

ST. ANDREW'S FAIRFAX, MN ST. WILLIBRORD'S GIBBON, MN ST. FRANCIS DE SALES WINTHROP, MN

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St. Andrew – Karen Guggisberg 507-426-7348 St. Willibrord – Genny Neyers 507-834-6659 St. Francis – Kellie Sloot 320-583-6755

National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Please contact Fr. Brendan at least six months ahead of time to plan and prepare for your wedding. No wedding date is final until approved by Fr. Brendan. **BAPTISMS:** Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Father Brendan 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, Dec 25	8:00 AM	Winthrop (Christmas Day)	+Marvin Weber
	10:00 AM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	
Tuesday, Dec 26	NO MASS		
Wednesday, Dec 27	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Adeline, Daniel & Gary Grosam
Thursday, Dec 28	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Bob Serbus
Friday, Dec 29	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Greg Bieraugel
Saturday, Dec 30	4:30 PM	Reconciliation prior to Mass	
	5:00 PM	Gibbon (Reg Mass)	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, Dec 31	8:00 AM	Winthrop (Reg Mass)	+Mary Lou Hanson
	10:00 AM	Fairfax (Reg Mass)	+Clarence & Marie Guggisberg family
	4:00 PM	Fairfax (New Year's Eve)	+Curtis Frank
	5:30 PM	Gibbon (New Year's Eve)	+Delores Bullemer
Monday, Jan 1	8:00 AM	Winthrop (New Year's Day)	+Bennett & Shirley Juenemann

Reflection Question for Fourth Sunday of Advent How can my faith help me grow to be a better parent/sibling/daughter/son and family member?



Readings for the Week of December 24, 2023 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 Monday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/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

Reflection meditation – letter to the parish,

Dear Parish Family,

I want to take this time to wish all of you a continued very blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is a blessing to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all of you and what a gift you are to me to deepen my faith in the Eucharist and the Church. As a family we can encourage each other in faith.

Thank you to all who decorated our churches for Christmas and to all who are preparing for ministries in our celebrations especially those involved in music ministry. A lot of work goes into these holy seasons and your contribution adds to our praise and worship of God.

Thank you to all who have contributed financially to our parishes this year. I invite you, if you are able, to be generous in your contributions to our parishes. Your support ensures the financial well-being of the many ministries and activities that are possible because of your support.

In the new year, the AFC will host a Food for the Poor Mission this coming January 13-14. Fr. Sam Perez will celebrate the Masses the weekend of January 20-21. It will be while I am on a retreat in Assisi and pilgrimage to Rome this January 8-20. On the way back I will spend a few days visiting family in Germany. Please pray that the retreat I will make in Assisi is blessed by the Holy Spirit as a time of spiritual and personal renewal, especially at the start of 2024. As always, contact the office for emergencies.

I pray God will abundantly bless your families, jobs and businesses, farms and manufacturing, and faith in God's love throughout all of 2024. May your blessings be better than expected and always above average!

In Christ, Fr. Rolling

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Tuesday, December 26th & January 2nd.

WINTHROP MASS INTENTIONS ARE GETTING LOW. 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. 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 24 Jackie Anderson, Dave Buboltz, Haleigh Platz
- Dec 25 Jolene Fahey, Samuel Rico
- Dec 26 Mitchell Schroeder, Marie Wiltscheck
- Dec 27 Ronald Bastian
- Dec 28 Jerry & Connie Schaufler Anniv.
- Dec 29 Nick Krueger, Everly Marin
- Dec 30 Agnes Mathiowetz, Agnes Wendinger, Lidia Gonzalez, Zachary Sandgren, Rodney & Sharon Briese Anniv., Michael O'Brien

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 – There will be a break until February 8th.

GETTING MARRIED. Please note the dates for the 2024 PreMarriage program are now posted on the Family Life page of the Diocese of New Ulm, DNU, website. New PreMarriage booklets are at the entrance to all churches.

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR –Sunday, January 7th, at St. Willibrord's, from **4:00 to 5:00** p.m. Holy Hour will include praying the rosary, scripture readings, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!



Please Remember in Praye **Casey O'Brien** St. Francis de Sales Arvina Schweiss St. Andrew's Elsie Linsmeier St. Andrew Mary Schweiss St. Andrew's Millie Forst St. Willibrord's Adeline Roiger St. Andrew Pat Fahev St. Andrew's Lyle Muth St. Francis de Sales George Schweiss St. Willibrord's Michelle Lindenfelser (Schwecke) St. Francis de Sales Claire Van Epp St. Andrew's Ray Berg St. Willibrord's **RoseMarie Garrahy** St. Andrew's Mary Liebl St. Andrew's Pete & Marianne Machaiek St Francis de Sales

ANOTHER MALE CHAPERONE may be needed for our Steubenville Conference trip next July 12-14 in Rochester. We have 10 boys who plan on attending, and need one male chaperone for every 8 boys. This is a great experience, and one that you would never regret volunteering for! Please contact Berny Berger (320) 583-7975, or Brent Lang (612) 418-2768 for answers to any questions you may have about this opportunity.

DONATE A BIBLE. Would you consider making a gift for our 20 students for their Sacrament of Confirmation? My hope is that parishioners will celebrate their Confirmation with a gift of the Great Adventure Bible from Ascension Press. We are able to get a 10% discount so each Bible costs \$58.45. Kellie Sloot describes it as a "beautiful book! Feels nice, pages are nice weight paper, it lays open flat. And yes, the study notes and etc. are awesome!" We need funds of about \$1,200 to include shipping. You can help send these young people off to college and jobs with a Bible they will want on their shelf. Thank you for considering this gift to our future adult parishioners.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY This is a winter weather reminder that if law enforcement announces a no travel advisory, or if school is cancelled or has a late start in your school district, there will be NO mass in your town that day. Also, if school is let out early due to weather, there will be no parish activity or Religious Education Class that evening. Please be sure to sign up for "Flocknote" by texting allsaints4 to 84576 to get text updates from parish staff and listen to the following station for weather related announcements: KNUJ (860 AM) in New Ulm

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	2,558.00	1,563.00	6,111.00
Loose/Youth Plate	835.88	159.00	48.00
Building/Maint/Furnace	150.00	100.00	10.00
DUF	125.00		
Catholic Education	5.00		
Rental		100.00	
Christmas Flowers	115.00	85.00	220.00
Refund		109.00	
Christmas	725.00	50.00	1,650.00
Easter	25.00		
Fuel			90.00
Retirement for Religious			100.00
TOTAL	\$4,538.88	\$2,166.00	\$8,229.00

WEEKLY OFFERING

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, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and SGT Colin Jackson, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

"One in Christ" DMA Appeal Funds Summary as of December 19, 2023. Parish Goals: St. Andrew \$14,978.10, total cash received \$10,430.00. St. Willibrord \$8,665.02, total cash received \$5,200.00. St Francis de Sales \$6,932.01, total cash received \$5,635.00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday Dec 20, 2023: No Class – Christmas Break Wednesday, Jan 3, 2024: Class Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024: Class Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024: Class – Confirmation Interviews Wednesday Dec 27, 2023: No Class – Christmas Break Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024: Class Saturday, Jan 20, 2024: Confirmation Retreat & ROI Mass Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024: Class – 2nd Grade First Reconciliation 6:30 pm Gibbon

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE – If anyone decides they would like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference next July 12-14, in Rochester, MN, please contact Berny Berger (<u>ibberger1972@gmail.com</u> or 320-583-7975). Registration is still possible, though the cost is slightly higher. Fundraisers are available for this great experience for our youth, and additional chaperons are still needed!

ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP 9-12TH Every 1st Sunday of each month we will meet with unique activities listed monthly! Come to the Gibbon Parsonage next to the church from noon to 1:00 for pizza and fun in Christ. Bring your own pop or juice.

Please note: Religious Education classes will be held from 6:30-7:30pm beginning Wednesday January 3rd. Pizza for the confirmation students and snacks for 9th grade and under will be available beginning at 6pm. An e-mail with details was sent to all families by Flocknote. Contact Kellie Sloot if you have questions.

<u>ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON</u>

Saturday, December 30th-5:00 PM

Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge Dist: Geneva Klover Servers: Kyler & Mirra Sjogren Ushers: Joel Wiltscheck, Clete Krzmarzick, Tom Forstner Gifts: Diane Hartmann, Geneva Klover Sacristan: Jeannine Grosam

Sunday, December 31st-5:30 PM (New Year's Eve)

Lector: Alan Neyers Dist: Jeannine Grosam Servers: Mandy & Imani Prigge Ushers: Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer, Nick Stadtherr Gifts: Brian & Jennifer Kretsch Sacristan: Connie Tautges

Sunday, January 7th-10:00 AM (Mass Time Change)

Lector: Gail Herschman Dist: Rose Forst Servers: Christopher & Gabriel Ruiz, Regie Mattes Ushers: Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer, Nick Stadtherr Gifts: Fran Meyer, Linda Olson Sacristan: Kathy Bruns

Sunday, January 14th-10:00 AM

Lector: Melvin Neyers/Regie Mattes Dist: Steve Grosam Servers: Jose & Silvana Ruiz Ushers: Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer, Nick Stadtherr Gifts: Melvin & Genny Neyers Sacristan: Jeannine Grosam

The Parish Volunteer Team of Catholic United Financial are meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 following the 8:30 AM mass to discuss event planning for 2024 along with other business. This meeting is for all CUF members. Please come join us! The CUF Team will be presenting a \$1,000 matching grant check to Father for our religious education program at the 5:00 mass on Saturday, December 30. Catholic United Financial is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial services company, connecting people of faith, protecting their future and generously impacting parishes, schools and communities. Local Sales Representative is David Schonhardt, telephone: 763-760-9058, e-mail: <u>dschonhardt@catholicunited.org</u>

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

 Giving July 1st, 2023-December 20th, 2023

 Income
 \$ 78,654.02

 Expenses
 \$ 50,711.08

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 27,942.94

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, December 31st 8:00 AM (Regular Mass)

Lectors: Ron Hillesheim Eucharistic Ministers: Tyler & Emilee Stehr Servers: Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger Gifts: Joel & Lynn Majeski Ushers: Bill & Che May, Gary & Vicki Neid Money Counters Gary Neid, Bill May Sacristan: Michelle Oswald

Monday, January 1st-8:00 AM (New Year's Day Mass)

Volunteers-If anyone would like to fill one of the mass assignments, please let me know.

Saturday, **January 6th**⁻5:00 PM (Mass Time Change)

Lectors: Tyler & Emilee Stehr Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Portner Servers: Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer Gifts: Leon Lang, Ron Hillesheim Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer

Saturday, January 13th 5:00 PM

Lectors: Mary Nelson Eucharistic Ministers: Dave & Lorie Schauer Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, AlanBanda Gifts: Tom & Celeste Witucki Ushers: Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer Money Counters Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki Sacristan: Dave & Lorie Schauer

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2024 envelopes from the table in the entry to the church-it saves us the cost of mailing them out.

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, December 31st-10:00 AM (Regular Mass)

Lector: Pat Buboltz Dist: Myron Schweiss Servers: Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir Ushers: Dave Borth, Kevin Schweiss Gifts: Leo & Cindy Schweiss Sacristan: Brenda Runck

Sunday, December 31st-4:00 PM (New Year's Eve Mass)

Lector: Anita Weir Dist: Volunteer Servers: Kaden Weir Ushers: Volunteers Gifts: Volunteers Sacristan: Agnes Wendinger Sunday, January 7th-8:00 AM (Mass Time Change)

Lector: Agnes Kiecker Dist: Karen Bastian Servers: Zach Sandgren, Nico Nosbush, Bernardo Davila Ushers: Kevin Roiger, David Runck, Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth Gifts: Volunteer Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Sunday, January 14th-8:00 AM

Lector: Cindy Rieke Dist: Maria Davila, Lidia Gonzalez Servers: Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner, Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl Ushers: Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl Gifts: Victor & Connie Serbus Sacristan: Cindy Rieke

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023 - December 20th, 2023

Net Gain/Loss	<u>\$</u>	6,420.82
Expenses	¢	87.489.48
Income	\$	93,910.30

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ENGLISH:

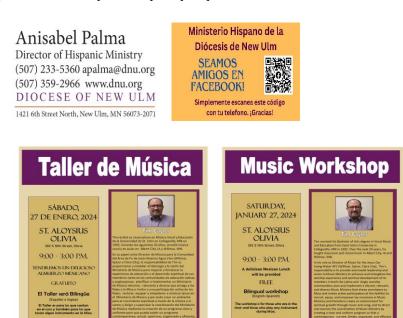
Dear community: Merry Christmas! In the birth of a son, who is the same God, we see the immense proof of love that our Creator Father gives us. May this Christmas prompt us to cultivate love and forgiveness towards those who have mistreated us or have not responded to our goodwill. May we learn to love everyone as God loves us.

"Oh my God, my king, the one who rescues and consoles, You, who when presenting your firstborn to the world, ordered: 'Let all the angels of God adore Him.' We implore you for your grace to receive your envoy, Jesus Christ, and through Him become children of God. We ask this through the one who existed from the beginning, the very Word, heir of all things, through whom the universe was created. We ask this through your Son, the radiance of your glory, faithful reflection of your being and foundation of everything through His powerful word. We beseech this through the one who is the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

SPANISH:

Querida comunidad: ¡Feliz Navidad! En este nacimiento de un hijo, que es el mismo Dios, vemos la inmensa prueba de amor que nos brinda nuestro Padre Creador. Que esta Navidad nos impulse a cultivar el amor y el perdón hacia aquellos que nos han tratado mal o no han correspondido a nuestra buena voluntad. Que aprendamos a amar a todos como Dios nos ama.

"Oh Dios mío, mi rey, aquel que rescata y consuela, Tú, que al presentar a tu primogénito en el mundo, ordenaste: 'Que todos los ángeles de Dios lo adoren'. Te suplicamos por tu gracia para recibir a tu enviado, Jesucristo, y a través de él convertirnos en hijos de Dios. Te lo pedimos por aquel que existía desde el principio, la Palabra misma, heredero de todas las cosas y por medio del cual se creó el universo. Te lo pedimos por tu Hijo, el esplendor de tu gloria, reflejo fiel de tu ser y fundamento de todo mediante su palabra poderosa. Te lo imploramos por aquel que es la Palabra encarnada, JesucristNuestro Señor. Amén."



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT - ST. ANDREW'S

DONOR

Kathy Schroeder Borth Family Brenda Frank George & Agnes Wendinger Ed Bauman, David & Mary Jo Hoffmann, Corey & Ann Petersen William & Luke Bastian, Brent & Jaxon Domeier Dave & Pat Buboltz Richard & Sandy Hellendrung Pat & Lana Schreiner Fahey Family Karen Guggisberg Mary Ann Dummer Domeier Families Gilbert Borth LeAnder & Mary Nachreiner Mike & Barb Freitag Rita Domeier & Paul Clobes

Tom Nachreiner Richard & Margery Schmidt Leo & Cindy Schweiss

IN MEMORY OF

Deceased Family Members Leonard & Lucille Borth Curt Frank, Frank & Linsmeier families Marion, Joseph & Clara Wendinger Joseph Jr & Bernice Pfeffer



David Domeier Phil & Pearl Meier, Clarence & Phyllis Buboltz Hellendrung & Rubischko Families LeRoy Schreiner Jerome & Ada Family Kneip & Guggisberg Famlies Henrich & Dummer Families George & Frances Domeier Carolyn Borth & All Deceased Members of the Borth & Timm Families Henry Kriener, Edmund & Loretta Nachreiner, Tim & Tony Nachreiner Clarence & Ann Woldengen, Ray Windschitl David Domeier, Leonard & Florence Sellner, Otto & Lozina Clobes & George & Frances Domeier Loretta, Edmund, Tim & Tony Nachreiner Harold & Gertrude Palmer family Lawrence Roiger & Alex & Christina Schweiss families

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT – ST. WILLIBRORD'S IN MEMORY OF

DONOR Lyle & Rose Forst Clete Krzmarzick Carol Haas Roger & Karen Holm Ron & Kay Klement Barb Stueber, Tom, Mark & Robert Forstner

Benny Beranek, Stan Forst & Davis Biebl Deb Krzmarzick Haas & Peterson Families Henry & Bernice Holm, Ambrose Bastian Parents and Grandparents Donna & Kenny Forstner

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

DONOR

Mike Rein Dennis & Joan Dording Yvonne O'Brien Barb Pagel Jane Weber IN MEMORY OF

Richard & Verna Rein Stacy Dording Pat O'Brien, John O'Brien & Sylvie O'Brien Gerald Pagel, Yates Vaughn Pagel & Mary Hartten Marvin Weber