



ALL SAINTS

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



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FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBROD'S
GIBBON, MN



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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, March 1	5:00 PM	Gibbon	+Brad Kohls
Tuesday, March 2	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+James Schweiss
Wednesday, March 3	8:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec Int - Frank Moldan
Thursday, March 4	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Christian Mothers
Friday, March 5	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Jan Schwecke
Saturday, March 6	3:00 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, March 7	8:30 AM	Winthrop	+Richard & Verna Rein
	10:30 AM	Fairfax	+John Weldy
	12:30 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Reflection Questions Second Sunday of Lent

How can I transfigure my life this Lent? What will I do to show the transfiguration Jesus has made in me?



Readings for the Week of February 28, 2021

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. **Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God's healing, felt his mercy, or knew his presence was real.** But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don't spend the majority of our time "on the mountaintop" with these "dazzling" sights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have "disappeared." Possibly Peter, James and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. **But when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was for real.** As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that he can lead us to eternal life.

"Lord Jesus, I am not worthy to receive you, but you will offer yourself to me. Help me to embrace you so that my soul may be healed."

Grow in love during Lent. The point of the season of Lent is to transform our hearts - to become new, ready to greet our new life at Easter. We can use this time in the desert to live lives of love for God and for one another.

Don't let this Lent pass by without the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. The Lord's mercy is central to these 40 days of penance, prayer, and almsgiving. **Times for individual confessions** in our area faith community are...

Saturday, March 6 - St. Andrew 10-11 a.m. and St. Willibrord 3-3:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 13 - St. Francis de Sales 10-11 a.m. and St. Willibrord 3-3:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 20 - St. Andrew 10-11 a.m. and St. Willibrord 3-3:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 27 - St. Francis de Sales 10-11 a.m. and St. Willibrord 3-3:45 p.m.

I hope that everyone has a chance to **pray the Stations of the Cross**, either together the multiple times scheduled in our parishes each Friday at 7 p.m. or by stopping into church and praying them on your own.

Fr. Bruno OSB

REMEMBER TIME CHANGE FOR MASSES WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MARCH: Saturday, March 6th, 4:00 pm at Gibbon, Sunday, March 7th, 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

Mar 1 Deb Nachreiner, Phyllis Gruenhagen, Pat Reinhart

Mar 2 Grace Weldy, Andrea Nachreiner, Jody Busch, Megan Hacker, Deb Forstner, Mary Nelson

Mar 3 Wayne Freitag

Mar 4 William Bastian, Greg Fahey, James Zitzman

Mar 5 Colby Rieke, Blakely Pulley

Mar 6 Marge Schmidt, Mike Harazin, Cory Hanson, Grace Rubischko

Mar 7 Angela Kiecker, Katherine McClain, Bryce Buboltz, Bill Sauter

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED in the 137th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support.

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 20- Physics and Faith: Beauty Beyond Description. 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!



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
Mary Schweiss
St. Andrew's

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 ! 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, 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

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR—Sunday, March 7th, at St. Willibrord's, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Note later time). Holy Hour will include the rosary, scripture readings, prayer, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

ALL SAINTS AFC WOMEN INVITED TO “WINE AND DIVINE”. St. Willibrord's CCW (Council of Catholic Women) is inviting any interested women of our All Saints AFC, to attend our “Wine and Divine” night from 7 to about 8:30 p.m., on Sunday evening, March 7th, at St. Willibrord's church social hall. The evening social includes Wine and 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 2nd, to Berny at jbberger1972@gmail.com, or call 834-6321 (leave a message), so we have enough food and beverages. Masks needed. There is room to social distance.

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. 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.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY ANN: Hello everyone! I have thought of all of you so often over these months. On March 13 we will be marking a total year of sheltering in place here on Good Counsel Hill. We got to a point of being able to have visitors come for a visit outside but that was the most we were able to do. We did have 5 sisters contract Covid and one of them died. It was a difficult time for all of us but through the grace of God we got through those tough weeks. We just completed our second vaccine dose for which we are grateful. As we go forward we will find out how we might be able to open things up a bit. We are so ready for that but also know we can't yet do everything right away. Who would have ever thought life would be changed so drastically.

I'm also writing to let you know that we are going to have the 9th annual “Pedal Past Poverty” bike race on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in an outdoor location in Mankato. I am hoping to participate and pedal for the cause of the homeless which is even greater right now due to the pandemic. All donations, small or large, will go to “Partners for Housing”. If you are able please join me in supporting this cause. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated! You can put it in an envelope labeled “Pedal Past Poverty” and place in the collection basket, drop it off at the main office, or send it to me - Sister Mary Ann Kuhn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato, MN 56001. (Checks made payable to **Partners for Housing.**) Donations are due by **April 7!** Thank you so very much for your support and care.

You have been thought of so many times and I remember you with great fondness. I have especially remembered those of you who have lost loved ones these months. Reading each obituary took me down memory lane with them and you. We have wonderful people interceding for all of us. I wish you God's blessing, pray for you often, ask God to watch over Fr. Bruno who is such a good pastor for you, and send you my love! Whenever I can come your way, I WILL! Take care! Sister Mary Ann

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	2,817.00	1,330.00	245.00
Loose Plate	39.00	25.00	25.00
Church Central & Eastern	271.00	148.00	144.25
Black & Indian Home	213.05	156.00	102.00
Votives	49.35		
Easter	200.00		
Catholic Education	27.00		
Building		25.00	
Maintenance	300.00		
TOTAL	\$3,916.40	\$1,684.00	\$516.25

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Please continue to pray for the following military personnel who are members of our parish families and are serving full time or active duty in the military: MSG William R. Schmidt, SSG Jeff Ziegler, Ryan E Lawrenz, SGT, Sgt. Chris Levinske, Amber Lindberg, Sgt Kenneth Coleman, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and Pvt Jordan Lindmeyer, SGT Colin Jackson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 3, 2021: Class & Reconciliation Gb
Wednesday, March 10, 2021: Class & Reconciliation Fx
Saturday, March 13, 2021: 5th & 6th Grade Mass in Gb
Wednesday, March 17, 2021: Class
Wednesday, March 24, 2021: No in-person Class
Wednesday, March 31, 2021: Class – Holy Week

SECOND GRADE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, April 1st: Bring up gifts for Mass in Fairfax at 6 pm
 Wednesday, April 7th: Seder Meal 5:30 pm
 Sunday, April 11th: First Communion, 8:30 am Winthrop, 10:30 am Fairfax

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Saturday, March 6th -4:00 PM Lector: Alan Neyers Ushers: Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko Sacristan: Connie Tautges
Saturday, March 13th -4:00 PM Lector: Gail Herschman Ushers: Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko Sacristan: Kathy Bruns
Saturday, March 20th -4:00 PM Lector: Jessica Willegal Ushers: Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko Sacristan: Rose Forst

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.

MARCH FOOD DRIVE: March is the month that our area food shelves rely on our assistance and generosity. Please note the containers/displays for collecting food, paper products, etc. A second collection will be taken up the weekend of March 6th to benefit our area food shelves. If for some reason you are unable to donate then, monetary donations or checks can be made out to “Sibley County Foodshare“ and placed in the collection basket marked “Food Shelf” during this month. Please respond to the Gospel’s call to help those in need. Let us help our food shelves provide food for people in our geographical area. Thanks for being Christ’s hands and heart.

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 8th, 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 24th at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Stay tuned!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-February 24, 2021	
Income	\$ 62,818.85 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)
Expenses	\$ <u>54,116.32</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 8,702.53

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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

Sunday, **March 14th**-8:30 AM

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

Sunday, **March 21st**-8:30 AM

Lector: Yvonne O'Brien **Ushers:** Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner **Sacristan:** Gary & Mary Renner **Money Counters:** Barb Pagel, Gary Renner

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (GAYLORD & WINTHROP) will be holding their meeting on March 2nd, 2021, 7:00 pm at St. Francis's Church in Winthrop.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD, AT 7 PM: Join us for Stations of the Cross

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

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

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

Sunday, **March 14th**-10:30 AM

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

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

Lector: Jody Busch **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe

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.

MARCH FOOD DRIVE March is the month that the area food shelves rely on assistance and generosity. There will be a second collection next week March 6, 2021 taken for the benefit of the food shelf. If for some reason you aren't able to give a financial donation then, you can do it anytime in March and put it in an envelope marked "Food Shelf" and place in the collection basket. Let us help our food shelves provide food for people in our area. We will be collecting food from March 1st up until March 31st. Boxes will be at both entries of the church.

CCW Report July 2020 – Present

Due to continued COVID Pandemic restrictions, the CCW December meeting was cancelled. CCW business items that proceeded as usual: Serving groups and fall bazaar chairs have been updated. Lists will be made available in the near future. Church cleaning will be scheduled in the spring or when it is safe to proceed. Groups will be assigned areas of the church as in the past. Guidelines were developed and will be available to the groups.

Finance

The fall bazaar was donation only. The bazaar chairpersons called all members and requested a donation in the amount of \$30 from each member. The total collected was \$1,800. Annual donations and ongoing expenses have been paid. The balance as of 2/15/21 is \$2,983.89. A detailed report will be presented when we are able to meet.

A discussion pertaining to the future of CCW will need to be held. In order for this group to continue as it is now, volunteers are needed for the officer positions. Without the participation of members, CCW can not proceed as we have in the past.

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-February 24th, 2021

Income	\$ 128,891.28 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)
Expenses	\$ (87,843.90)
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 41,047.38

Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses \$54,557.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(26,025.04)

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 th 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

A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer

There’s work to do, deadlines to meet,
You’ve got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry,
[A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer](#)
In the midst of family chaos,
“Quality time” is rare.

Do your best, let God do the rest.

[A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer](#)

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.

Slow down and take a breather,

[A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer](#)

God knows how stressful life can be;

He wants to ease your cares,

And He’ll respond to all your needs,

[A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS
throughout Diocese of New Ulm
Visit diocesan website events section
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