

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



ALL SAINTS



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

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FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'S
GIBBON, 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 6	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 7	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Lawrence Roiger
Wednesday, December 8	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Steve & Marlene Eichten
Thursday, December 9	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Fran Bornhost
			<i>Eucharistic Adoration following mass</i>
Friday, December 10	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Verna Ludewig
Saturday, December 11	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, December 12	8:00 AM	Gibbon	+Stan Lauwagie
	10:00 AM	Winthrop	+Robert Boisvert
	4:00 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe

Second Sunday of Advent

For what do I need to repent? Whom do I need to forgive?



Readings for the Week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Today's Gospel reading references an ancient text from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. There a prophecy was made that John the Baptist would fulfill many years later; John is the "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the message that **John's voice proclaimed, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, was a message of repentance.** As we prepare to welcome the Lord this advent season, we should make the "path" of our souls' level, straight, and smooth. We should "fill" the valleys of laziness or despair with diligence and joy. The mountains of pride and greed should be made low with humility and generosity. **The winding roads of dishonesty and manipulation "shall be made straight" with commitment to the truth.** And the rough ways of our selfishness and stubbornness should be made smooth through charity and meekness to the Holy Spirit. When we live our faith with sincerity and devotion, our souls are transformed. This Advent, may our souls become a pleasant path for Christ.

"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."

~Pope Francis

Wednesday of this week we celebrate the feast of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation. This feast celebrates our belief that Mary, from the moment of conception, was sinless. It is the patronal feast day of the United States. Mass will be 8:30 a.m. at St. Willibrord, Gibbon.

Do not be afraid of confession! When was the last time you went to confession? Two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? If much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, Jesus is there and Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to confession!

Mark your Calendars for the **All Saints AFC Penance Services**

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:00 p.m. - St. Willibrord

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2:00 p.m. - St. Andrew

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, Tuesday, December 7th, at 6:30 pm in Gibbon

WINTHROP ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING, Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm in Winthrop

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 6 Louise Goelz

Dec 7 Dianne Merkel, Hilda Hacker, Linda Freitag, Rylie Joehnck

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

Dec 9 Patrick & Jolynn Sullivan Anniv., Charlene Forst, Nathan Meyer

Dec 10 Rafael Lopez

Dec 11 Erica Bock, Alene Poss

Dec 12 Lupita Herrera, Brad Augustin, Tom Jandl, Issac Valdez Jr., Stacy Jutz

Please remember in your prayers . . .

Marian Zollner who passed away on Friday, November 26th. Her mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, November 29th, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

We offer our sympathy to the family.

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

Jocelyn Janely Robles Puentes, daughter of Clemente Robles Herrera & Sandy Janet Robles Puentes, who will be baptized at St. Andrew's on December 4th and

Ruth Jeanette Struffert, daughter of Nathaniel & Samantha Struffert, who will be baptized at St. Francis's on December 5th

May these children and their families grow in faith and the love of God.



Please Remember in Prayer

Frank Ziegler

St. Andrew's

Pat O'Brien

St. Francis de Sales

Casey O'Brien

St. Francis de Sales

Deloris Fink

St. Andrew's

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

Cathy Willegal

St. Willibrord's

Gerald Peichel

St. Andrew's

Arline Kiecker

St. Andrew's



JOIN US EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 8:30 PM as we pray the Rosary live on Facebook on the All Saints Area Faith Community page!

HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to come and spend some time in quiet prayer with our Eucharistic Lord. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our AFC as follows:

- St. Andrew's:** 2nd Thursday of each month following 8:30 am Mass
St. Willibrord's: 1st Sunday of each month (7-8 pm Spring/Summer) (4-5pm Fall/Winter)
3rd Wednesday of each month following 8:30 am Mass
St. Francis de Sales: 1st Friday of each month 7-8 pm

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 10 – The Battle Against Lukewarm Christianity. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursday at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

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

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON! From now until the Fourth Week of Advent, there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Annai Home for Boys and Girls in India. Baskets and a display are in each parish. Any money collected will be sent directly to the home in India. The children are very grateful for your generosity and especially for your prayers! Thank you for considering and Merry Christmas!

ATTENTION! With the change of seasons and more wintery weather in the forecast, please take a minute to be sure you are signed up for **Flocknote**. This is the surest way to receive weather related messages and announcements. **Join Flocknote** by visiting flocknote.com/asafc or text allsaints4 to 84576

GIVE IN GRATITUDE. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

BAKESALE (YOUTH BENEFIT) will be held on Saturday, December 4th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown Gibbon at "Mary Jane's", 1024 First Avenue, in conjunction with the annual *Santa Claus Day* activities. Donations of bake sale items will be very much appreciated! In Fairfax, please contact Anita Wier (call or text 507-441-1309) to drop off bake sale items before Thursday afternoon, December 2nd. In Winthrop, contact Wendy Lang (612-418-2768) or Susie Steele (507-766-1348), or in Gibbon, contact Berny Berger (320-583-7975), to make arrangements to drop off bake sale items. Please support our youth fundraising for the 2022 Steubenville Youth Conference!

VIRTUAL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS NOVENA The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite young adults (ages 18+) to their December online evening prayer which will be the fourth night of a chanted, candlelight Christmas novena on Sunday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/12.19.21.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,580.00	4,304.45	480.00
Loose/Youth Plate	168.00	46.00	149.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00		
Social Hall Rent	50.00		
Votive Lights	147.15		3.00
CRC Patronage	86.28		28.25
Food Shelf	10.00		
Donation-church	200.00		
Thanksgiving	99.00		65.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00		
Christmas	80.00		
Building		20.00	
TOTAL	\$2,445.43	\$4,370.45	\$725.25

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday December 8, 2021: Class

Saturday December 11, 2021: St. Andrew's Christmas Program

Sunday December 12, 2021: St. Francis Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 15, 2021: Class & St. Willibrord's Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 22, 2021: No Class-Confirmation Christmas Retreat/Bowling Party

Wednesday, December 29, 2021: No Class

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, **December 12th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Melvin Neyers **Dist:** Rose Forst **Servers:** Kyler & Mirra Sjogren, Sophia Nachreiner **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Chris & Tina Nachreiner **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

Sunday, **December 19th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Jerome Petersen **Dist:** Steve Grosam **Servers:** Taylor Haas, Jessica Willegal, Katelynn Eaton **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Melvin & Genny Neyers **Sacristan:** Jeannine Grosam

Friday, **December 24th**-4:30 PM

Lector: Amy Weber **Dist:** Genny Neyers **Servers:** Abby Willegal, Kelly Willegal, Ella Nachreiner **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Melissa Rettig, Sharon Briese **Sacristan:** Rose Forst

Sunday, **December 26th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Alan Neyers **Dist:** Connie Tautges **Servers:** Brooklyn & Lincoln Werner, Brianna Roche **Ushers:** Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Roger Holm **Gifts:** Charles & Mary Rieke **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

A HUGE THANK YOU TO AMY WEBER for the lovely fall decor and mums she decorated our altar with from September through Thanksgiving! Also, a BIG thank you to Carol Haas for planting and taking care of the beautiful outdoor planters from May through November. You ladies help make our church and altar welcoming and so beautiful! From Advent through January 30th, Rose Forst and Dawn Hoffmann will be the festive flower ladies. Thank you!!

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CCW will hold our winter meeting on Saturday morning, December 11th, at 9 a.m. in the social hall. Coffee and rolls will be provided. Agenda items will include our bazaar report, winter activities, and discussion of the National CCW convention which will be held in Minneapolis next fall, November 2-5 at the Marriott City Center. All women of the parish are included in Council of Catholic Women (CCW). Please join us!

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: After 8:00 am mass on Sunday, December 19th, it would be appreciated again this year any help from men, women, and youth with carrying up the tree, manger scene, and decorations and in decorating our church for the Christmas season. Thank you for any assistance!

SANTAS HELPERS: Sibley County Santa's Workshop is preparing for the Holidays by collections of toys, games, books, hats, mittens, blankets, gift cards, stocking stuffers and items for adults so kids can shop for parents. Deadline for donations is **Wednesday, December 1st, 2021**. Donations can be left at MinnWest Bank, Ogren Insurance or at St. Willibrord's in the box provided. Thank you for your donations to the needy during these holidays.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Giving July 1st, 2021-December 1st, 2021

Income \$37,929.64

Expenses \$37,856.31

Net Gain/Loss \$ 73.33

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, **December 12th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Tyler & Emilee Stehr **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Witucki **Servers:** Emilee Krueger, Quinn Schmidt, Alan Banda **Gifts:** Harry & Kellie Sloat **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

Sunday, **December 19th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Mary Nelson **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jason & Carly Tupa **Servers:** Lincoln McCue, Brynn Busse, Kaylee Felska **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

Friday, **December 24th**-3:00 PM

Lector: Harry Sloat **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tyler & Emilee Stehr **Servers:** William Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

Sunday, **December 26th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Wendy Lang **Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie Portners **Servers:** William Lang, Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Bill & Che May, Gary & Vickie Neid **Money Counters:** Gary Neid, Bill May **Sacristan:** Che May

THERE WILL BE SWEETS AND COFFEE served after the 10:00 am masses during the months of November and December. All are welcome!

ANY FAMILY FROM ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH wanting to join St Francis de Sales parish, or wanting envelopes, needs to complete a new member form ASAP. The new member form can be found in the folder under the bulletin board. Put the completed form in the collection basket.

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

<p>Saturday, December 11th-5:00 PM Lector: Jan Simonsen Dist: Paul Simonsen Servers: Maddy, Lydia, Kellen & Sylvia Nachreiner Ushers: Jason Weinzetl, Pat Schreiner, Brenda Frank, George Wendinger Gifts: Manuel & Maria Munoz Sacristan: Colleen Schweiss</p>
<p>Saturday, December 18th-5:00 PM Lector: Cindy Rieke Dist: Mary Ann Dummer Servers: Kaden Weir, Keyden Buboltz, Annika Nosbush Ushers: Jim Prax, Tom Nachreiner, Dave Borth, Randy Boehm Gifts: Mary & LeAnder Nachreiner Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe</p>
<p>Friday, December 24th-6:30 PM Lector: Mike Beranek Dist: Myron Schweiss Servers: Nathan Sandgren, Zach Sandgren, Micahl Nachreiner Ushers: Kevin Schweiss, Frank Ziegler, Kevin Roiger, Richard Hellendrung Gifts: Ross & Andrea Nachreiner Sacristan:</p>
<p>Saturday, December 25th-10:00 AM (Time Change) Lector: Jody Busch Dist: Agnes Wendinger Servers: Kayln Hellendrung, Elyiana Hellendrung, Kelly Weinzetl Ushers: Leander Nachreiner, David Runck, Richard Frank, Gilbert Borth Gifts: Gene & Joni Nachreiner Sacristan:</p>
<p>Sunday, December 26th-12:00 PM Lector: Pat Buboltz Dist: Maria Davila or Lidia Gonzalez Servers: William Bastian, Luke Bastian, Bernardo Davila Ushers: Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl Gifts: Bradley & Sara Nosbush Sacristan: Brenda Runck</p>

THE CCW WILL MEET DECEMBER 7TH @ 6:30 in the Social Hall. Agenda items include:

- Fall Bazaar Report
- Fall Bazaar Chairmen for 2023
- Update Serving groups - a couple missed people
- Annual Donations

We look forward to seeing you there!
 CCW Officers

FALL BAZAAR FRIENDLY REMINDER: For those that were unable to work/donate at the Fall Bazaar, please send in your recommended donation of \$30, by Friday, 12-3-21. The committee is working to close out the books for this year's event. Thank you!

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 6: LuAnn Kockelman, Chris Wortz

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Giving July 1st, 2021 – December 1st, 2021

Income	\$ 81,175.11
Expenses	<u>\$ 67,132.31</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 14,042.80



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 15th. Names will be printed in the December 19th bulletin. Thanks!

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

Bake Sale!

**Also Caramel & Cinnamon Rolls
Downtown At "Mary Jane's"
1024 First Avenue, Gibbon**

**In conjunction with
Santa Claus Day
Activities**

**Youth Benefit
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday,
December 4th!**



**Benefit Fundraiser for All Saints Area Faith Community
Youth Conferences**

How (and Why) to Return to Confession

The Register's clip out, photocopy and pass-on guides for Advent



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Peace Of Mind

"Peace on earth" announce the angels at Christmas. But how and where do we find that peace? Simple: confession. People sometimes wrongly think of confession as a place of judgment and guilt. We have good news: It's a place of healing and peace.

The Register challenges each reader this Advent to go to confession and recommend it to at least one other person. The guide provided here can help.

After all, as Pope Benedict XVI said: "The renewal of the Church in America and throughout the world depends on the renewal of the sacrament of penance."



1 The presence of sin can easily lead to depression and anxiety.

2 You shower to show respect for those around you. Cleansing your soul makes you better to be around, too!

Step 1 Examine your conscience ... using the Ten Commandments or an available guide.

3 Mortal sin, unconfessed, "causes exclusion from Christ's Kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices forever, with no turning back" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1861).

Step 2 You have the choice of facing the priest (if he offers the option) or speaking through a screen.

4 As they leave the confessional, people smile a smile of freedom.

Step 3 There are no special words you need to say. Greet the priest, and tell him how long it has been since your last confession. If it's been awhile, he'll help you.

5 Because love means having to say you are sorry to the one you love.

Step 4 Be concise, clear, complete and contrite. You have to confess mortal sins and give a sense of how often. Don't be embarrassed. You're not going to tell the priest anything he hasn't already heard.

6 You will grow in humility, sincerity and self-knowledge.

7 Blessed Mother Teresa went. Frequently.



8 Hoping to convert on your deathbed? That's not very likely. Most likely, you will die as you lived.

Step 5 The priest won't scold you. In fact, if you've had a tough confession, he'll show you extra care. Your penance won't be harsh.

9 It is itself a serious sin to go to Communion if you have serious sin on your soul and have not asked for forgiveness in confession.

10 Don't be scared of death of confession. Be scared of death without confession.

11 Be strong. Face your sins; deal

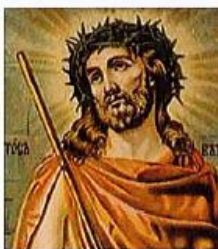
Step 6 Then you'll make an act of contrition. Look in a prayer book for a longer one, or simply say: "Jesus, I am truly sorry for my sins and, with your grace, I will try to sin no more."

with them and move on.

12 Make sure there are no unpleasant surprises at your particular judgment or at the Final Judgment.

13 The priest will listen to your sins and will never tell a soul on pain of losing his soul. Priests even fear to forget what they hear.

Step 7 Do your penance right away, before leaving the church, if possible.



Step 8 Christ has forgiven and forgotten your sins, and the angels and saints are having a party to celebrate.

Confession Definition

"For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: 'Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1857).

Grave Matter

What constitutes "grave matter"? Some common sins, according to the bishops: missing Sunday Mass, sex outside marriage (including pornography and masturbation), serious theft, abortion, defamation of character and purposely getting drunk.

Concerns & Answers

Can't I talk to God directly, not a priest, to get forgiveness?

Not according to the Bible. Read John 20:21-23; 2 Corinthians 2:10; and 2 Corinthians 5:18.

If God knows everything we do, then how come we have to go to confession?

You may know your friend broke your iPod, but wouldn't it be aggravating if he knew you knew but still didn't say, "I'm sorry"?

Doesn't God forgive no matter what?

If we think of sin as merely breaking rules, it is hard to understand why God can't just "look the other way." But sin is real; it hurts us and makes us distant from him — and unable to enter heaven. We can only be restored if we confess.

Confession just gives people the idea that it's all right to sin as long as you're sorry later.

If a man is confessing drunkenness while he has plans with his buddies to go barhopping and get drunk again the coming weekend, he can't be forgiven. He has to have decided to stop. Confession stops sins; it doesn't start them.

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