



ALL SAINTS

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBROD'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.

Monday, February 15	NO MASS		
Tuesday, February 16	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Adeline Dickmeyer
Wednesday, February 17	8:30 AM	Winthrop	+David Broderson
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	5:30 PM	Fairfax	+Gene Schroeder
	7:00 PM	Gibbon	+Debra Eichten
Thursday, February 18	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Don Ludewig
Friday, February 19	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Jim Essler
Saturday, February 20	3:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Fairfax	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, February 21	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Stan & Carol Lauwagie
	10:30 AM	Winthrop	+Bennett Juenemann
	12:30 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Reflection Questions Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What strained bond can I help heal this week? What barrier can I break down?



Readings for the Week of February 14, 2021

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: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and
9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/
Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

“He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.” **Nothing could stop the crowds from gathering. Men, women, and children traveled from near and far – everywhere - to find Jesus.** Word had spread quickly about the miraculous healing of the leprous man. And people wanted to know what it was all about. Yes, he had the power to cure illnesses and drive out demons. But more than that, he had the power to change hearts. His words of compassion and mercy, and the actions that backed them up, must have caused many a conversion during those encounters in the deserted places. Although we don’t have the opportunity to see him in person, we do have the chance to search for Jesus and to find him. Sometimes, he may seem remote. **Maybe we don’t automatically feel his presence. Perhaps, when times are tough, we wonder where he is hiding.** But when we persevere in our journey by praying, reading the Bible, and receiving the sacraments, we too can find the Lord. And as we bring our needs to him, Jesus will be “moved with pity” for us as well and will extend to us healing love that has transformed so many hearts through Christian history.

“Lord Jesus, I need your healing touch today!”

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday of this week, February 17. One form of penance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross, meditating on Jesus’ walk to Calvary.

Masses for Ash Wednesday are St. Francis de Sales 8:30 A.M., St. Andrew 5:30 P.M., St. Willibrord 7:00 P.M.

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA PARISH

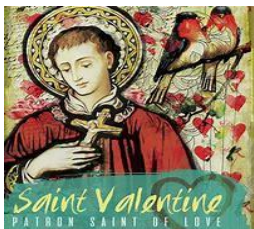
AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 16th, at 6:30 pm in Gibbon

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 15** Nathan Sandgren, Cindy Elwood, Jim Berger, Madyson Steele
Feb 16 Justin Grosam, Katie Joehnck, Gary & Carol Rieke Anniv., Kristin McCue
Feb 17 Lowell Kiecker, Fred Kienlen, Chris Wortz, Karen Spaude, Chris Unger
Feb 18 Tom Borth, Marie (Angela) San Miguel, Megan Hillmann, Dennis Weitzenkamp
Feb 19 Mark Huiras, Brenda Runck, Jenna Peterson, Joseph Eaton
Feb 20 Andres & Nora Herrera Anniv., Rhonda Lyon, Jan Serbus, Sister Mary Frances Allen, Connie & Vic Serbus Anniv.
Feb 21 Chris Jandl, Cheryl Dingels

KNOW A SAINT St. Valentine (February 14)



Saint Valentine was a Catholic priest who also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who couldn’t get legally married. The emperor outlawed weddings in Rome because he thought that marriage would distract his soldiers from their work. When he discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent him to jail. He used his time in jail to continue to reach out to people with the love that he said Jesus Christ gave him for others. He befriended his jailer who asked Valentine to help his blind daughter, Julia, with her lessons. The two became friends. The Emperor

Claudius also came to like him and offered to pardon Valentine and set him free if he would renounce his Christian faith and agree to worship the roman gods. Valentine refused to leave his faith and encouraged the Emperor to place his trust in Christ. He was so enraged at Valentine’s response that he sentenced him to die. Valentine wrote a last note to encourage Julia to stay close to Jesus and to thank her for being his friend. He signed the note: “From your Valentine.” That note inspired people to begin writing their own loving messages to people on Valentine’s Feast Day February 14.

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men’s program – Week 18- The 3rd Day: Cultural Context: The Hardening of the Hearat. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

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!

THIS WEEK (ASH WEDNESDAY) our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today 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/ccce.

Next week, our parish will take up the 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 including our diocese. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



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
Gerald Peichel
St. Andrew’s

FEBRUARY 7-14, 2021, 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. Our All Saints AFC will be honoring our “next” longest married couples in Fairfax, Gibbon and Winthrop parishes. 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. The next available **Weekends** are going to be virtual for now, because of Covid restrictions. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

¿Están buscando un fin de semana perfecto? ¿Un fin de semana para acercarse más? ¿Quiéren aprender una técnica de comunicación que le permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación en un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana del **Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial** es exactamente lo que buscan. Se pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. Para aplicar visite <http://ncmarriediscovery.org/faqs-es.php> o para más información pónganse en contacto con Diego y Claudia Gonzalez: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.

“Pray without ceasing.” –1 Thes 5:17

The promotion and protection of marriage begins with prayer and is nourished by prayer.

We invite you to pray for marriage with us.

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.

The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church.

The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage.

May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.

Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity! Each morning during Lent we will read and reflect on the Gospel. We look forward to “seeing” you live on Facebook each day at 6:30 am beginning on Wednesday, February 17th on the All Saints Area Faith Community page. If 6:30 am doesn't work for you, you can find these reflections anytime archived on the All Saints Area Faith Community Facebook page, on the All Saints Area Faith Community YouTube page, OR by visiting our website at www.allsaintsafc.org !
So, grab your Bible, pour yourself a cup of coffee and meet us each morning for The Best Part!

BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST

Ascensionpress.com (Choose Ascension presents from the drop down menu then scroll down, click The Bible in A Year, scroll down and click listen now!)

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021. Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to **three scripture readings**
- a **reflection** from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and **guided prayer** to help you **hear God's voice in his Word.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 19, 2021: St. Andrew's 7 pm Lead by Fairfax men's groups

Friday, February 26, 2021: St. Willibrord's 7 pm Lead by Gibbon men's groups

Friday, March 5, 2021: St. Francis 7 pm Lead by Winthrop men's groups

Friday, March 12, 2021: St. Andrew's 7 pm Lead by Fairfax women's groups

Friday, March 19, 2021: St. Willibrord's 7 pm Lead by Gibbon women's groups

Friday, March 26, 2021: St. Francis 7 pm Lead by Winthrop women's groups

LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday February 20, 2021: St. Willibrord's 10-11 am
St. Andrew's 3-3:45 pm

Saturday February 27, 2021: St. Francis 10-11 am
St. Andrew's 3-3:45 pm

Saturday March 6, 2021: St. Andrew's 10-11 am
St. Willibrord's 3-3:45 pm
Saturday March 13, 2021: St. Francis 10-11 am
St. Willibrord's 3-3:45 pm
Saturday March 20, 2021: St. Andrew's 10-11 am
St. Willibrord's 3-3:45 pm
Saturday March 27, 2021: St. Francis 10-11 am
St. Willibrord's 3-3:45 pm

SEEKING MISSIONARIES! Totus Tuus (Latin for “Totally Yours”) is a program of the Diocese of New Ulm that gathers college students into teams of four and sends them out to parishes to spread the faith through Catechesis, songs, games, skits and the sacraments! It combines faith and fun! Go to www.dnu.org/totus-tuus-missionary.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL, APRIL 15 – ON MISSION FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY! Join Catholics from across the state to transform our state into a culture that defends life and dignity. Be formed in the faith, beginning the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Be informed on the issues, as we hear from inspiring speakers like international pro-life advocate Obianuju Ekeocha and Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. And be sent on mission, joining a Eucharistic procession from the cathedral to the State Capitol before meeting with your legislators to advocate for life and dignity! The big day is April 15, but registration closes March 31. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and secure your spot. Together, we can protect life and dignity!

THE BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE – Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. - has been changed to a virtual event. Admission is free. To register, please visit www.dnu.org. You will be sent an email with a link to connect to the event via Zoom. The featured speaker will be Johnnette Benkovic Willams, founder of EWTN’s Women of Grace. Her talk is entitled “Journey in Faith” will detail her journey from being a non-practicing Catholic to founding international apostolates of evangelization through Catholic media.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew’s	St. Francis’s	St. Willibrord’s
Adult	1,148.00	635.00	858.00
Loose Plate	71.00	10.00	
Catholic Schools Education			50.00
Seminary Collection			
DUF			
Votives			3.00
Building		10.00	
Maintenance	40.00		
TOTAL	\$1,259.00	\$655.00	\$911.00

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, 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, February 17, 2021: Class for 1-4 graders, No class for 5-10 grades. Please attend Ash Wednesday Mass!
Wednesday, February 24, 2021: Class

ASH WEDNESDAY! Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. Mass schedule is as follows: 8:30 am Winthrop, 5:30 pm Fairfax, 7:00 pm Gibbon. We are asking all evening religion classes to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday!

RESTORED!

Steubenville National Youth Conference, July 23-25, 2021, Rochester MN – A transformational Catholic conference for high school youth (8th through 12th grades). Enjoy top national keynote speakers, powerful praise music, and more. Due to COVID restrictions, spots will be limited. Sign up early! See flyer for more info or contact Kellie Sloom (320) 583-6755. Fundraising opportunities will be available! Please let us know by February 15th if you are interested so fundraisers and travel plans can be arranged!

ST. WILLIBRORD’S – GIBBON

Wednesday, February 17th -7:00 PM (Ash Wednesday) Lector: Melvin Neyers Ushers: Ronny Weber, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz Sacristan: Connie Tautges
Sunday, February 21st -8:30 AM Lector: Jerome Petersen Ushers: Ronny Weber, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz Sacristan: Kathy Bruns
Sunday, February 28th -8:30 AM Lector: Amy Weber Ushers: Ronny Weber, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz Sacristan: Rose Forst
Saturday, March 6th -4:00 PM Lector: Alan Neyers Ushers: Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko Sacristan: Connie Tautges

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ROSE FORST AND DAWN HOFFMANN for making our church altar look so beautiful this past Advent, Christmas and January! Mavis Lindmeyer and Jeannine Grosam will now take over from February through Palm Sunday. Thank you ladies for all your help and service to our beautiful church!

OUR BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS CAN BE TAKEN HOME by anyone anytime as they will not be part of the liturgical decoration after February 14. If you would like one and want us to hold one for you or arrange to bring it to your home, call Mavis 507-829-4416 . Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas poinsettias.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY will be celebrated on Sunday, February 14th, honoring all our married couples in the parish with a special blessing, and special treats for all present at Mass. Our next longest married couples this year are – Dave and Dolores Kokesch who will be celebrating 59 years of marriage on May 5th, and Donnie & Charlene Forst who will be celebrating 57 years of marriage on April 7th!

ADULT CHOIR will sing for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 17th at the 7 p.m. Mass. We meet to practice in the social hall at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome!

COFFEE & ROLLS will be served by CCW after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 21st. Please come and join us for treats and fellowship. There is plenty of room in the social hall to social distance and still enjoy coffee and rolls and friends! Free will donations accepted but not necessary.

CCW SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarships are again available for education in faith and spiritual growth. They can be used for speakers, workshops, seminars, classes, music lessons, etc. that aide women and girls of the parish in parish ministry. Applications are due March 1st – see Genny Neyers ASAP for more information and forms – 834-6659.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-February 10, 2021

Income \$ 61,995.85 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$ 53,433.23

Net Gain/Loss \$ 8,562.62

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Wednesday, **February 17th**-8:30 AM (Ash Wednesday)

Lector: Kellie Sloom **Ushers:** Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Sacristan:** Sue Lauwagie **Money**

Counters: Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki

Sunday, **February 21st**-10:30 AM

Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola **Ushers:** Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Sacristan:** Sue Lauwagie

Money Counters: Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki

Sunday, **February 28th**-10:30 AM

Lector: Barb Pagel **Ushers:** Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Sacristan:** Sue Lauwagie **Money Counters:**

Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki

Sunday, **March 7th**-8:30 AM

Lector: Dave Schauer **Ushers:** Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner **Sacristan:** Gary & Mary Renner **Money Counters:**

Barb Pagel, Gary Renner

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION will be held on February 14th, honoring our next longest married couple this year - Leon and Diane Lang who will be celebrating 55 years of marriage on April 16th! We will be serving a light lunch after Mass on the 14th. Please join us!

THERE HAS BEEN SOME CLEANING HAPPENING in the old church entry storage area. In that space we found lots of games, puzzles, stickers, wreaths, Christmas lights, a bulletin board, a chalk board, books, etc. All of this is “up for grabs” on two tables in the social hall. Take a look and take home what you find interesting, useful, or unique. There is something for just about everyone!! It all needs to find a new home!!

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Wednesday, **February 17th**-5:30 PM (Ash Wednesday)

Lector: Mike Beranek **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:**

Saturday, **February 20th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Agnes Kiecker **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe

Saturday, **February 27th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Janet Simonsen **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

Sunday, **March 7th**-10:30 AM

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13th, at St Andrews Parish, honoring all our married couples in the parish with a special blessing and special treats for all present at Mass. Our next longest married couples this year are: Richard & Agnes Mathiowetz and Elgar & Arline Kiecker. Congratulations to our next longest married couples!

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.

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 1: Jody Busch, Jamie Case

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THE YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT that got mailed out to everyone the figure of miscellaneous cost for coal bin and entry repair totaled \$6,097 not \$45,097 paid by a generous parishioner.

Also, Funfest donations were not included on your year end contribution statement. You will be getting another form with this amount on. Sorry for the confusion.

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-February 10th, 2021

Income \$ 123,417.45 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)

Expenses \$ (86,515.88)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 36,901.57

Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses \$54,257.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(26,325.04)

World Day of Marriage 2021

Longest married couples in All Saints Area Faith Community

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

Elgar & Arline Kiecker, St. Andrews Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Marriage Date: January 11, 1961

Marriage Location: St. Mary's, Bird island, MN

Arline and Elgar have seven children: Todd, Paul, Charlotte, Mark, Brad, Dennis and Karen.

They also have 7 grandchildren: Kristina, Amanda, Bailey, Tia, Taylor, Ryan and Chelsea.



Richard & Agnes Mathiowetz, St. Andrews Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Marriage Date: August 25, 1959

Marriage Location: St. Andrews Catholic Church, Fairfax, MN

Richard & Agnes Mathiowetz have had six children: Kelvin, Karen, Myron, Daniel, Mary, and Julie Karen. Karen lived 3 days, and Daniel died at 33 yrs from brain cancer (21 years ago).

They also have 8 grandchildren: Krista Mathiowetz, Joey & Ben Mathiowetz, Carissa, Kaylee & Colin Hillmer, Joshua & Alyssa Mathiowetz, and 6 great grandchildren – Rylee, Aubree, Camden, Wyatt, Jayce & Ameila (& 1 due in June!).

How did you stay married all of these years?

Work together on everything you do, and be kind to each other. Say you love each other all the time, its important!



Dave & Dolores Kokesch, St. Willibrord's Catholic Church, Gibbon, MN

Marriage Date: May 5, 1962

World Day of Marriage 2021

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Leon & Diane Lang, St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Winthrop, MN

Marriage Date: April 16, 1966

Marriage Location: St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Winthrop, MN

Leon and Diane have four children: Patrick (Melanie), Brent (Wendy), Daniel (Abbey), Rebecca (Dale) Prokosch. They also have 12 grandchildren: Courtney, Samantha (Eric Maas), Carter, MaKenna, William, Alyssa, Broden, Kaleb, Hanna, Madalyn, Nolan, and Aubrie.

How did you stay married all of these years? Three things come to mind:

*You have to have faith & love of God. It's the only thing that gets you through the difficult times you face. *Family is the cornerstone of every relationship, not only for the love & support you give your family, but what they give you back. *Fun – Love what you do, & be able to laugh when things don't go the way you thought. Above all – Love!



Donald and Charlene Forst, St. Willibrord's, Gibbon, MN

Marriage Date: April 7, 1964

Marriage Location: St. John's Catholic Church, Searles, MN

Donnie and Charlene have five children: Steve, Terry, Stacey, Kathryn & David. They also have 5 grandchildren: Brady, Jared, Trainis, Trey & Emily

How did you stay married all these years?

Strong faith & HARD WORK!! (mentally & physically). When we retired, Happy Hour every day at 3 p.m. Happy Wife, Happy life!

