



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. 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:

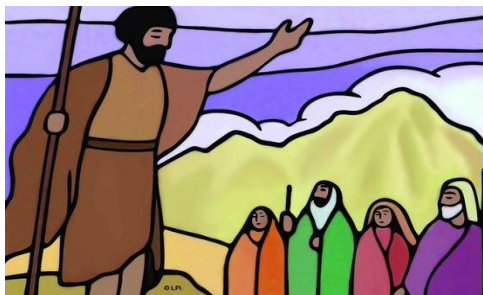
1-866-670-5163.
(Confidential Counseling Services and Referral Information)

LITURGY SCHEDULE: In case of a funeral a regular scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

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| Monday, December 7 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday, December 8 | 8:30 AM | Fairfax- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | +Janet Peichel |
| Wednesday, December 9 | 8:30 AM | Gibbon <i>Eucharist Adoration following Mass</i> | +Brad Kohls |
| Thursday, December 10 | 8:30 AM | Fairfax <i>Eucharist Adoration following Mass</i> | +Mary Ziegler |
| Friday, December 11 | 9:30 AM | Winthrop | +Steve Lauwagie |
| Saturday, December 12 | 3:30 PM | <i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i> | |
| | 4:00 PM | Winthrop | People of the All Saints Area Faith Community |
| Sunday, December 13 | 8:30 AM | Fairfax | +Leroy Vait |
| | 10:30 AM | Gibbon | +Reynold & Janet Evenson |

Reflection Questions for Second Sunday of Advent

What concrete action can I take this week to prepare myself for Jesus' coming?



Readings for the Week of December 6, 2020

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
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus. **He called for repentance and promised that the Messiah would baptize in the Holy Spirit. The start of God's kingdom must be marked by the end of every sort of evil. The spiritual combat must begin in the human heart.** We must decide either for or against the kingdom of God. It should be a thorough break from the sinful life of the past. Now is the opportune time to seize it, to allow it to change things from bad to good. It is significant to note that John preaches the end of the reign of sin and the beginning of the reign of God, not just through fiery words but also by his own life. In him the messenger and the message blend perfectly well! In diet and attire, John lives a frugal life with no room for luxury, showiness and other unessential things. He lives radically under the gaze of divine providence. John's call for baptismal cleaning, fasting, repentance, conversion and upright living prepares the people to enter the messianic age.

"Lord Jesus, give me the grace to recognize my sin and repent."

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Tuesday, December 8th. **It is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States and a holy day.** Holy Mass will be 8:30 a.m. at St. Andrew, Fairfax.

The season of Advent has begun. **In this Cycle B of lectionary readings, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark, which is structured around the question of who Jesus is.** The Gospel of Mark is the oldest of the four gospels, and has an emphasis on the miracles of Jesus. Mark was a companion of Peter when he spent his last years in the city of Rome.

Advent is a perfect season to purify our hearts. **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, the priest will be good. Jesus is there and Jesus is more compassionate than priests, Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to confession!

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA PARISH

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec 7** Dianne Merkel, Hilda Hacker, Linda Freitag, Rylie Joehnck
- Dec 8** Pat Fahey, Mike & Barb Freitag Anniv., Carolina Carrillo, Billy Hewitt, Joan Eckert
- Dec 9** Patrick & Jolynn Sullivan Anniv., Charlene Forst, Nathan Meyer
- Dec 10** Rafael Lopez
- Dec 11** Erica Bock, Mary Alene Poss
- Dec 12** Lupita Herrera, Brad Augustin, Tom Jandl, Paul Liebl, Issac Valdez Jr., Stacy Jutz
- Dec 13** Karen M Borth, Keegan Lorang, Greg Olson, Megan Howe, Lucille Stelzer

Please remember in your prayers. . .

Jan Schwecke who passed away on Monday, November 30th. Her mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church with burial in the Winthrop cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to the family.



Know a Saint -Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe came to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed natives of Mexico and to reconcile them with their Spanish rulers. On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego who was recently converted. She asked him to go to the Bishop and request that he build a church for her on the barren hill of Tepeyac which is now part of Mexico City. Our Lady wanted to show her merciful love to all of her children. The Bishop asked Juan to ask the

Lady for a sign. He did so and Our Lady promised to give him the sign. She then appeared to Juan Diego again and told him to pick the roses which miraculously grew there and bring them to the Bishop as a sign for him to believe her request. Juan gathered the roses in his coat and brought them to the Bishop. When the bishop opened the coat much to the astonishment of everyone the image of Our Lady appeared on it. The Bishop then built the church as she requested and ten million natives were converted and baptized to the one true faith within the next 10 years.

Human sacrifice ended in Mexico. Our Lady of Guadalupe, which means crusher of the serpent's head, brought the light of the true faith, crushed the false gods of Mexico, and established an era of peace.



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

PLEASE NOTE: We will be adding another mass on Christmas Eve in Fairfax at 6:30 pm. Please add this to your Advent/Christmas schedule.

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

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR–Sunday, December 6th, at St. Willibrord's, from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Holy Hour will also include the rosary, scripture readings, prayer, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

HELP OUR ELDERS. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

ANYONE WHO HAS SUFFERED SEXUAL ABUSE BY A PRIEST OR ANOTHER PERSON involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

| | St. Andrew's | St. Francis's | St. Willibrord's |
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| Adult | 1,203.00 | 685.00 | 1,330.00 |
| Loose Plate | 60.00 | | 38.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 145.00 | 25.00 | 90.00 |
| Campaign for Human Dev | 5.00 | | |
| Baptism | 200.00 | | |
| Food Shelf | 60.00 | | 87.00 |
| Energy/Fuel | | | 100.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | | | 50.00 |
| Thanksgiving | 115.00 | | |
| Christmas | | | 50.00 |
| Maintenance | | | 50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,788.00 | \$710.00 | \$1,795.00 |

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 9, 2020: No Class

Wednesday, December 16, 2020: No Class

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.

ATTENTION PLEASE! COVID numbers are changing! Be sure your child's teacher has your e-mail address!

This will be the primary means of communicating potential changes regarding distance learning! PLEASE CHECK THE DEVOUT WEEKLY at allsaintsafc.org. Hard copies will be sent home the first Wednesday of each month.

PLEASE! TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT ALLSAINTSAFC.ORG TO REGISTER your student for CCD! This must be done whether you are in person or distance learning! We need your current information to keep in touch! *50% of our families have registered, we are halfway there!*

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Please contact Kellie Sloom if you do not have your online account set up with Ascension Press! This is an important part of your Confirmation preparation!

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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| Sunday, December 13th -10:30 AM Lector: Alan Neyers Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Kathy Bruns |
| Sunday, December 20th -10:30 AM Lector: Gail Herschman Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Charlene Forst |
| Thursday, December 24th -3:00 PM (Christmas Eve) Lector: Jessica Willegal Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Connie Tautges |
| Sunday, December 27th -10:30 AM Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth Ushers: Ron Klement, Rick Klement, Greg Stadtherr Sacristan: Rose Forst |

THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO AMY WEBER for using her decorating talent, time, and care in keeping the altar looking so nice from September through Thanksgiving. The fall colors and arrangements were so beautiful! Thank you Amy!

WANTED – Used vacuum cleaner to be kept and used in the rectory – preferably a newer style, lighter vacuum if possible. If you have one to donate to the church, please call Berny at 834-6321. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1, 2020-December 2nd, 2020

Income \$ 32,911.34 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$ 36,533.99

Net Gain/Loss \$(**3,622.65**)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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| Saturday, December 12th -4:00 PM Lector: Wendy Lang Ushers: Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid Sacristan: Che May Money Counters: Gary Neid, Bill May |
| Saturday, December 19th -4:00 PM Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola Ushers: Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid Sacristan: Che May Money Counters: Gary Neid, Bill May |
| Friday, December 25th -8:00 AM (Christmas Day) Lector: Barb Pagel Ushers: Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid Sacristan: Che May Money Counters: Gary Neid, Bill May |
| Saturday, December 26th -4:00 PM Lector: Dave Schauer Ushers: Bill & Che May, Gay & Vickie Neid Sacristan: Che May Money Counters: Gary Neid, Bill May |

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

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| Sunday, December 13th -8:30 AM Lector: Cindy Rieke Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Colleen Schweiss |
| Sunday, December 20th -8:30 AM Lector: Mike Beranek Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe |
| Thursday, December 24th -4:30 PM & 6:30 PM (Christmas Eve-two masses) Lector: Jody Busch/Pat Buboltz Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Brenda Runck |
| Sunday, December 27th -8:30 AM Lector: Anita Weir Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Brenda Runck |

FOUND ON ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH STEP on September 12, 2020 a gold/silver round earring. You can pick up at office. Thanks.

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. Position is open until filled. Total hours per week are dependent on activities within the church (average 4-6/week). Work hours are flexible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS during the month of December. Please call Barb Freitag at 507-426-7759 if you can help. Please leave a message. Thank you!

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 2nd, 2020

Income \$ 73,892.31 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)

Expenses \$ (62,111.34)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 11,780.97

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

THE DIOCESE OF NEW ULM has clearance to cablecast the following series **LONG RIDE HOME** on AGGW Public Access, channels 7 and 8, at 11 a.m. on Fridays and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sundays.

December 18th & 20th -To Dare is to Do -Episode 1

December 25th & 27th -The Strong Will of Brotherhood -Episode 2

January 1st & 3rd-Image of God-Episode 3

January 8th & 10th-Courage-Episode 4

January 15th & 17th-Act Like a Man-Episode 5

January 22nd & 24th-Strength Rejoices in the Challenge-Episode 6

January 29th & 31st-Fire Tests Gold-Episode 7

February 5th & 7th-Strong in Adversity-Episode 8

February 12th & 14th-Sweetness After Adversity-Episode 9

February 19th & 21st-The Long Ride Home-Episode 10



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 16th. Names will be printed in the December 20th bulletin. Thanks!

Donor Name: _____

Parish: _____

In Memory of: _____

D I O C E S E
of NEW ULM

Catholic Pastoral Center

November 25, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Pastoral Leaders,

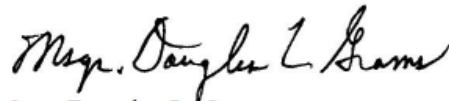
In 1988, the Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders. This annual, parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office and benefits some 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious-order priests whose communities lack adequate retirement funding.

Religious communities apply annually for financial support from the national collection, and distributions are sent to each eligible community's central house. Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, hundreds of orders lack sufficient retirement savings. Last year, the appeal was able to distribute funds to 360 religious congregations across the country, who were able to use these funds to bolster retirement savings and subsidize expenses, such as prescription medications and nursing care. Roughly 94 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious directly aid senior religious; the remaining funds are used for promotional and administrative expenses.

In 2019, the people of the Diocese of New Ulm contributed \$25,979.15 to the Retirement Fund for Religious. This year, the Coronavirus has posed a particular difficulty and strain on the financial resources needed by many of our retired religious sisters, brothers, and priests. These men and women have given their lives to God in service of the Church. Let us take this collection as an opportunity to support these, our vulnerable brothers and sisters, and to say "thank you" for their witness and service by providing for their needs.

We will be taking up a collection in the Diocese of New Ulm for the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 12-13, 2020. Please join me in praying for all of our retired religious as well as for new vocations to the religious life.

Sincerely,



Msgr. Douglas L. Grams
Diocesan Administrator

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