

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

# 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 22	5:00 PM	Gibbon	+Merlin & Belle Blais & family
Tuesday, February 23	8:30 AM	Fairfax	Spec Int – Arvina Schweiss
Wednesday, February 24	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Virgil & Beverly Bregel
Thursday, February 25	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Marian Wendinger
Friday, February 26	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Myron Ayer
Saturday, February 27	3:00 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Fairfax	+Willard Berle
Sunday, February 28	8:30 AM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:30 AM	Winthrop	+Julie Dummer

#### **Reflection Questions First Sunday of Lent**

What action will I take this Lent that's given from the heart and doesn't reveal to the world the sacrifice that I'm making?



#### **Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021**

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/  
Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/  
Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,  
16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Lent is meant to be our journey into the desert. **Just as Jesus spent days fighting with temptation and ultimately building up his spiritual strength, we too are called to spend the next forty days doing battle with the things that tempt us.** We are invited during this holy season to grow in self-discipline by giving something up for Lent. The long-standing Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are also important elements of this spiritual battle. When we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit thereby squeezing out any spirit of selfishness or evil that threatens to control our hearts. When we fast, we exercise the virtue of temperance, or self-control. This virtue is of tremendous value when we are tempted to indulge our bodily senses in ways that are not healthy or holy. And almsgiving – when it is truly generous – also strengthens us spiritually by shifting our gaze to the needs of others, even to the point of making a personal sacrifice. **During Lent, we acknowledge the battle between good and evil within our own souls and do what we can to stir up a victory for goodness.** This season of purification can help each of us to become a better, holier, and therefore happier person. May we make good use of this, our journey into the desert.

*“Lord Jesus, help me follow you into new life this Lent.”*

Human beings are the clearest reflection of God among us. That makes human life sacred. Catholics work for the good of everyone, especially working to support marriage and family.

*“In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks.” ~ St. Teresa of Avila*

Fr. Bruno OSB

**REMEMBER TIME CHANGE FOR MASSES WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MARCH:** Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at Gibbon, Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at Winthrop and 10:30 am at Fairfax

**FATHER WILL BE HOLDING MASS EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT** (February 22-March 29) in Gibbon at 5:00 pm

**2020 INDIA WELL WATER PROJECT UPDATE:** With heartfelt gratitude I am pleased to make it known that the goal of our All Saints AFC Well Project with Fr. Stephen at the Benedictine Monastery in Sivagangai, India has been met! Thank you to all who have given donations both monetary and in prayer for this important project. The well has given the local people in the village a renewed water supply, and supplies water for the irrigation of the crops. The local people are very dependent on the crops they grow to provide a living for their families. Having the well totally paid for will allow the monastery to use their funds to help the local people in a variety of other ways. Your generosity is much appreciated! Thank You from Fr. Stephen and Fr. Bruno!

## AREA PARISH

### AREA CALENDAR

#### AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Feb 22** Ron Louisiana

**Feb 23** Doris Prax, Arvina Schweiss, Mark Kockelman, Kathy Bruns, Dawn Hoffmann, Leyla Ahlbrecht, Scott Koep

**Feb 24** Marley Hewitt, Raymond & Geneva Klover Anniv., Justin Eckert

**Feb 25** Haylee Case-Kopel, LeAnn Frank, Roberto Gonzalez, Jim Koupal, Diane McCorquodale

**Feb 26** Mike Johnson, Wayne & Cecilia Lyon Anniv., Thomas Forstner, Stephanie Howe, Anden Hoffmann, Lincoln McCue, Lee Zollner

**Feb 27** Jennifer Palmer, Constance Tautges, Jacob Unger, Karen Weitzenkamp, Quinn Schmidt

**Feb 28** Jean Bode, Emily Meyer, Chanel Pulley



*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 Vandeeest**

**Gerald Peichel**

St. Andrew's

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS** last week to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**TODAY, 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! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

**Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program** – Week 19- The 4th Day: The Annunciation. 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!

**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.allsaintsaafc.org](http://www.allsaintsaafc.org) ! So, grab your Bible, pour yourself a cup of coffee and meet us each morning for The Best Part!

**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.

**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

**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.**

**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](http://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	1,703.00	670.00	528.00
Loose Plate	25.00		25.00
Church Central & Eastern			10.00
Spanish Mass	83.00		
Votives	103.00		
Building			
Maintenance			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,914.00</b>	<b>\$670.00</b>	<b>\$563.00</b>

**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 24, 2021: Class

Wednesday, March 3, 2021: Class

Wednesday, March 10, 2021: Class

## ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM

**Lector:** Amy Weber **Ushers:** Ronny Weber, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz **Sacristan:** Rose Forst

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>-4:00 PM

**Lector:** Alan Neyers **Ushers:** Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>-4:00 PM

**Lector:** Gail Herschman **Ushers:** Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

**COFFEE & ROLLS** will be served by CCW after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> – see Genny Neyers ASAP for more information and forms – 834-6659.

**CCW Spring Gathering** will not be held this year. Instead, everyone is encouraged to register for the Bishop Lucker Lecture, being held virtually, on Monday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and will feature Johnnette Benkovic Willams, founder of EWTN's Women of Grace. Information and link are provided elsewhere in this bulletin. It is hoped to still have the annual Diocesan CCW convention, scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Stay tuned!

**“WINE AND DIVINE”** St. Willibrord's CCW (Council of Catholic Women) is again offering ALL the women of St. Willibrord's our appreciation, by hosting a relaxing and fun evening. You are invited to attend “Wine and Divine” night from 7 to about 8:30 p.m., on Sunday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at St. Willibrord's church social hall. The evening social includes Wine (including International varieties), scrumptious cupcakes, other treats, good conversation with other women (get to know someone new!), and closing with a Faith Inspiration with Fr. Bruno. He will share about how the Catholic faith got to India, and tell us about some of the great Indian saints. You will also receive a thank you gift. Please RSVP by March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Berny at [jbberger1972@gmail.com](mailto:jbberger1972@gmail.com), or call 834-6321 (leave a message). But if you decide at the last minute that you are able to attend –come anyway! And please tell your St. Willibrord's friends or family members about this and join us... Masks needed. There is plenty of room to social distance, as you wish!

## **STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021**

Giving July 1st, 2020-February 17, 2021

Income \$ 62,548.85 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$ 54,083.44

**Net Gain/Loss \$ 8,465.41**

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>-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 7<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM

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

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>-8:30 AM

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

**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!!

**THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILY AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY** for honoring us as the longest married couple on the coldest day of the year!! Thank you to Father Bruno for his kind words, Che and Bill May and all the people that help with organizing, decorating and serving the delicious lunch after, and for the lovely remembrance. Our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary is actually April 16 but this was a great way to celebrate early and we will remember it fondly. Leon and Diane

**BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT MN FOODSHARE.** The Social Concerns committee will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, March 7, 2021 following the 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis. It will be a free will offering to benefit the foodshare in Sibley County. It is their 40th year and in an effort to improve food insecurity in our area, they want you to know that your contribution is needed. Food or money. The Minnesota Charitable Food System (food shelves, and food banks, meal programs, etc) have been running at full capacity. The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated this, making it critical to focus on creating a more just and equitable food system that meets the needs of all Minnesotans.

Food insecurity means access to adequate food is inconsistent and limited by a lack of money and other resources throughout the year. Food insecure households report their diets to be of reduced quality, variety, or desirability and/or experience disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake. The Charitable Food System wants to have nourishing food, regardless of race, socioeconomic class, location, gender and other social identities.

For the 2020 FoodShare drive, Sibley County collected 7,003 pounds of food and \$30,165. This is well below our neighboring counties of McLeod, Nicollet and Brown!

Please share this info and donate non-perishable food or money as an effort during the month of March for the MN FoodShare program. Minnesota's children need your help.

Thank you for your generosity, Barb Dietl (h) 507-228-9802 and Mary Nelson (c) 320-583-0538. Call us if you can help with the breakfast 3/7/2021.

## ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, <b>February 27<sup>th</sup></b> -4:00 PM <b>Lector:</b> Janet Simonsen <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Brenda Runck
Sunday, <b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Cindy Rieke <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Chuck Marlowe
Sunday, <b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Mike Beranek <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Colleen Schweiss

**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](mailto: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

<b>STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021</b>	
Giving July 1st, 2020-February 17th, 2021	
Income	\$ 125,331.45 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)
Expenses	\$ ( 87,578.41)
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 37,753.04</b>
<b>Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses</b>	<b>\$54,257.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(26,325.04)</b>

The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast the following series **THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES** on AGGW Public Access, channels 7 and 8, at 11 a.m. on Fridays and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sundays.

February 26, 28	What is Roman Catholicism? – Episode 1
March 5,7	The British Colonies – Episode 2
March 12, 14	Church & The American Revolution – Episode 3
March 19, 21	Organizational Tensions in Early National Period – Episode 4
March 26, 28	Jacksonian Era – Episode 5
April 2, 4	The Civil War Era – Episode 6
April 9, 11	Reconstruction – Episode 7
April 16, 18	The Church Comes of Age – Episode 8
April 23, 25	Church Enters the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century – Episode 9
April 30, May 2	The Church of the Twenties – Episode 10
May 7, 9	Catholic Contributions – Episode 11
May 14, 16	Post World War II Years – Episode 12
May 21, 23	American Converts to Catholicism – Episode 13

**SPIRITUALITY** By Marianne Schotzko

## **LOOKING FOWARD TO RENEWAL**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Western Christian calendar. It occurs exactly 46 days before Easter (40 fasting days not counting Sundays). It is a moveable fast that can fall as early as February 4 and as late as March 10. This year (2021), Ash Wednesday is February 17th.

Ash Wednesday is named after the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of faithful as a reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. Ash Wednesday is observed by most Christians. In the Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday is observed by fasting and abstinence from meat. The ash is to come from the palm trees dedicated on Palm Sunday of the previous year.

The primary purpose of Lent is to help us become truly holy – and we should work toward this goal during Lent by extra prayer, penance, good works, almsgiving, attendance at Mass and reception of the sacraments (the chief sources of grace). Traditionally, Catholics have chosen penitential practices for the whole time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous (kept on Sundays as well). These practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer. The abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs – all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking liquids between meals is allowed. Snacks or solid foods between meals are not allowed.

Some Lenten suggestions:

Begin each morning with the prayer: “Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do, and say.” Attend Holy Mass as often as possible

Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in a parish celebration

Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day

Make a humble and sorrowful confession

Read a traditional Catholic book

Make time for heart felt prayer

Disconnect from social media and News

Fast by eating healthy and as a family

Forgive and Pray for those who have hurt you

Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalm 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)

Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week

Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker

Or any other practice that will help your spiritual renewal.

On Ash Wednesday, all over the world, Catholics are going to be praying and fasting. It is a powerful day to ask for God’s forgiveness and for the salvation of Souls. All of us Catholics need to pray for unity and purity of Catholic dogma. We also want to repent of individual and collective sins that are destroying the Mystical Body of Christ. We should not take the Salvation of the World on OUR shoulders! **Jesus is the savior of the world.** We are just to help those with whom we have influence. Salvation starts with our own souls and our family. Every time we get depressed about the pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity, get down on our knees and pray about it. Then give it over to God, Mary and the Saints to take care of it. We only do whatever we can to peacefully reform and renew the Church. Then we let God do the rest. We are not God. Invite people this lent to attend mass. Chill out and have more joy. God is still in charge of the Church and the world. We are only His humble servants.