

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021



# ALL SAINTS

## AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S  
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'S  
GIBBON, MN



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
WINTHROP, MN

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**National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453**

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Please contact Fr. Bruno at least six months ahead of time to plan and prepare for your wedding. No wedding date is final until approved by Fr. Bruno.

**BAPTISMS:** Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Father Bruno anywhere from one to two months prior to the date of the baptism of a child.

#### **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm:**

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

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

Monday, March 15	5:00 PM	Gibbon	+Adeline Grosam
Tuesday, March 16	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Leroy Vait
Wednesday, March 17	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Eugene Hackert
Thursday, March 18	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Clarence & Marie Guggisberg family
Friday, March 19	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Benjamin Holicky
Saturday, March 20	3:00 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Gibbon</b>	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, March 21	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Winthrop</b>	+Fred Witucki
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Fairfax</b>	+Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dory Schreiner
	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Fairfax-Spanish Mass</b>	

#### **Reflection Questions Fourth Sunday of Lent**

How does the undeserved mercy God shows me inform the way I treat those who have wronged me or those whom I see as sinners?



#### **Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021**

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light.” **Think about the sun for a moment. The light from this celestial orb provides so many things for us.** Most obviously, it provides brightness by which we see, by which we work, play, and navigate the world around us. It also provides the warmth necessary for our comfort and survival. The sun sustains plant life, which in turn sustains our lives as well. It helps us mark the passing of time, the change of seasons, and the rhythm of every day. The sun is a tremendous gift from God, and our lives – just like our planet – quite literally revolve around it. **When Jesus uses the image of light in today’s Gospel, it may help us to understand him if we think of the sun. Just as this magnificent star nourishes our physical existence, so too Jesus nourishes our spiritual existence.** He gives us the “brightness” to see the right choices in front of us through his teaching and example. He warms our hearts through his mercy and forgiveness, changing our coldhearted sinfulness into burning charity. He sustains our spiritual lives by offering us the gift of salvation. And he helps us mark the passing of time as we grow ever closer to him, entering more and more deeply into the knowledge and love of our Lord.

*“Lord Jesus, help me fix my eyes on you.”*

December 8, 2020 to December 9, 2021 is the Year of St. Joseph.

**March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph**, Jesus’ earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy” (Pope Francis).

**Times for individual confessions** in our area faith community are...

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 during Lent.** 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.

“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”

~St. Bruno

Fr. Bruno OSB

**REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.** Please turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 am.

## AREA PARISH

### AREA CALENDAR

#### AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Mar 15** Peter Schweiss, Rodney Briese, Brad Spaude

**Mar 16** Zachary Borth, Walter Gregory, Michael Regner

**Mar 17** Delford Kiecker

**Mar 18** Megan Ziegler, Brennen Ahlbrecht, Mark Wogsland

**Mar 19** Isabelle Vos, Molly Lorang, Lois Simmons, Emilee Jo Krueger, Cecilia Zendejas

**Mar 20** Stanley Forst, David Schiltz

**Mar 21** Kobe Buboltz, Peggy Louisiana, Franz & Brenda Metzger Anniv., Lorraine Ravnaas, Sandy Farias

*Please remember in your prayers . . .*

**Richard Mathiowetz** who passed away on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. A private family service will be held at a later date.

**Katherine “Kitty” Coles** who passed away on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, in Franklin. Her mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church in Fairfax with burial in Franklin Cemetery, Camp Township. Visitation on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the church from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

*We offer our sympathies to the families.*



*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

**THIS WEEK WE TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** to help **Jesus in disguise.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men’s program** – Week 22- A Limitless Love. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

**SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>** - at St. Willibrord's, **6:30** p.m., there will be a showing of the Movie, "Fatima", the true story of the Miracle in Fatima Portugal, that changed the world forever! A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, FATIMA tells the story of a 10-year old shepherd girl, and her two young cousins in Fatima, Portugal in 1917, who witness multiple visitations of the Virgin Mary. You can read more, and watch the trailer at: <https://religionnews.com/2020/02/26/fatima-movie-trailer-and-poster-revealed-today/> Because of Covid shutdowns, it was not able to be released last year in the theaters, so plan on coming to see it here. All from our AFC are invited, including our school youth. CCW will serve popcorn and juice, and there is no charge for the movie.

**HOLY WEEK MUSIC** – we are looking for singers/musicians for our Holy Week AFC services! We will be practicing on Sunday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrews in Fairfax, for Holy Thursday (6 p.m. April 1) and Holy Saturday (8:30 p.m. April 3). Most of the practice time will be spent on Holy Saturday. Please join us for this practice! Singers are also invited to join St. Willibrord's for the Good Friday Service at 1 p.m. on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a practice before at 12:30 p.m.

**ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021, THE ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZERS will be speaking after the 10:30 am Mass in Fairfax.** Denise Hirl and Scott Himmer will join us to share some ways of spreading our faith to others and making evangelization feel comfortable. Jesus gave us the Great Commission, a task to live out the Gospel and show others the way to Him! A light lunch will be served.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAIRFAX, FRANKLIN & GIBBON** Ribeye Fry Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Squirrel's Bar & Grill in Fairfax. Everyone welcome.

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

**MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY ANN:** I'm writing to let you know that we are going to have the 9<sup>th</sup> 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	3,467.00	895.00	1,240.00
Loose Plate	79.00	15.00	37.75
Spanish Mass	74.00		
Food Shelf	281.66		231.00
Easter Flowers	20.00		245.00
Votives	127.75		6.00
Black & Indian Home			25.00
Building		105.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,049.41</b>	<b>\$1,015.00</b>	<b>\$1,784.75</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, March 17, 2021:** Class  
**Wednesday, March 24, 2021:** No in-person Class  
**Wednesday, March 31, 2021:** Class – Holy Week  
**Thursday, April 1, 2021:** Mass in Fx 6pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders help  
**Friday, April 2, 2021:** Stations of the Cross in Gibbon lead by students 1pm  
**Saturday, April 3, 2021:** Easter Vigil Mass Fx 8:30pm  
**Sunday, April 4, 2021:** Easter! Mass Wn 8:30am, Gb 10:30am

### **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, <b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b> -4:00 PM <b>Lector:</b> Jessica Willegal <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko <b>Sacristan:</b> Rose Forst
Saturday, <b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b> -4:00 PM <b>Lector:</b> Chuck/Ann Southworth <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko <b>Sacristan:</b> Connie Tautges
Friday, <b>April 2<sup>nd</sup></b> -1:00 PM (Good Friday)
Sunday, <b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM (Easter Sunday) <b>Lector:</b> Melvin Neyers <b>Ushers:</b> Davis Biebl, Clete Kyzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck <b>Sacristan:</b> Kathy Bruns

**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. 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.

**THANK YOU** to the St. Willibrord’s and St. Francis 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders for helping with the Mass in Gibbon on Saturday, and for sharing your talents with us. Your service is much appreciated!

**CCW** will lead the rosary before Mass on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, for Beverly Bregel, who passed away this winter. Please join us in offering this rosary for Bev’s soul.

**ADULT CHOIR** will sing for the 4 p.m. Mass on **Saturday** afternoon **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, meeting to practice at 3:00 p.m. in the social hall. We will also be practicing for Holy Week – Good Friday and Easter Sunday. New members always appreciated!

**CHOIR** will sing for Holy Week Services - Palm Sunday Mass, Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m., meeting to practice at 3:30. Good Friday service will be at 1 p.m. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, choir will practice at 12:30 p.m. And Easter Sunday morning we will sing for the 10:30 a.m. Mass, meeting to practice at 10 a.m. All choir practices are in the social hall. New members are welcome and needed!

**MOVIE “THE PASSION”** – Mel Gibson’s beautiful portrayal of the Passion of Christ, is available in our St. Willibrord’s church library (located in the northwest corner of the church, if you don’t now where it is), for anyone to check out and watch during this Lenten season. There are also lots of other good books and videos for you to check out anytime – but please sign the checkout sheet and return them in a timely manner.

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

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

Giving July 1st, 2020-March 10, 2021

Income	\$ 64,699.60 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)
Expenses	\$ <u>60,296.35</u>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 4,403.25</b>

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, <b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b> -8:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Yvonne O’Brien <b>Ushers:</b> Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner <b>Sacristan:</b> Gary & Mary Renner <b>Money Counters:</b> Barb Pagel, Gary Renner
Sunday, <b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> -8:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Pete Machaiek <b>Ushers:</b> Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner <b>Sacristan:</b> Gary & Mary Renner <b>Money Counters:</b> Barb Pagel, Gary Renner
Sunday, <b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b> -8:30 AM (Easter Sunday) <b>Lector:</b> Tyler & Emilee Stehr <b>Ushers:</b> Tyler & Emilee Stehr, Mike Rein, Jean Groehler <b>Sacristan:</b> Che May <b>Money Counters:</b> Harry Sloom, Andy Portner

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR SIBLEY COUNTY FOODSHARE.** Cash and checks totaled over \$450! Thank you to our helpers for the breakfast 3/7/21, Winthrop Market, food contributions from parishioners, flower arrangements, auctioneer and our hard workers. Thank you for going the extra mile for those in need.

The March FoodShare will continue all month with a container available to collect non-perishable food and /or checks made payable to Sibley County FoodShare and dropped into the collection basket for forwarding at the end of the month. Thanks again and again!!

**THANK YOU** to the St. Willibrord's and St. Francis 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders for helping with the Mass in Gibbon on Saturday, and for sharing your talents with us. Your service is much appreciated!

## ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, <b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Jody Busch <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Chuck Marlowe
Sunday, <b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> -10:30 AM <b>Lector:</b> Pat Buboltz <b>Ushers:</b> Volunteers <b>Sacristan:</b> Brenda Runck
Thursday, <b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b> -6:00 PM (Holy Thursday)
Saturday, <b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> -8:30 PM (Holy Saturday)

**CEMETERY & CHURCH GROUNDSKEEPER NEEDED:** We are looking for a groundskeeper to mow the grass at the Catholic cemetery and the church as needed. Interested applicants should contact Richard Hellendrung at 507-426-7480. Position is open until filled. Work hours are flexible.

**MARCH FOOD DRIVE** March is the month that the area food shelves rely on assistance and generosity. If you are able to give a financial donation, 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Boxes will be at both entries of the church.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.** Please call Barb Freitag at 507-426-7759 if you can help. Please leave a message. Thank You!

**ALSO - FAIRFAX BLOODMOBILE** – Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 7:00 pm at Prairie Lutheran School. Appointments are required. Call 507-426-7759 or go on line to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

**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-March 10th, 2021

Income	\$ 134,120.31 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)
Expenses	\$ ( 96,712.32)
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 37,407.99</b>

**Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses** \$54,577.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(26,005.04)



#### EASTER FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT

If you wish to make a donation for Easter flowers/environment in memory of deceased loved ones you can use the form below. Detach the form from the bulletin and place in an envelope marked with YOUR parish. The form can be dropped in the collection basket. All forms received by **Tuesday, March 30th** will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Requests can also be emailed to the Parish [office-ffgw@centurytel.net](mailto:office-ffgw@centurytel.net). For those who **collect the money** please send the names to the Parish office **BY** March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

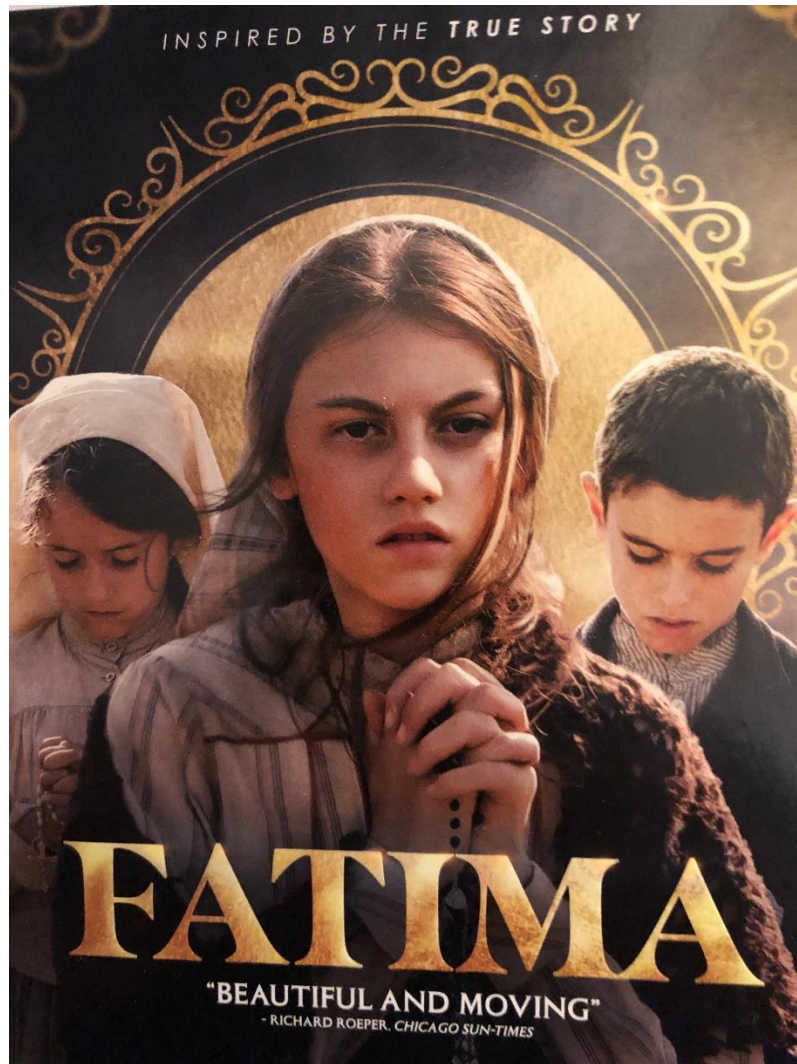
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**PARISH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Movie Showing - "Fatima"

True story of the Miracle that changed the world forever -



Critically Acclaimed Movie

St. Willibrord's Social Hall - Free Admission

Sunday evening, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Popcorn and juice provided.