

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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 pre- pare 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 21	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 22	8:30 AM	Fairfax	Spec. Int-All Farmers
Wednesday, December 23	8:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec. Int-A
Thursday, December 24	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Gibbon-CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	+Mary & Otto Hartmann
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Fairfax-CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	+/Spec. Int-John Weldy & Kathy Bianchi
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Fairfax-CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	+Shirley Frank
Friday, December 25	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Winthrop-CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	+Jan Schwecke
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fairfax-CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	+Gene Schroeder
Saturday, December 26	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, December 27	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Mary Ziegler
	10:30 AM	Gibbon	+Stan Lauwagie

### Reflection Questions for Fourth Sunday of Advent

How do I bear witness to my faith? How can the world see that the Lord is with me?



### Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

**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

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

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

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

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

**Friday:** 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 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



## *Faith + Hope + Love*

As one year ends and another is about to begin, we look to Mary, the Mother of Our Lord and Savior!

We pray that you have Faith enough to say YES when the Lord asks, Hope enough to believe in the power of what you carry within you and Love enough to trust in Him who is leading the way! Pope Francis has proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to St. Joseph, beginning on December 8, 2020. St. Joseph was a humble man who was obedient to God in all things. May he obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

May God Bless you richly in this season and always!

*From: The All Saints Area Faith Community Staff*

*Fr. Bruno Santiago OSB*

*Kellie Sloat*

*Danette Polzin*

We know the story. The Annunciation has been a classic depiction in art through the centuries. **Gabriel speaks to Mary, announcing that she who is a virgin shall conceive through the Holy Spirit and give birth to a son.** Mary agrees to God's request.

As a grown-up man, Jesus will be known as a humble preacher from the place where "nothing good comes" (John 1:46). He will be rejected as a prophet because he comes from Nazareth. This humble town links the birth and death of Jesus, the King of the universe! In the plan of salvation God has always a preferential option for places of insignificance and for people who lack qualifications from the worldly point of view for His mission. In salvation history we see always God choosing the weak, the humble and the simple for His work of redemption.

**"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all my longings! I love you Lord!"**

I would like to encourage everyone to **find your way to the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometime during this season of Advent.** Take the opportunity to make a good "housekeeping of the heart" with the Lord.

Awaken to the presence of God on Christmas morning. **"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth"** (John 1:14). An amazing truth occurred at the first Christmas; God came and lived among us. Even more amazing, He continues to live among us still.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS** I would like to wish all of you a happy and blessed Christmas. May God grant you abundant peace and overflowing joy.

Fr. Bruno OSB

**OFFICE HOURS:** For the coming next two weeks, I will be in the office Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Bulletin items need to be here by Tuesday at 3:00 pm. Thanks.

**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 PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Dec 21** Lawrence Schweiss, Kathy Bianchi  
**Dec 22** Edward Kokesch, Alan Banda  
**Dec 23** Connor Sullivan. Laurie Edick  
**Dec 24** Jackie Anderson, Dave Buboltz, Kitty Coles  
**Dec 25** Jolene Fahey  
**Dec 26** Mitchell Schroeder, Mike McCorquodale, Marie Wiltscheck  
**Dec 27** Katie Louisiana, Grace Sullivan, Ronald Bastian



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

**Kitzelin Morales**, daughter of Erik Morales & Karen Enriquez, who was baptized at St. Willibrord's on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

*May this child and her family grow in faith and the 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**

There are two **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES** scheduled for 4:30 pm. and 6:30 pm. at St. Andrew in Fairfax. With limited seating capacity in the church this year, **you are asked to sign up in advance for Christmas Mass.** Please sign up as soon as possible by calling the parish office at (507) 426-7739. Give the total number of persons attending including yourself. **Once the capacity for a Mass has been filled, that option will no longer be available and you will be asked to attend the other scheduled Mass.**

### **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

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

**THANKS FOR GIVING!** “We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s second collection.

## 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 from Retirement Plans

Retirement plan assets can be a practical source from which to make charitable gifts to your parish. If you are over 70 1/2 and are required to take withdrawals from a Traditional IRA, you may want to consider making a charitable gift using all or a portion of your mandatory withdrawal amount. This way of giving may result in little or no tax impact when you report the amount withdrawn along with an offsetting charitable deduction.

**Dear All Saints Area Faith Community Members: SPECIAL NOTE: We sincerely apologize for the delay in the organization of the “Christmas Thank You Gift” for Father Bruno. We would appreciate your help in getting this message to other parish members that will not receive the letter via: Flocknotes and Email. Due to timing, the letter will NOT be mailed out.**

Father Bruno has done a wonderful job taking care of our All Saints Community Parishes. Christmas is a good time to say “Thank You” for his generosity and dedication he’s shown us throughout the year.

Like last year, anyone who wishes can contribute to this fund. Money can be donated at the following locations or in the Sunday Collection marked as “Christmas Gift”. **Donations need to be received by Tuesday, December 22, 2020.** Checks can be made out to **All Saints AFC.** Winthrop Auto Repair-Bill or Che May, MinnWest Bank of Gibbon-Vickie Dreier, First National Bank-Fairfax-Pat Buboltz, Frandsen Bank & Trust-Fairfax-Karen Bastian, Fairfax Agency-Craig or Alissa Buboltz, Parish Office – Marked “Christmas Gift”

You may donate any amount that fits your family’s budget. If you are wondering what to give, any amount is greatly appreciated. In the past, \$30 per family was suggested to show our appreciation for all he does. Again, we apologize for the delay. We would appreciate you spreading the word to parish members. We thank you for your time and support! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Area Pastoral Council

## WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew’s	St. Francis’s	St. Willibrord’s
Adult	3,043.00	1,700.00	420.00
Loose Plate	38.00	21.00	23.00
Christmas Flowers	165.00	25.00	215.00
Building		50.00	
Memorial		10.00	
Votive Candles			3.00
Spanish Mass	129.00		
Immaculate Conception	125.00	10.00	
Retirement for Religious	508.00	70.00	195.36
Easter	200.00		
Christmas	260.00		100.00
CUF			100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,468.00</b>	<b>\$1,886.00</b>	<b>\$1,056.36</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: 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 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.

## ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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

**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!

### **STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021**

Giving July 1st, 2020-December 16th, 2020

Income \$ 36,798.34 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$ 36,670.54

**Net Gain/Loss \$ 127.80**

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Friday, <b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b> -8:00 AM ( <b>Christmas Day</b> )
<b>Lector:</b> Barb Pagel <b>Ushers:</b> Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid <b>Sacristan:</b> Che May <b>Money Counters:</b> Gary Neid, Bill May
Saturday, <b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b> -4:00 PM
<b>Lector:</b> Dave Schauer <b>Ushers:</b> Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid <b>Sacristan:</b> Che May <b>Money Counters:</b> Gary Neid, Bill May
Sunday, <b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b> -10:30 AM
<b>Lector:</b> Kellie Sloat <b>Ushers:</b> Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer <b>Sacristan:</b> Dave & Lorie Schauer <b>Money Counters:</b> Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki
Sunday, <b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM
<b>Lector:</b> Yvonne O'Brien <b>Ushers:</b> Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer <b>Sacristan:</b> Dave & Lorie Schauer <b>Money Counters:</b> Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki

**THANK YOU!** The Social Concerns committee was able to bring 18# of non-perishable food to the Sibley County FoodShare from St. Francis parish. Thank you for helping in this time of need!

## ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Thursday, <b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b> -4:30 PM & 6:30 PM ( <b>Christmas Eve-two masses</b> )
<b>Lector:</b> Jody Busch/Pat Buboltz <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Chuck Marlowe
Sunday, <b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b> -8:30 AM
<b>Lector:</b> Anita Weir <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Brenda Runck
Saturday, <b>January 2<sup>nd</sup></b> -4:00 PM
<b>Lector:</b> Agnes Kiecker <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Chuck Marlowe
Saturday, <b>January 9<sup>th</sup></b> -4:00 PM
<b>Lector:</b> Janet Simonsen <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Colleen Schweiss

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED** food or cash for the Renville County Food Shelf. We donated 128# of food. WOW, what a wonderful donation to those in need. It was very much appreciated. Social Concerns – Agnes Wendinger & Sandy Hellendrung

**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](mailto: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.

**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 16th, 2020

Income \$ 80,769.84 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)

Expenses \$ ( 65,454.09 )

**Net Gain/Loss \$ 15,315.75**

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

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT - ST. ANDREW'S**

### **DONOR**

LeAnder & Mary Nachreiner

Borth Family  
Kathy Schroeder

Steve & Susie Schroeder Families  
Brenda Frank  
David Borth  
George & Agnes Wendinger  
Ed Bauman, David & Mary Jo Hoffmann, Corey &  
Ann Petersen  
Marion & Mike Zollner  
Leo & Cindy Schweiss  
Mike & Barb Freitag  
William & Luke Bastian, Brent & Jaxon Domeier  
Dave & Pat Buboltz  
Rita Domeier, Paul Clobes

Deb Nachreiner  
Richard & Sandy Hellendrung  
Dory Schreiner  
Tom Nachreiner  
Ron & Peggy Louisiana  
Fahey Family  
Gilbert Borth Family  
Karen Guggisberg  
The Boehm Family  
Paul & Jan Simonsen

Mark & Doris Marquardt  
Mary Ann Dummer  
Rosemary Vait  
Patricia & William Becker  
Dave & Jody Busch  
Ruth & Paul Domeier, Duane & Maria Cuff, Brad & Deb Cuff

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Henry Kriener, Edmund, Loretta, Tim & Tony  
Nachreiner  
Leonard & Lucille Borth  
Gene Schroeder, Bruce Pfaff, Friends & Family  
Members  
Gene Schroeder  
Curt Frank, Steve Linsmeier  
Doreen Borth, Carolyn Borth  
Marion, Joseph & Clara Wendinger  
Joseph Jr & Bernice Pfeffer

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Lawrence Roiger, Alex & Christina Schweiss  
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David Domeier  
Phil & Pearl Meier, Clarence, Phyllis & Dan Buboltz  
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Otto & Lozina Clobes  
Don & Helen Waibel, Greg Waibel, Don Waibel, Jr.  
Hellendrung & Rubischko Families  
LeRoy Schreiner & family relatives  
Loretta, Edmund, Tim & Tony Nachreiner & family members  
Donna & Tom Case  
Jerome & Ada Family  
Carolyn, Adeline & All Deceased Family Members  
Kneip & Guggisberg Families  
The Boehm Family  
Bernard, Mary Simonsen, Arvid Nesseth, Edith Nesseth Buhler, Russ  
Buhler  
Deceased Family & Friends  
Henrick & Dummer Families  
Vait & Rathmann Families  
Buddy & Arlene Gerardy  
Gilbert & Bea Schweiss  
Jerry & Rosemary Cuff



## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT – ST. WILLIBRORD'S**

### **DONOR**

Butch & Amy Weber and Family  
Carol Haas

Vickie & Kevin Dreier  
Ron & Barb Bastian  
Jason & Jennifer Haas and Girls  
Shirley Lauwagie  
Lyle & Rose Forst  
Clete Krzmarzick  
Fran Meyer Family  
Karen & Kevin Spaude  
Davis Biebl  
Dave & Delores Kokesch

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Lester & Angie Weber, Alex & Christina Schweiss  
Paul, Chet and Gary Peterson, Kenny, Cecelia & Joe Haas, Delores & Leo  
Peterson  
Harry Lauwagie and Grandparents  
Ambrose Bastian, Otto & Ida Janni  
Our Grandparents and Beautiful Mom  
Harry Lauwagie  
Benny Beranek  
Deb Krzmarzick  
Melvin & Leona Braulick and Rosie Meyer  
Members of the Harry Durnan Family, Merton Johnson  
Ruth Ann Callier, Allie & Helen Biebl  
Dean Kokesch

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

### **DONOR**

Mike Rein  
Lorraine Ravnaas

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Richard & Verna Rein  
Witucki, Ravnaas & Kuehn Families