



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. 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 4	NO MASS		
Tuesday, Dec 5	NO MASS		
Wednesday, Dec 6	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Cathy Willegal
Thursday, Dec 7	5:30 PM	Fx-Immaculate Conception	+Christian Mothers
	7:00 PM	Gb-Immaculate Conception	+Davis Biebl
Friday, Dec 8	9:30 AM	Wn-Immaculate Conception	+Thelma Nierengarten
Saturday, Dec 9	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Gibbon	+Carrolynn Rathmann
Sunday, Dec 10	8:00 AM	Winthrop	+Bette Larson
	10:00 AM	Fairfax	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	12:00 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please see Area bulletin announcements for Advent Penance/Adoration Services times on Dec 9 & 10

Reflection Question for First Sunday of Advent



Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Reflection meditation:

Advent begins a new year as we prepare for the arrival of the child Jesus. A mom and dad who are expecting a newborn will paint the baby's room. Family and friends will host a baby shower with gifts and supplies. Crafters will sew new quilts or crochet afghan blankets. A carpenter in the family may even custom build a crib. The existence of a new life means everyone's life will go in a new direction. Like with a newborn we turn toward the new life of Jesus in the womb of Mary this Advent. The Responsorial for Psalm 80 says, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." A retreat leader once said what's important isn't how far or how close you are to God, what matters is what direction you are facing. Lord, "Let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Blessings, Fr. Rolling

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

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING changed to Thursday, December 7th, at 8:00 pm

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 3 Trevor Hanson, Tom Langhoff, Joel & Lynn Majeski Anniv., Dave & Lorie Schauer Anniv.

Dec 4 Evarose Davila

Dec 5 Barb Borth

Dec 6

Dec 7 Dianne Merkel

Dec 8 Pat Fahey, Mike & Barb Freitag Anniv., Carolina Carrillo, Joan Eckert

Dec 9 Charlene Forst, Nathan Meyer

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 10 – Blinded By The Kingdom. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at St. Willibrord's Church.

GETTING MARRIED. Three couples just signed up for marriage prep! More on the way. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR – Sunday, December 3rd, 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!

"RELIGIOUS ARE BLESSED TO SERVE," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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 Sloom 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.

THANK YOU MELVIN NEYERS for donating the Advent reflection booklet written by Bishop Barron to each of our AFC parishes. The writings of Bishop Barron are very relatable.

ADVENT PENANCE & ADORATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 9th

4:00-4:50 pm, Gibbon, Advent Penance & Adoration Service

5:00 pm, Gibbon, Sunday Mass



Please Remember in Prayer

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 Fahey

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

Sunday, December 10th

7:00-7:50 am, Winthrop, Advent Penance & Adoration Service

8:00 am, Winthrop, Mass (Christmas program after Mass)

10:00 am, Fairfax, Mass

11:00 am-Noon, Fairfax, Advent Penance & Adoration Service

(2:00 pm, Fairfax, Christmas Cantata, contact is Joe Voss)

T-BIRD COMMUNITY ARTS WILL BE HOLDING THEIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA “A New & Glorious Morn!” on Saturday, December 9th, at Peace Lutheran Church in Winthrop at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 10th at St. Andrew’s in Fairfax at 2:00 pm

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA? How about a 50-week calendar raffle ticket! St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial is selling a 50-week raffle ticket for a donation of \$50.00 for chances to win \$100.00, \$200.00 or \$500.00. Drawing will be held January 7, 2024. Proceeds will be used for educational and various church sponsored activities. Tickets are being sold before and after 5:00 PM Masses at St. Willibrord's through December 16. Thank you for your support.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew’s	St. Francis’s	St. Willibrord’s
Adult	1,783.00	782.00	884.00
Loose/Youth Plate	48.00	102.00	67.00
Building/Maint/Furnace	1,908.16		75.00
Fuel	40.00		
Rental Income	50.00		
Patronage Earned	147.28		22.57
Fall Collection	454.41		
Thanksgiving (Ministerial)		106.00	
Christmas Flowers		20.00	
Campaign for Human Dev			10.00
TOTAL	\$4,430.85	\$1,010.00	\$1,058.57

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

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. **At our parishes for example you could give to operational needs like the St. Andrew’s tower repair project, St. Willibrord’s HVAC project, St. Francis de Sales AC project.** 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.

Gift of Grain

Farmers can qualify for income and self-employment tax savings on raised grain if the unsold grain is gifted to your parish. The grain must be delivered to an elevator and the actual storage ticket should be given to the parish. In order to qualify for the tax savings, it’s critical that the parish sells the grain and not the person gifting the grain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday Dec 6, 2023: Class – Student Reconciliation Gibbon Grades 8-11

Wednesday Dec 13, 2023: Class – Student Reconciliation Gibbon Grades 3-7

Wednesday Dec 20, 2023: No Class – Christmas Break

Wednesday Dec 27, 2023: No Class – Christmas Break

STEBENVILLE CONFERENCE – If anyone decides they would like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference next July 12-14, in Rochester, MN, please contact Berny Berger (jbberger1972@gmail.com 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.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Thursday, **December 7th**-7:00 PM (Immaculate Conception)

Lector: Amy Weber **Dist:** Connie Tautges **Servers:** Briana Roche, TBD **Ushers:** Joel Wiltscheck, Clete Krzmarzick, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Kathy & Randy Bruns **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

Saturday, **December 9th**-5:00 PM

Lector: Melvin Neyers/Regie Mattes **Dist:** Mavis Lindmeyer **Servers:** Sofia & Ella Nachreiner **Ushers:** Joel Wiltscheck, Clete Krzmarzick, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Jay & Sandra Howe **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

Saturday, **December 16th**-5:00 PM

Lector: Jerome Petersen **Dist:** Connie Tautges **Servers:** Jennifer Guzman, Melody Exum **Ushers:** Joel Wiltscheck, Clete Krzmarzick, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Ronald & Kay Klement **Sacristan:** Charlene Forst

Saturday, **December 23rd**-5:00 PM

Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth **Dist:** Grace Rubischko **Servers:** Abby & Kelly Willegal **Ushers:** Joel Wiltscheck, Clete Krzmarzick, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Dave & Dolores Kokesch **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

WELCOME FR. BRENDAN! St. Willibrord's will have a welcome supper for Fr. Brendan after Mass on Saturday, December 2nd. All are invited to come for supper and thank Fr. Brendan for coming to our All Saints AFC and St. Willibrord's!

SURVEY: Please take a few minutes to read, complete and return in the collection basket the attached Survey. This will assist St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial parish team in planning activities and fun social events. Thank you!

CCW WINTER MEETING - St. Willibrord's CCW will have their winter meeting on Saturday morning, December 9th, at 9 a.m. in the social hall. All women of the parish are members of CCW and are invited to attend. If you have any items you wish to discuss, please let Berny know by Wednesday, December 6th. Thank you to all women who help our parish in any way!

EXTRA ROSARIES? If you have extra rosaries at home, either from family or friends (or from charities), and wish to donate them to the church for our Rosary stand on the table in the entryway of church, please leave them there on the table in a bag, and we will have them blessed and put on the stand. People pick them up to use them, and we are always in need of more rosaries!

MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE – Choir will practice for Advent and Christmas Eve, on December 16th, at 4 p.m. in the social hall before Mass. Please join us – new members are always welcome and needed!
On Christmas Eve, we will have carols before Mass, starting at 5:20 p.m. Mass is at 5:30 p.m., so come early and join us in some special Christmas music!

SANTAS HELPERS OF SIBLEY COUNTY This is the 8th year for the non-profit program to rely on the help from the community, churches, and businesses to provide donations of gifts for the struggling families and veterans of Sibley County, make their holidays more enjoyable. NEW unwrapped gifts can be brought to the church, or Minnwest Bank, Ogren Ins., D's, Gbbon Lumber or Code 3, Winthrop City Office. Monetary donations can also be left in the can provided or mailed directly to SCSH, P.O Box 276, Henderson, MN.56044. We will collect until December 5th. Items needed for 1–3-year-old boys and girls, 8-12 boys and girls, 13-18 boys and girls. Books, puzzles, games, stuffed animals, mittens, gloves and hats, etc. or email santashelpersibleycounty@gmail.com

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 products in varieties of coffee. 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 juanacoffee.org. Take home coffee for yourself or give to a friend. 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

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MATCHING GRANT FUNDRAISER: Before and after Masses starting in September through December 16, 2023, 50-week raffle tickets will be sold for a donation of \$50.00 for chances **to win \$100.00, \$200.00 or \$500.00. Drawing will be held January 7, 2024. Proceeds will be used for educational and various church sponsored activities. Thank you for your support.**

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023-November 29th, 2023

Income \$ 66,348.42

Expenses \$ 44,879.62

Net Gain/Loss \$ 21,468.80

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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

Lectors: Dave Schauer **Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Renner **Servers:** Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer **Gifts:** Mary Nelson, Joe Wersal **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vicki Neid **Money Counters** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Michelle Oswald

Sunday, **December 17th**-8:00 AM

Lectors: Kellie Sloom **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dennis Dording **Servers:** Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda **Gifts:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vicki Neid **Money Counters** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Michelle Oswald

Sunday, **December 24th**-8:00 AM

Lectors: Yvonne O’Brien **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Witucki **Servers:** Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Schmidt **Gifts:** Harry & Kellie Sloom **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vicki Neid **Money Counters** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Michelle Oswald

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE! We will continue with coffee and treats after 8:00 am Sunday morning masses throughout December. There will be a signup sheet in the kitchen for you to take a turn serving coffee and treats. This is such a WONDERFUL social gathering every Sunday! Thank you!

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

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SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, December 10th, following Mass and the children’s program, there will be refreshments in the social hall. Our popular cookie sale will happen at that time. If you are able to bake or donate for this event, we certainly appreciate that. Bring containers if you are able; bags will be provided. All proceeds will go toward air conditioning in the social hall. If you have questions please contact Michelle Oswald: 507-766-9943 or Celeste Witucki: 320-583-1673.

ST. WILLIBRORD’S CUF CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS will be available after mass from Mike Rein. Thanks.

ST. ANDREW’S – FAIRFAX

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

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Dist:** LeRoy Schweiss **Servers:** Kellen & Sylvia Nachreiner, Keyden Buboltz **Ushers:** John Rieke, Brian Marquardt, LeRoy Schweiss, John Case **Gifts:** Steve & Sheila Schroeder **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck, Brenda Frank

Sunday, **December 17th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Mike Beranek **Dist:** Paul Simonsen **Servers:** Michahl Nachreiner, Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl **Ushers:** Dave Nosbush, Mike Vait, Dennis Weinzetl, Jason Weinzetl **Gifts:** Kevin & Lisa Schweiss **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe, Carol Gregory

Saturday, **December 23rd**-7:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Lector: Jody Busch **Dist:** Maria Davila, Lidia Gonzalez **Servers:** Ashley, Isaac & Alex Vos **Ushers:** Pat Schreiner, George Wendinger, Jim Prax, Tom Nachreiner **Gifts:** Lawrence & Sue Schweiss **Sacristan:**

CUF – WE INVITE ALL CUF MEMBERS after the 10:00 am mass on December 3rd for a meal and Christmas party.

CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 PM Jesus is the reason! Come join in the joyful singing and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. A beautiful time to keep the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome. Bring family and friends! One hour before our 4:00 pm Christmas Eve mass.

SANTA’S CLOSET UPDATE FOR 2023 We are planning to return to a store shopping experience at our site in the Danube school. Each family who has been accepted will be assigned an appointment time through Lori Clasemann, Circle Bank. All monetary donations can be sent to: Santa’s Close, PO Box 115, Olivia MN 56277. Email: danubeelf.nancy@gmail.com. All donations are accepted. Drop off Sites are All Renville County Banks (Fransden Bank & Trust & 1st National Bank), Danube School & H & L Printing in Olivia.

ST. ANN’S FUNERAL GROUP 5: Jolene Fahey, Colleen Schweiss

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023 – November 29th, 2023

Income	\$ 80,611.14
Expenses	\$ 72,705.13
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 7,906.01

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ENGLISH:

Dear community: Advent has arrived! We have started counting the days to celebrate God’s first coming among us at Christmas. Let’s prepare our hearts through prayer. I propose this prayer for the first week of Advent:

Lord God faithful, You are our Father and our Redeemer; we are the clay and You the Potter; we are all the work of Your hands. You called us to union with Your Son Jesus Christ. Lord, show us Your favor and save us. Hear us, shepherd of Israel, You who are surrounded by cherubim, reveal Yourself, awaken Your power, and come to save us. Make us remain blameless until the end, until the day of Christ’s advent. Help us to stay vigilant, prepared, and alert. Through Jesus Christ, whose coming we await, in the Holy Spirit, we ask of You, Lord. Amen.

SPANISH:

Querida comunidad: ¡El Adviento ha llegado! Hemos comenzado a contar los días para celebrar la primera venida de Dios entre nosotros en la Navidad. Preparemos nuestros corazones con oración. Les propongo esta para la primera semana de Adviento.

Señor Dios fiel, Tú eres nuestro padre y nuestro redentor; nosotros somos el barro y tú el alfarero; todos somos hechura de tus manos. Tú nos llamaste a la unión con tu Hijo Jesucristo. Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos. Escúchanos, pastor de Israel, tú, que estás rodeado de querubines, manifiéstate, despierta tu poder y ven a salvarnos. Haz que permanezcamos irreprochables hasta el fin, hasta el día del advenimiento de Cristo. Ayúdanos a velar, a estar preparados y alertas. Por Jesucristo, cuya Venida esperamos, en el Espíritu Santo, te lo pedimos, Señor. Amén.

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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 20th. Names will be printed in the December 24th bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: _____
Parish: _____
In Memory of: _____

CHURCH OF ST. WILLIBRORD CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL LOCAL #275 SURVEY

PLEASE READ, COMPLETE AND RETURN IN YOUR CHURCH COLLECTION BASKET. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Church of St. Willibrord Catholic United Financial Local 275 used the previous 2022-2023 calendar raffle proceeds as follows:

- Sponsored a speaker at the GFW High School on Fentanyl poisoning.
- Co-sponsored an appreciation Bowling/Pizza party with St. Andrews, Fairfax for all mass servers of the AFC parishes at Code 3 Bowling.
- Held a Food Shelf Bingo with all proceeds donated to Sibley County Food Shelf.
- Sponsored a singing Christian group to help fund a trip for students to Steubenville as well as donated additional funds to the attending students.
- Matching Grant funds to religious education for purchasing books and needs.

With our current 2024 calendar raffle proceeds, please read, complete and return in your church collection basket your responses to the following:

1. What activities or fun social events would adults like to see offered in our parishes?
2. What activities or fun social events would religious education students like to see offered in our parishes?
3. What activities or fun social events would pre-school age children and parents like to see offered in our parishes?
4. What activities or fun social events would young couples like to see offered in our parishes?
5. Would you be willing to help the CUF PVT (Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team) with events in our parishes? If so, please provide your name and the best way to contact you. You **do not** need to be a CUF member to help with events; anyone can help.
Yes _____/Name: _____
Phone No. and/or Email: _____
6. Any comments or any other suggestions you would like our parishes to offer or how we could improve previous sponsored CUF events (may use backside of sheet)?

Thank you for your much appreciated input!

Catholic United Financial Local #275

2024 Calendar Raffle tickets are available for sale before and after masses in Gibbon through December 16, 2023.

December

Advent/Christmas 2023

ADVENT PENANCE & ADORATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 9, 4-4:50 pm
St. Willibrord, Gibbon
Sunday, December 10, 7-7:50 am
St. Francis, Winthrop
Sunday, December 10, 11-noon
St. Andrew, Fairfax

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7
5:30 pm, St. Andrew, Fairfax
7:00 pm, St. Willibrord, Gibbon
Friday, December 8
9:30 am, St. Francis, Winthrop

Novena (Rosary & songs in Spanish for 9 days leading up to the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Dec. 3 – Dec. 10, afternoons
(St. Andrew's Church, Fairfax)
All are invited to attend!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sunday, December 10, 12:00 pm,
St. Andrew' Church, Fairfax

Spanish Masses during Advent
Sunday, December 3, 12:00 pm
Sunday, December 17, 12:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

December 24 – 25 Schedule

Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24:
4:00 pm., Fairfax
5:30 pm., Gibbon
Monday, Christmas Day, December 25
8:00 am., Winthrop
10:00 am, Fairfax-Spanish Mass

December 31 – January 1 Schedule

"Feast of Mary, Mother of God"
Sunday, Dec. 31, 4:00 pm., Fairfax
5:30 pm, Gibbon
Monday, Jan. 1, 8:00 am, Winthrop
10:00 am, Fairfax-Spanish

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Sunday, December 10, following
8:00 am Mass, St. Francis-Winthrop

Saturday, December 16, following
5:00 pm Mass, St. Willibrord's-Gibbon

Sunday, December 17, following
10:00 am Mass, St. Andrew's-Fairfax

SANTA'S HELPER/SANTA'S CLOSET

Please consider giving a donation of new: toys, games, mittens, blankets, gift cards, sweat shirts, baby clothes, money, stocking stuffers, Christmas wrapping paper, etc. All donations need to be dropped off by **December 5** (Sibley County) **December 18** (Renville County) to one of the following:

Drop-off sites:

Sibley County
Winthrop City Hall, Perennial & Mid-Country Banks – Winthrop
MN West Bank, Ogren's Insurance - Gibbon

Renville County

1st National Bank - Fairfax
Frandsen Bank – Fairfax


Gifts can be dropped off at our churches as well.



2023

December

Advent 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
<p>3 Christ comes to us every day. Pay attention to how he is present to you in this day. Jer. 33:14-15</p>	<p>4 God comes as a light. Open your eyes and hearts. See Christ everywhere! Is. 2:1-5</p>	<p>5 God is present where love is. Look for God within you and around you today. Lk. 10:23</p>	<p>6 We know the best of life when we share. Give time & care to someone you meet. Matt. 15:29-37</p>	<p>7 How solid is your faith? How do you rely on it? Nurture it! Don't let it die! Matt. 7:21, 24-27</p>	<p>8 Jesus satisfies a yearning others knew inside themselves. What are you longing for? Is. 29:17-31</p>	<p>9 Mary opens her heart to what God asks of her. What is God asking of you? Let Mary help you. Luke 1:26-38</p>	
<p>10 Today's readings speak of life needing to be whole. Fill in a void for someone in need. Baruch 5:1-9</p>	<p>11 Offering mercy is a powerful gift. Receive it for yourself - offer it to someone else. Luke 5:17-26</p>	<p>12 Christ reaches out to us ALL the time. How have you known Christ in your life? Make someone's life better. Matt. 18:12-14</p>	<p>13 Mary sees Christ in everyone around her. See goodness in someone who isn't a friend. Zech. 2:14-17</p>	<p>14 God does great things for us. Ask God to help you say "yes" to what is happening for you. Is. 41:13-20</p>	<p>15 The psalmist reminds us that we are light bearers. What kind of a witness are you for others? Ps. 1:1-4, 6</p>	<p>16 God reveals God-Self to us all the time. Take some quiet time tonight. Where did you see God in your day? Sirach 48:9-11</p>	
<p>17 Kindness is a precious virtue, so badly needed by all. Today do some kind act for a family member. Phil. 4:4-7</p>	<p>18 Today we hear of Jesus's ancestors. Think of your family tree. What stands out about your family? Matt. 1:1-17</p>	<p>19 Joseph helps carry out God's promises - to help bring Jesus to our world. What promise of God do you help bring about? Matt. 1:18-25</p>	<p>20 Today's gospel reminds us to expect the unexpected. What do I need be open about in my life? Luke 1:5-25</p>	<p>21 What looked impossible becomes possible for Mary. Trust & faith helped her. Name a way you need to trust God more. Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>22 God comes to visit us in daily happenings. Be aware of some encounter that gifts you with joy this day. Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>23 Even in the midst of fear we can find life and reason to give thanks. Name one thing for which you are grateful. Luke 1:46-56</p>	
<p>24 We are surrounded by spirit-filled people. Pray that God fills you with much peace and hope. Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>25 God's promise is realized through John the Baptist, announcing the Savior among us. Let us rejoice! Luke 1:67-79</p>						<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <h1>2023</h1> </div>