

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

ALL SAINTS

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBROD'S
GIBBON, 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 22	5:00 PM	Gibbon	+Stan Lauwagie
Tuesday, March 23	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Adeline Borth
Wednesday, March 24	8:30 AM	Gibbon	Spec Int-Theresa Antone
Thursday, March 25	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Buddy & Arlene Gerardy
Friday, March 26	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+William Ayer
Saturday, March 27	3:00 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	4:00 PM	Gibbon	+Edward & Delores Kokesch
Sunday, March 28	8:30 AM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:30 AM	Fairfax	+Leroy Schreiner

Reflection Questions Fifth Sunday of Lent

How can I sow the seeds of the kingdom of God? What seed can I plant this spring that can flower in due season?



Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021

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
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about death. He gives the likeness of the grain of wheat that must fall to the ground and die in order to produce much fruit. Later, he speaks about how he will be "lifted up from the earth," making reference to his crucifixion. **He says that the fruit of this will be that he will "draw everyone" to himself. Jesus is telling us that death yields a greater good, that it produces fruit. So, when he insists that we must follow him, we can take courage. Yes, following Jesus means accompanying him all the way to the cross.** It means that we too are called to carry our own cross and die to ourselves. But this death leads to a greater kind of life. The season of Lent is designed not only to help us reflect a bit more deeply on the sufferings and death of Christ, but also to prepare us for the glory that follows. The joy of Easter and the triumph of the resurrection are all the more powerful precisely because they emerge out of the darkest, most "hopeless" of situations. **When we cling to Jesus even through these kinds of circumstances in our own lives - whether they be sickness, unemployment, conflict, or disappointment - we are those servants that Jesus spoke of, the ones who go where Jesus goes, even when the going gets tough.** But let us remember, as we walk through Lent, that this journey will bear much fruit.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." ~St. Catherine of Siena

Beginning March 15, 2021 at 12 p.m., Places of Worship, religious services, weddings, and funerals are open at 100% capacity. Masks are still required and 6 feet social distance must be maintained between households.

You are encouraged to **receive the sacrament of reconciliation** and experience the forgiveness and mercy of God.

Times for individual confessions in our AFC are...

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

Come join us at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 26 at St. Francis de Sales to **pray the Stations of the Cross** led by the women of the parish.

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA PARISH

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 22 Keeley Case, Cody Serbus

Mar 23 Janet Simonsen, Seth Kapolczynski

Mar 24 Craig Nachreiner, Joey Bastian

Mar 25 Mary Peichel, David Herrera, Alison Ahlbrecht, Jose & Gricelda Cardenas Anniv.

Mar 26 Bernadette Smith, Madison Hoffmann, Laurie Kaukola

Mar 27 Tyler Mikkelson, Lauryn Mikkelson, Chase Kerkhoff, Quinton Exum

Mar 28 Jim Borth, Pat Clobes, Robert Boehm, Breckyn Joehnck, Tom Brandel, Martha Serbus, Ann Jutz, Tatum Marin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise.** Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 23- The Wild Goose. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 21st - 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 28th, 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 2nd, with a practice before at 12:30 p.m.



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

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 20th, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Squirrel's Bar & Grill in Fairfax. Everyone welcome.

ST. MICHAEL'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RIB DINNER DRIVE THRU – Sunday, March 28th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at St. Francis de Sales Church in Winthrop. Everyone welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH AND SHRIMP FRY BIRD ISLAND DRIVE THRU – Friday, March 26th, 4:00 – 7:00 pm or until gone at St. Mary's Church in Bird Island parking lot.

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.allsaintsafc.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 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

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL, APRIL 15 – ON MISSION FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY!

Join Catholics from across Minnesota either virtually or in-person at the Cathedral of St. Paul for this incredible day of prayer, education, and advocacy. You'll be formed in the faith through Mass and keynote speakers, informed on critical issues impacting life & dignity in our state, and sent on mission to the Capitol for Benediction and prayers for our state and elected officials.

The next day, on April 16, you will get to meet virtually with your legislators to advocate on the issues you learned about during the event. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and secure your spot. Together, we can protect life and dignity.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 16-18, 2021 in OLIVIA, MN and Nov 19-21, 2021 in WINDOM, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,583.00	755.00	470.00
Loose Plate	29.00	10.00	80.00
Spanish Mass			
Food Shelf	100.00		
Easter Flowers	170.00	45.00	60.00
Votives			3.00
Catholic Relief Services	191.00	85.00	92.35
Memorials			10.00
Maintenance	790.00		
TOTAL	\$2,863.00	\$895.00	\$715.35

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 24, 2021: No in-person Class
Wednesday, March 31, 2021: Class – Holy Week
Thursday, April 1, 2021: Mass in Fx 6pm – 2nd 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, March 27th -4:00 PM Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth Ushers: Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko Sacristan: Connie Tautges
Friday, April 2nd -1:00 PM (Good Friday)
Sunday, April 4th -10:30 AM (Easter Sunday) Lector: Melvin Neyers Ushers: Davis Biebl, Clete Kyzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck Sacristan: Kathy Bruns
Saturday, April 10th -4:00 PM Lector: Jerome Petersen Ushers: Davis Biebl, Clete Kyzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck Sacristan: Charlene Forst

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.

CCW will lead the rosary before Mass on Saturday, March 20th, 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 20th**, 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 27th, at 4 p.m., meeting to practice at 3:30. Good Friday service will be at 1 p.m. April 2nd, 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 17, 2021

Income \$ 65,312.60 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$(60,296.35)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 5,016.25

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, March 28th -8:30 AM Lector: Pete Machaiek Ushers: Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner Sacristan: Gary & Mary Renner Money Counters: Barb Pagel, Gary Renner
Sunday, April 4th -8:30 AM (Easter Sunday) Lector: Tyler & Emilee Stehr Ushers: Tyler & Emilee Stehr, Mike Rein, Jean Groehler Sacristan: Che May Money Counters: Harry Sloot, Andy Portner
Sunday, April 11th -8:30 AM Lector: Mary Nelson Ushers: Tyler & Emilee Stehr, Mike Rein, Jean Groehler Sacristan: Che May Money Counters: Harry Sloot, 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!!

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, March 28th -10:30 AM (Palm Sunday) Lector: Pat Buboltz, Anita Weir Ushers: George Wendinger, Pat Schreiner, Brad Nosbush, Tom Palmer Servers: Annika Nosbush, Nico Nosbush, Kaden Weir Sacristan: Brenda Runck
Thursday, April 1st -6:00 PM (Holy Thursday)
Saturday, April 3rd -8:30 PM (Easter Vigil)
Sunday, April 11th -10:30 AM Lector: Agnes Kiecker Ushers: Volunteers Sacristan: Colleen Schweiss

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.

IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE OUR FAITHFUL SERVERS again assisting Father Bruno with the Mass. They are an important part of the service and were missed during the shutdown. It is nice to see them back.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: At the beginning of Lent we were invited to take part in "Operation Rice Bowl". Any contributions we give go to Catholic Relief Services for projects and food relief efforts throughout the world. Please bring your box the weekend of March 28th (Palm Sunday) and place in the containers provided as you enter the church. Thanks!

FAIRFAX AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CASH BINGO on Sunday, April 11th, at 2:00 PM at Squirrels Bar and Grill. Lunch available. All ages welcome!

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 31st. 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 30th, 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

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 17th, 2021

Income	\$ 135,902.31 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)
Expenses	\$ (97,438.25)
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 38,464.06

Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses \$55,367.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(25,215.04)



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. For those who **collect the money** please send the names to the Parish office **BY** March 30th. Thanks!

DONOR NAME: _____

PARISH: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____