



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. 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:

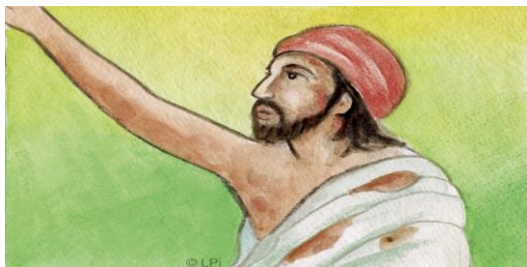
1-866-670-5163
(Confidential Counseling Services and Referral Information)

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

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| Monday, Feb 12 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday, Feb 13 | NO MASS | | |
| Wednesday, Feb 14 | 8:30 AM | Gibbon | +Dennis Nau |
| <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i> | 5:00 PM | Winthrop | +Shirley Juenemann |
| | 6:30 PM | Fairfax | +Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dory Schreiner |
| Thursday, Feb 15 | 8:30 AM | Fairfax | +Ben Henrich |
| Friday, Feb 16 | 9:30 AM | Winthrop | +Fr Richard Bonin |
| Saturday, Feb 17 | 4:00 PM | Fairfax (CONFIRMATION) | People of the All Saints Area Faith Community |
| Sunday, Feb 18 | 8:00 AM | Winthrop (Time Change) | +Linda Angst |
| | 10:00 AM | Gibbon | +Ray Berg |
| | 12:00 PM | Fairfax-Spanish Mass | |

Reflection Question for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who can I reach out to in order to help make my family/community/world whole? How can I go about doing so?



Readings for the Week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)
/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Reflection meditation

Jesus helps the leper and gives him a new life in Mark 1:40-45. Our own perspective about life and death can change if we follow Christ. Cardinal Arinze writes, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain, says Saint Paul. Saint Peter shows great serenity at the thought of the fact that death is not far away, but at the same time he does not forget the people entrusted to him. He wrote them: *I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things* (2 Pt 1:14-15). The death of a Christian has great value when the person has lived in union with Christ. Moreover, death teaches us all, in a rather drastic way, that we must leave everything and follow Jesus" (*Magnificat*, February 2024).

INTERESTED IN A MASS INTENTION? 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 Thursday, February 15th, at 7:00 pm in Winthrop
ST. WILLIBRORD'S ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING Thursday, February 22nd, at 7:00 pm in Gibbon

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 11 Randy Bruns, Jamie Lauwagie, Josh Jutz, Yvonne O'Brien, Logan Steele

Feb 12 Julie Ferrell, Matthew Meyer, Damian Cardenas, Jose Farias

Feb 13 Anthony Case, Charles Grosam, Robert Kaukola

Feb 14 Chuck & Denine Hellendrung Anniv., Miah Busse, Abram Cardenas

Feb 15 Nathan Sandgren, Cindy Elwood, Jim Berger, Jerry Schaufler, Madysen Steele

Feb 16 Justin Grosam, Kristin McCue

Feb 17 Lowell Kiecker, Fred Kienlen, Chris Wortz, Karen (Brad) Spaude, Chris Unger, Mary Roach

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 15 – Son of Man, Do you See? All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at St. Willibrord's Church.

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

ALL SAINTS AFC IS LOOKING FOR MENTOR COUPLES for the Fully Engaged Program. Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help prepare engaged couples for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Fr. Rolling, Paul & Donita Platz @ 507-380-4178, or Carl & Michelle Oswald @ 507-766-9943.

FEBRUARY 7-14, 2024, WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This weekend, our All Saints AFC will be honoring our "next" longest married couples in Fairfax, Gibbon, and having a celebration for all married couples in Winthrop. Everyone - Please join us in honoring the Sacrament of Marriage!

Celebrate your sacrament by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." - **Colossians 3:12**. Experience these at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You can find the next available **Weekends** by visiting their website at: www.southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



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 Lindenfesler

(Schwecke)

St. Francis de Sales

Claire Van Epp

St. Andrew's

RoseMarie Garrahy

St. Andrew's

Mary Liebl

St. Andrew's

Marianne Machaiek

St Francis de Sales

Our Marriage Prayer

Lord, help us to remember when we first met and, the strong love that grew between us.

To work that love into practical things so that nothing can divide us.

We ask for words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive.

Dear Lord,

we put our marriage into Your hands.

Amen

Cogley Sisters Youth Benefit Concert - Sunday afternoon, February 11th, at 2 p.m. at St. Willibrord's, followed by desserts/beverages, and a bake sale. This is a benefit for our youth and chaperones attending the Steubenville Youth conference in July. Advance Sale, Reduced Price Tickets (\$15 or adults/students, \$10 – 8 yrs and younger) are available from youth after Masses, or call Tina Nachreiner (507) 829-8906 or Berny Berger (320) 583-7975. If you like to bake, we can really use DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS from the parishes- bring them to the concert or contact Berny to make arrangements to pick them up. Concert is sponsored by a Grants4Good from the Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team.

This event is made possible by St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team. 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 Representative is Dave Schonhardt, (763) 670-9058, e-mail: dschonhardt@catholicunited.org



THE LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REQUIREMENTS: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are obligatory for members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards and the norms on fasting from age 18 until age 59.

THIS WEEK (ASH WEDNESDAY) OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION SUPPORTS THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. Your donation helps restore the Church and Build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/cc.

NEXT WEEK, OUR PARISH WILL TAKE UP THE 140TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY ANN: Many thanks to all of you for your donations and prayers for the success of Pedal Past Poverty which takes place on Feb. 24. Those of us who are still able to participate in this event will be present and eager to have some fun from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Mankato YMC. Your support means so much! If anyone still wants to make a financial contribution please make checks payable to: Partners for Housing. My NEW address is: Sister Mary Ann Kuhn, 1130 Woodland Ave, Mankato, MN 56001. Deadline date is next Friday, Feb. 15! Know that all of you are making a big difference through your prayer for and support of this event. Know of my gratitude and prayer for you! S. Mary Ann

“WINE AND DIVINE” St. Willibrord's CCW (Council of Catholic Women) is again offering ALL the women of St. Willibrord's AND our Area Faith Community a relaxing and fun evening. You are invited to attend “Wine and Divine” night from 6:30 to about 8:30 p.m., on Sunday evening, February 25th, at St. Willibrord's church social hall. Bring a friend! The evening social includes Wine (wine tasting of several varieties), cheese & crackers, and “build your own cheesecake” (with fresh berries). Top that off with good conversation with other women (get to know some new faces), and closing with a faith inspiration presentation. Deacon Mike McKeown will be sharing about a spiritual healing ministry offered by the Diocese of New Ulm. This ministry, helps people to identify obstacles in their relationship to God, other people, and themselves, and lead them through the steps to find the peace and freedom that God has intended for us. We have several door prizes this year, and you will also receive a thank you gift. Please RSVP to Berny at jbberger1972@gmail.com, or call 834-6321 (leave a message) by February 20th, if possible, so we have an approximate number to plan for. But if you decide at the last minute that you are able to attend – no problem – come anyway! And please tell your friends or family members about this and join us...

LOOKING FOR A GREAT LENTEN EXPERIENCE? Riverbend TEC is offering a 3-day retreat centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The retreat is scheduled for February 17-19, 2024 at Holy Redeemer School in Marshall, and all those aged 16 and over are invited and encouraged to attend. Due to a generous donor, the cost for the February weekend is just \$15. To register, visit riverbendtec.org and download a registration form.

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.

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](tel:84576) 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

SCAMMER ALERT Scammers often scour parish websites and bulletins for staff and parishioner cell phone numbers and/or email addresses, which they then use to try to scam those people. One of the ways they do this is by sending text messages or emails to parishioners claiming to be the pastor and then asking them for help. Please know that Fr. Rolling will never solicit financial help from you in this way. Unfortunately, this is a frequent occurrence at Catholic churches. If you receive one of these messages, do not respond. Always check the actual email address and cell phone number. Simply delete and block the number/email from which the message came.

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.

Toda persona que haya sido víctima de abuso sexual por parte de un miembro del clero u otra persona en el ministerio de la Iglesia debe reportar dicha mala conducta a las autoridades policiales inmediatamente, independientemente de cuando haya sucedido, si aún no ha sido reportado. Un listado de todas las entidades policiales y los servicios de protección al menor dentro de los quince condados de la Diócesis de New Ulm se encuentra en nuestra página de internet, <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>. También se exhorta a las víctimas y sobrevivientes de abuso por parte del clero ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de asistencia para víctimas o el delegado del Obispo en cuestiones sobre el mal comportamiento sexual 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, o al 507-233-5313 para consejería u otra ayuda de sanación.

WEEKLY OFFERING

| | St. Andrew’s | St. Francis’s | St. Willibrord’s |
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| Adult | 1,853.00 | 578.00 | 1,628.00 |
| Loose/Youth Plate | 57.00 | 83.01 | 56.00 |
| Building/Maint/Furnace | 100.00 | 35.00 | |
| Votive Offering | 101.00 | | 3.00 |
| Donation-Tables | | 100.00 | |
| Kitchen Rental | | | |
| Seminary Collection | | | |
| Christmas | | | |
| Bible Donations | | | |
| TOTAL | \$2,111.00 | \$796.01 | \$1,687.00 |

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: 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 January 28, 2024. Parish Goals: St. Andrew **\$14,978.10**, total cash received **\$11,230.00**. St. Willibrord **\$8,665.02**, total cash received **\$5,375.00**. St Francis de Sales **\$6,932.00**, total cash received **\$6,585.00**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Sunday Feb 11, 2024:** Cogley Sisters Youth Benefit 2pm Gb
- Wednesday Feb 14, 2024:** Class & Ash Wed Mass 6:30pm Fx
- Saturday Feb 17, 2024:** Confirmation 4pm Fx
- Wednesday Feb 21, 2024:** Class
- Wednesday Feb 28, 2024:** Class

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 (jberger1972@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 Wednesday (**see day & time change**) of each month we will meet with unique activities listed monthly! Come to the Gibbon Parsonage next to the church after confirmation classes 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 Sloat if you have questions.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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| <p>Wednesday, February 14th-8:30 AM (Ash Wednesday) Lector: Gail Herschman Dist: Geneva Klover Servers: Christopher & Gabriel Ruiz, Regie Mattes Ushers: Jesse Forstner, James Theis, Greg Stadtherr Gifts: Chuck & Ann Southworth Sacristan: Connie Tautges</p> |
| <p>Sunday, February 18th-10:00 AM Lector: Melvin Neyers/Regie Mattes Dist: Jeannine Grosam Servers: Jose & Silvana Ruiz Ushers: Jesse Forstner, James Theis, Greg Stadtherr Gifts: Karen (Brad) Spaude, Karen (Kevin) Spaude Sacristan: Rose Forst</p> |
| <p>Sunday, February 25th-10:00 AM Lector: Jerome Petersen Dist: Rose Forst Servers: Sophia & Ella Nachreiner Ushers: Jesse Forstner, James Theis, Greg Stadtherr Gifts: Greg & Tammy Stadtherr Sacristan: Connie Tautges</p> |
| <p>Sunday, March 3rd-8:00 AM (Time Change) Lector: Chuck & Ann Southworth Dist: Steve Grosam Servers: Jennifer Guzman, Melody Exum Ushers: Jason Haas, Ron Weber, Mike Willegal Gifts: Connie Tautges, Carol Haas Sacristan: Kathy Bruns</p> |

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner" for Week #4 of \$100 goes to **Jennifer Werner**. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY with our "Next Longest Married Couples" in the parish, on Sunday morning, February 11th, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Our couple we are honoring this year, *Tom and Mavis Lindmeyer*, are celebrating 55 years of marriage this year. Mass is followed by a light catered meal in the parish hall to which all are invited (free will offering). Lets thank Tom and Mavis for all they do for our parish!

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

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| Giving July 1st, 2023-February 7th, 2024 | |
| Income | \$101,897.14 |
| Expenses | \$ 64,890.86 |
| Net Gain/Loss | \$ 37,006.28 |

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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| <p>Wednesday, February 14th 5:00 PM (Ash Wednesday) (Time Change) Lectors: Kellie/Harry Sloot Eucharistic Ministers: Sue/Kevin Lauwagie Servers: Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Schmidt Gifts: Dave & Lorie Schauer Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie</p> |
| <p>Sunday, February 18th 8:00 AM (Time Change) Lectors: Kellie Sloot Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Witucki Servers: Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Schmidt Gifts: Andrew & Megan Schmidt Family Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie</p> |
| <p>Saturday, February 24th 5:00 PM Lectors: Yvonne O'Brien Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Dording Servers: Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger Gifts: Matt & Kristin McCue Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie</p> |
| <p>Sunday, March 3rd 10:00 AM (Time Change) Lectors: Ron Hillesheim Eucharistic Ministers: Tyler & Emilee Stehr Servers: Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer Gifts: Bill & Che May Ushers: Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner Money Counters Barb Pagel, Gary Renner Sacristan: Gary & Mary Renner</p> |

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

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY celebration will be held on February 10th. We will be honoring All Married Couples. There will be a light supper served after 5:00 mass. We will have a drawing for the married couples who are at the supper. It's a gift certificate to Hahn's Dining, donated by the K of C Winthrop and Gaylord Council #7051. All are welcome to join us for supper.

BAKE SALE items wanted for the Cogley Sisters Youth Benefit Concert on February 11th – If you are able to donate some baked goods for the Bake Sale being held at the concert, please bring them to the concert, or call 320-583-7975 and we will make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you for any help you can give our youth!

ST FRANCIS HAS REPLACED THE TABLES in the social hall. We have a bunch of the old tables (18) and want to give parishioners the first chance at acquiring one or more of the old tables. No price, just a free will offering. Contact Tom Witucki if interested in tables.

ST FRANCIS HAS TWO FUNDRAISERS YOU ARE INVITED TO. The first one is Sunday, February 18 at 1:00. We will have a grocery bingo and play 40 games for \$5.00 a card, there will be water for sale during the bingo and raffle tickets sold for a grocery box. Following the bingo all are invited to enjoy a delicious free -will offering lunch in the social hall. Proceeds will go toward air conditioning in the social hall.

On Saturday, February 24th, following 5:00 Mass, come visit with Father Bruno and have a free-will offering meal that will include cilantro lime chicken, carnitas, hamburger tacos, as well as an alternate hot dog meal, with all the fixings and bars and cookies for dessert. Proceeds will go to the India water project led by Father Bruno.

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

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| Wednesday, February 14th -6:30 PM (Ash Wednesday) Lector: Students Dist: LeRoy Schweiss Servers: Ashley, Isaac & Alex Vos Ushers: Dave Borth, Kevin Schweiss, Kevin Roiger, David Runck Gifts: Students Sacristan: |
| Saturday, February 17th -4:00 PM (Confirmation-Time Change) Lector: Dist: Servers: Ushers: Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth, Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer Gifts: Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory |
| Sunday, February 25th -8:00 AM Lector: Mike Beranek Dist: Maria Davila, Lidia Gonzalez Servers: Zach Sandgren, Nico Nosbush, Bernardo Davila Ushers: Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl, Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel Gifts: Michael & Barb Freitag Sacristan: Cindy Rieke |
| Saturday, March 2nd -5:00 PM (Time Change) Lector: Jody Busch Dist: Myron Schweiss Servers: Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner, Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl Ushers: Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner, John Rieke, Brian Marquardt Gifts: Dave & Jody Busch Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory |

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 1: Kim VanDeest, Kristi Marquardt

CUF MEETING will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the church basement

CCW MEETING at St. Andrews on February 26th @ 6:30 pm in the social hall. If any CCW members has a change in phone or cell phone number, please let Danette know.

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING WORLD MARRIAGE DAY at St. Andrews Church at 8:00 am mass followed by a brunch & reception in the social hall. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration & brunch."

Congratulations to our "Next Longest Married Couples":

Richard & Margery Schmidt 4-30-1966

Delford & Agnes Kiecker 4-7-1967

Norbert & Bev Blumhoefer 4-8-1967

SOLES 4 SOULS IS BACK!! Spread the word! During the month of April, there will be a drop box for "Soles 4 Souls" at each entrance of St. Andrew's. As thoughts of Spring-cleaning start, remember to donate shoes you no longer want or need.

Help keep them out of area landfills. Help Soles 4 Souls get shoes to kids who can't go to school, because they have no shoes.

Help Soles 4 Souls get shoes to adults who have none, so they can go to work. Clean, gently used kids' shoes, dress shoes, tennis shoes, boots, flip flops, sandals, slippers with soles and almost any other type of shoe can be donated. If you have any questions, please call 507-426-7759, please leave a message. We can also arrange for pick up of your shoes After Easter look for the boxes at church and watch for information on other drop off locations.

Thank you to those who have donated in the past.

To date, we have sent **1278 pairs of shoes**, 13 singles and 1 pair of boot liners to destinations in the U.S., Africa and Asia.

Thank you,

Barb Freitag

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023 – February 7th, 2024

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| Income | \$ 136,362.50 |
| Expenses | \$ 112,788.00 |
| Net Gain/Loss | \$ 23,574.50 |

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ENGLISH:

Dear Community: We are about to enter a significant time of purification and preparation for Easter: Lent. Let us remember the three pillars: prayer, penance, and charity; if we follow them, the objectives of Lent will be easier for us to achieve, and we will reach Easter transformed.

“Beloved Heavenly Father, God who has visited your people. We ask you to forgive our sins. We ask you to heal us of every illness, whether of the body or the soul, that separates us from others. We ask you to transform us into you so that we do not hinder the work of Christ, but on the contrary, that everything we do, whether eating, drinking, or anything else, we do it all for the glory of God. May we not give cause for scandal to the Jews, the pagans, or the Christian community. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the great prophet who has arisen among us. Amen.”

SPANISH:

Querida Comunidad: Estamos por entrar a un tiempo grande de purificación y preparación para la Pascua: la Cuaresma. Recordemos los tres pilares: oración, penitencia y caridad, si los seguimos se nos facilitarán los objetivos de la Cuaresma y llegaremos a la Pascua transformados.

“Amado Padre Celestial, Dios que has visitado a tu pueblo. Te pedimos que perdones nuestros pecados. Te pedimos que nos sanes de toda enfermedad ya sea del cuerpo o del alma que nos aparta de los demás. Te pedimos que nos transformes en ti para que no estorbemos el trabajo de Cristo sino por el contrario que todo lo que hagamos sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, lo hagamos todo para gloria de Dios. Que no demos motivo de escándalo ni a los judíos, ni a los paganos, ni a la comunidad cristiana. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, el gran profeta surgido entre nosotros. Amén.”

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Office of the Bishop

February 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection! The Black and Indian Mission Collection, established as the first National Collection in 1874, has proven itself to be a successful vehicle for sharing the resources of the Church's members to provide for the needs of our African American, Native American, and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize. This Collection so clearly authenticates Pope Francis' call to us to work as a family to help all of our brothers and sisters and to share the Love, Faith and Hope of Jesus Christ. As we embark on another year of evangelization in the African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

We all agree that never have the needs for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities been so great especially during this unprecedented pandemic. History tells us that lasting change to a community can all come through faith, hope and charity. Please continue to support this mission of faith and hope by your most generous charity.

Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. **Your partnership** places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders. **Your sacrifice** impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards. It is only through the constant generosity of everyone that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold.

In 2024, we ask everyone to make a sacrificial gift to the 2024 National Black and Indian Mission Collection and continue to support the evangelization efforts for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities in the United States. Learn more about the Black and Indian Missions at www.blackandindianmission.org and help us invite all peoples to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime!

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski
Bishop of New Ulm

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World Marriage Day 2024

Longest married couples in All Saints Area Faith Community

Other couples have been married longer but may have previously been recognized.

Norbert and Bev Blumhoefer, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Marriage Date: April 8, 1967

Marriage Location: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Norbert and Bev have three children: Robert, Annie, and Joe. They also have 2 grandchildren: Jordan (Rachel) and Joseph (Alyson).

How did you stay married all of these years?

Do things together, and don't try to win every argument!



Delford and Agnes Kiecker, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Marriage Date: April 7, 1967

Marriage Location: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Delford and Agnes have six children: Debbie Ann Wittig, Craig Kevin, Bonnie Jean Richter, Wade Allen (deceased), Jenny Marie Marxshausen, and Jeffrey James.

They also have 11 grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren: Emily Wittig; Samantha & Luke Kiecker; Tessa & Caleb Richter with step-children Vika, Noah and Eli; Marissa, Chase, & Bria Marxshausen; and Zach, Max, and Gwen Kiecker.

How did you stay married all of these years?

Each one has to give a little. The same one isn't always right!



World Marriage Day 2024

Longest married couples in All Saints Area Faith Community

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Richard and Margery Schmidt, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Marriage Date: April 30, 1966

Marriage Location: St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Richard and Margery have two children: William and Brent

They also have 3 grandchildren: Chelsea, Megan and Harper, and 2 great-grandchildren – Charlie and Hallie.

How did you stay married all of these years? Pray and be good to each other! Don't sweat the small stuff. Storms never last. Do projects together.



Tom and Mavis Lindmeyer, St. Willibrord's, Gibbon, MN

Marriage Date: April 26, 1969 (first wedding in the new church!)

Marriage Location: St. Willibrord's Catholic Church, Gibbon, MN

Tom and Mavis have four children: Nikki (Troy), Kristi (Tony), Jennifer (Juan), and Nate (Brenda).

They have 8 grandchildren: Christopher (fiancé Jessica), Kaylee, Jordan, Liam, Megan, Connor, Hunter, and Rykes. They also have 4 step grandchildren: Samantha, Ashley, Taylor, and Bailey

How did you stay married all of these years? Take one day at a time. Communicate by planning the day each morning. Take time to laugh, and don't end each day in anger. Love by Example!



St. Francis DeSales in Winthrop is celebrating all married couples in the parish at a lunch after Mass – February 10th.