

Silent Night, Holy Night. This is as much a lullaby as it is a hymn, a lullaby for a newborn Savior. So simple and yet so profound. Recalling both the bleakness of Mary and Joseph's circumstances and the warmth of a miracle. It's a lullaby for us, too. Let this miracle bring a hush over all the world.

**May your Christmas be a time of peace and hope, because a Savior
has been born!**

From: The All Saints Area Faith Community Staff

Fr. Bruno Santiago OSB

Danette Polzin

Kellie Sloat

Emmanuel means God is with us. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. In the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, this Sunday and next are the only times that Joseph takes center stage. In both weeks, Joseph is the dreamer to whom the angel of the Lord appears during sleep. And, he is also the faithful servant, who does what the angel commands. **The presence of Mary is so strong during the Christmas season that we occasionally forget about Joseph.** He is like that quiet partner who goes about doing the tasks at hand, protecting the family, fulfilling God's will. He's a pretty good example for any of us to imitate!

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.” ~St. Thomas Aquinas

Please join us today for the All Saints AFC Penance Service - Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. – St. Willibrord, Gibbon

Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity! ~St. Teresa of Kolkata

All Saints AFC **Eucharistic Adoration** is scheduled for...

St. Francis de Sales, Winthrop

Tuesday, December 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Individual confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Willibrord, Gibbon

Wednesday, December 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Individual confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew, Fairfax

Thursday, December 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Individual confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Bruno OSB

PLEASE NOTE: We have had some issues with our old email so we have set up a new email. Please use this new email immediately. It is allsaints7739@gmail.com. I have set up the group emails for sending out the bulletin each week. If you don't receive one, please let me know. If you get these bulletins by email and don't want to be sent one, also, please let me know. You can always go on our website at allsaintsafc.org to look at the bulletin. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THERE ARE FEW MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULED ON THE CALENDAR Infinite graces flow from prayers offered at Mass. 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

Dec 18 Alan Merkel, Paul Liebl, Carol Rieke, Lydia Sullivan, Barbara Bastian, Nathan Serbus, Steve & Grace

Rubischko Anniv., Brian Kretsch, Connie Portner

Dec 19 Trinity Buboltz, Loni & Tara VanMaasdam Anniv.

Dec 20 Charles Gerardy, Jordan Lyon

Dec 21 Lawrence Schweiss

Dec 22 Alan Banda

Dec 23 Connor Sullivan, Laurie Edick

Dec 24 Jackie Anderson, Dave Buboltz, Haleigh Platz



KNOW A SAINT Saint Servulus – December 23

Servulus was born in Rome. Afflicted with palsy when he was an infant he was never able to stand, sit upright or feed himself. His family used to carry him to the Church of St. Clement in Rome so he could beg alms. Whatever he collected that was not needed for his existence he would share with other needy people. He would also purchase books of Scripture that he would ask others to read to him. He died after a lifetime spent in thanksgiving to God for His goodness despite the terrible existence he was forced to endure.

Many of us go through life blessed with good health and talents. We should be inspired by his life that even under such afflictions he continued to praise God and encourage others to do the same.



Please Remember in Prayer

Frank Ziegler

St. Andrew's

Casey O'Brien

St. Francis de Sales

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

Adeline Roiger

St. Andrew

Pat Fahey

St. Andrew's

Dory Schreiner

St. Andrew's

Liturgy Matters #7

The next part of the mass is the apostolic greeting. Here the priest greets the people with the phrase: "The Lord be with you." All the people greet the priest in return, saying, "And with your spirit." These are not meant to be exchanges of what might occur between just any large group gathered and one who stands up in front with something to say to everyone and so begins with a "Good morning" or "Good evening." This is an exchange uniquely belonging to the Christian community and peculiar to this moment in the community's life when it begins to celebrate the source and summit of its life. It is an exchange that immediately acknowledges the roles that will be played in this ritual action. The priest greets the people not as an individual; rather he greets them in his sacramental role of representing Christ at the head of his body, as Christ who will lead his body in prayer. This is called the apostolic greeting because the words come from greetings which the apostle Paul used in his letters. The apostles for their part passed this on to their successors, the bishops; and bishops share their apostolic ministry of leadership with priests. This greeting is to remind us that the faith in which we stand comes to us from the apostles.

If the priest's greeting to the people is on such an exalted level, the people's response is no less highly pitched. They answer, "And with your spirit." This response is not meant to say something to the effect of "the same to you." It means much more. The people are addressing the "spirit" of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in this sacred action. They are saying in effect, "Be the priest for us now," aware that there is only one priest, Christ himself, and that this one person who represents him now must be finely tuned to perform his sacred duties as well. Only in the dignified courtesy of this exchange between the priest and people can we begin this liturgy, for the exchange expresses and establishes the unique harmony between ourselves, the priest, and the Church throughout the world.

JOIN US EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 PM as we pray the Rosary live on Facebook on the All Saints Area Faith Community page!

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 12 – Why the Catholic Church? All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH CHILDREN, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop Chad W. Zielinski on Sunday, December 18. The service is at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Philip, Litchfield. This service is designed to help us focus on Advent and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, centered on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop Zielinski individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes" collection (blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.) and cash donations will be taken for babies in need. For more information, contact the diocesan Office of Schools at 507-233-5302.

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.

Securities & Appreciated Assets

Gifts of stock, bonds, mutual funds, and certain other property that have increased in value can result in even greater tax savings than gifts of cash. If you have owned such investments for longer than one year you can generally donate them to your parish and deduct their full current value, even if it far exceeds your original cost.

Congress has provided that in addition to regular tax savings, you also do not have to pay capital gains tax when these assets are given to a qualifying charity. This extra tax savings is another reason why some choose to make their gifts this way.

You can also give assets to your parish that have decreased in value. You may receive a tax deduction of the incurred loss. The total amount of your loss and the charitable deduction may actually be more than the current value of the donated asset.

FRIENDS OF SAN LUCAS: Support our friends of the San Lucas Mission in Guatemala with your monetary gifts, or thru active missionary work or thru the purchase of the new products in varieties of coffee. San Lucas Mission coffee is a perfect **Christmas Gift** for those coffee lovers on your list. These new varieties of coffee are available at St. Willibrord's church (table in the entry) or Chuck Spaeth Ford in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye or order directly from juananacoffee.org. The coffee sales alone support 150 families in the mission with housing, and a quality lifestyle. STOP and take a look at the quarterly Newsletters available or lookup online sanlucasmision.org. Monetary donations can be sent to: Friends of San Lucas, 3459 Washington Dr., #207, Eagan, Mn. 55122

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, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	3,038.27	1,583.00	2,491.71
Loose/Youth Plate	280.88	105.15	38.00
Coop Reimb	131.01		
Retirement for Religious	206.00	301.00	125.00
Fall Collection	1,200.00		
Immaculate Conception	90.00		80.00
Christmas	800.00		650.00
Christmas Flowers	310.00	90.00	70.00
Maintenance/Building	40.00		50.00
Water Project-cookie sale		1,773.00	
Energy/Fuel			300.00
TOTAL	\$6,096.16	\$3,852.15	\$3,804.71

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2022: No Class

Wednesday, Dec 28, 2022: No Class

Wednesday, Jan 4, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023: Class

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE & FUNDRAISING – Registration is now open for the Steubenville Youth Conference being held next summer in Rochester (July 14-16). Steubenville is an *extraordinary*, and affordable youth conference opportunity! Come and experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us! Flyers are being sent home with 8th Grade and older students at religion classes. Early Bird registration is due by January 15th but sign up should be sooner. Contact Kellie Sloat, Anita Wier or Berny Berger for more information held.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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

Lector: Jerome Petersen **Dist:** Steve Grosam **Servers:** Abby & Kelly Willegal **Ushers:** Ron Bastian, Joey Bastian, Jim Dingles
Gifts: Ron & Barb Bastian **Sacristan:** Jeannine Grosam

Sunday, **January 1st**-10:00 AM (**Notice Day & Time Change**)

Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth **Dist:** Connie Tautges **Servers:** Sofia & Ella Nachreiner **Ushers:** Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Brad & Kjersti Bastian **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

Sunday, **January 8th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge **Dist:** Mavis Lindmeyer **Servers:** Kyler & Mirra Sjogren **Ushers:** Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** James & Berny Berger **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner" of \$100 for Week #38, goes to **Mary Renner**, of Winthrop. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

CHOIR will sing Saturday, December 17th, at the 5 p.m. Mass, meeting to practice at 4:30 p.m. We will also practice for a half hour after that Mass for Christmas eve. Choir sings for Christmas Eve, December 24th, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, meeting to practice at 3:45 p.m. that afternoon. New members welcome and needed!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: If you are able and willing, please join us as we decorate the Christmas tree, manger and altar of St. Willibrord's church on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Many hands make the job easier, go quickly, and merry. Men are needed to carry totes from the basement upstairs and women and families are needed to set out the decorations and manger scene. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022, FROM 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM, ST. WILLIBRORD'S WILL BE HAVING ADORATION. There should always be someone present in the church during adoration. If you would be willing to come and stay for an hour, please sign up on the sheet on the table at the entrance by **Saturday, December 17**. This is a wonderful opportunity for men, women, and families to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray, read scripture, and reflect in silence during this Advent season. Individual confessions will be offered from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Thank you to those who are willing to sign up to help and stay for an hour!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022-December 14th, 2022	
Income	\$62,646.54 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)
Expenses	<u>\$44,336.98</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$18,309.56

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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

Lector: Harry Slood **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Witucki **Servers:** Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse **Gifts:** Tom & Sam Langhoff **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vicki Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Sue Lauwagie

Saturday, **December 31st-5:00 PM (Day & Time Change)**

Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tyler & Emilee Stehr **Servers:** Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger **Gifts:** Matt & Kristin McCue **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

Saturday, **January 7th-5:00 PM (Day & Time Change)**

Lector: Barb Pagel **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jason & Carly Tupy **Servers:** Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer **Gifts:** Bill & Che May **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

2023 ENVELOPES are on table in narthex and parishioners should pick them up.

ST. ANDREW’S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, **December 24th-6:30 PM (Christmas Eve)**

Lector: Pat Buboltz **Dist:** George Wendinger **Servers:** Elyiana & Kayln Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl **Ushers:** Gilbert Borth, Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen **Gifts:** Michael & Barbara Beranek **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Sunday, **December 25th-10:00 AM (Christmas Day)**

Lector: Anita Weir **Dist:** Desiree Ziegler **Servers:** Nathan & Zach Sandgren, Nico Nosbush **Ushers:** Gerald Jandl, Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel, Tom P Borth **Gifts:** Dave & Jody Busch **Sacristan:** Agnes Wendinger

Sunday, **January 1st-8:00 AM (Time Change)**

Lector: Jan Simonsen **Dist:** Karen Bastian **Servers:** Annika Nosbush, Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner **Ushers:** Joe Nachreiner, John Rieke, Brian Marquardt, LeRoy Schweiss **Gifts:** Mary & Melvin Eckstein **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Sunday, **January 8th-8:00 AM**

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Dist:** Eloina & Rodrigo Carillo **Servers:** Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir **Ushers:** John Case, Leroy Nosbush, Dave Nosbush, Mike Vait **Gifts:** Richard & LeAnn Frank **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck/Brenda Frank

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022, FROM 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM, ST. ANDREW’S WILL BE HAVING ADORATION. There is a sign-up sheet in church, please take advantage of this opportunity and spend an hour in silent adoration. Someone should be in the church at all times throughout the day. Individual confessions will be offered from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.


FREE 3 TV’S ON TALL METAL STANDS (one with VCR) that were used for religious ed. If anyone is interested in taking one, please call Karen Guggisberg at (507) 426-7348.

ST. ANN’S FUNERAL GROUP 5: Denine Hellendrung, Desiree Ziegler

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022 – December 14th, 2022			
Income	\$ 79,367.43	Donations to Maintenance Fund	\$20,180.00
Expenses	\$ 70,084.01	Roof Payment	<u>93,578.75</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 9,283.42	Shortfall	(\$73,398.75)



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www.dnu.org

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT BY BISHOP CHAD ZIELINSKI DECEMBER 18, 2022
Please see DNU website for this reflection



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 21st. Names will be printed in the December 25th bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: _____

Parish: _____

In Memory of: _____