



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

BAPTISMS: Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Father Brendan 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 regularly scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

Monday, Mar 25	NO MASS		
Tuesday, Mar 26	NO MASS		
Wednesday, Mar 27	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Gary Peterson
Thursday, Mar 28	6:30 PM	Fairfax (Holy Thursday)	+Marian Zollner
Friday, Mar 29	12:30 PM	Gibbon (Stations of the Cross-Kids)	
	1:00 PM	Gibbon (Good Friday)	
Saturday, Mar 30	7:00 PM	Winthrop (Easter Vigil)	+Nolan Majeski
Sunday, Mar 31	8:00 AM	Gibbon (Easter Sunday)	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:00 AM	Fairfax	+Frank Ziegler

Reflection Question for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers but meaningful to them and for me?



Readings for the Week of March 24, 2024

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
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Reflection meditation

There are people who are addicted to conflict. Sort of professional “shamers” who need controversy to feed on to feel alive. Psychologists say folks like this try to make the people around them feel bad, guilty, down, and ashamed as part of a power play. Healthy communication could solve things, but they thrive on stirring things up. Putting others down can also be a reflection of their own deeply felt need for validation. The sad thing is they are usually acting out of a core wound that can never be fixed by a power play, only by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. On Palm Sunday Christ leads us through his Passion which is loaded with “shamers” (Mark 14:1-15:47). Shame on the woman who anointed Jesus. The shamers were “indignant” and “infuriated.” It was a “waste.” But Jesus says, “she has anticipated anointing my body for burial.” Judas, ashamed of Christ, is the first priest to betray the Lord. During the Last Supper Christ calls him out, but like most shamers, Judas is in denial and says, “Surely it is not I?” Ashamed of Christ’s arrest in the garden, “[the apostles] all left him and fled.” When the going gets tough the shamers get going. Have you ever seen bullies run when real work needs to be done? The Temple’s high priest seeks to shame Jesus. Using faux facts and accusations, he brings Jesus before his kangaroo court and then explodes in anger. It’s a big show. Have you ever seen someone blow up in anger trying to get what he or she wants? It is an intimidation tactic. Then, Christ is sent to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, who questions him before the people who say, “Crucify him.” Have you ever seen politicians mock our Christian religion or attempt to deny Christian citizens their own civil liberties and Constitutional rights? Christ stands his ground in the face of corrupt government. Then the Roman soldiers mock Jesus further. They clothe him in purple and crown him like a king but with thorns. It’s a blood bath. Shamers are us sinners who like a good mess. This is what our sin turns into. A bloody mess. Just look at Peter who denies Christ three times after promising “I will never deny you.” The Prophet Isaiah describes Christ’s response to the shamers, the mockers, the professional chaos creators, aka the sinners and the mess. “I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting” (Isaiah 50:4-7). More than conflict we are all addicted to sin. But Christ “humbled himself” and dives into our personal mess to save us. He takes the fun out of disfunction and leads us to freedom. When the Roman Centurion sees all this happen, when he sees Christ breath his last to save us from the disfunction of sin, this non-believing well trained and high-ranking soldier says, “Truly this man was the Son of God.” He sees Jesus Christ is full of integrity. Like the Centurion, don’t be a shamer, be a Jesus praiser! As the crowds said at the first Palm Sunday, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” (Mark 11:1-10).

INTERESTED IN A MASS INTENTION? Mass Intentions can be offered for a variety of reasons: thanksgiving, birthday or anniversaries of the living and most commonly for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one. If you have been thinking you would like to have a Mass intention offered, you can put the request in the collection basket with the name of the person/persons to be prayed for and make a note of whether the person is deceased or living. If you have a specific date in mind, please make note of that as well. Include your financial gift (typically \$10 per Mass) or call the All Saints AFC office or email the office and get the intention scheduled and send in your donation. Thank you!

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Mar 24** Craig Nachreiner, Joey Bastian
Mar 25 Mary Peichel, David Herrera, Alison Ahlbrecht
Mar 26 Bernadette Smith, Madison Hoffmann, Laurie Kaukola
Mar 27 Tyler Mikkelson, Lauryn Mikkelson, Quinton Exum
Mar 28 Jim Borth, Pat Clobes, Martha Serbus, Ann Jutz, Tatum Marin
Mar 29 Mildred Forst, Jose & Gricelda Cardenas Anniv.
Mar 30 Mary Ann Dummer, Fred Jutz, Kyler Sjogren, Emmanuel Farias, Carly Tupy

JOIN US EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 PM as we pray the Rosary live on Facebook on the All Saints Area Faith Community page!

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men’s program – Week 23 – A Life of Dissipation. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at St. Willibrord’s Church.

GETTING MARRIED. Please note the dates for the 2024 Pre-Marriage program are now posted on the Family Life page of the Diocese of New Ulm, DNU, website. New Pre-Marriage booklets are at the entrance to all churches.

ALL SAINTS AFC IS LOOKING FOR MENTOR COUPLES for the Fully Engaged Program. Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help prepare engaged couples for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Fr. Rolling, Paul & Donita Platz @ 507-380-4178, or Carl & Michelle Oswald @ 507-766-9943.



Please Remember in Prayer

Casey O’Brien
St. Francis de Sales
Arvina Schweiss
St. Andrew’s
Elsie Linsmeier
St. Andrew
Mary Schweiss
St. Andrew’s
Millie Forst
St. Willibrord’s
Adeline Roiger
St. Andrew
Pat Fahey
St. Andrew’s
Lyle Muth
St. Francis de Sales
George Schweiss
St. Willibrord’s
Michelle Lindenfelter
(Schwecke)
St. Francis de Sales
Claire Van Epp
St. Andrew’s
RoseMarie Garrahy
St. Andrew’s
Mary Liebl
St. Andrew’s
Marianne Machaiek
St Francis de Sales

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WILL BE PRAYED AFTER GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at St Willibrord's. Pamphlets will be available on the table prior to entering the church for everyone to take home with them. Please join us as we lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet which takes less than 10 minutes to pray.

What is Divine Mercy? Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

"Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you....Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death....When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior....Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy....Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my Will." (687,1541,1731).

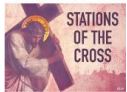
THE USCCB'S COMMITTEE ON PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES [announced a nationwide invitation to prayer](#). On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States. We are asked to pray this prayer daily, as their decision will be announced in June.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

RICE BOWL PROJECT! Our AFC parishioners have a chance to make a difference this Lent! Through opportunities to deepen our prayer such as, fasting and alms giving, we meet our Lord and encounter our sisters and brothers around the world. Lenten Rice Bowls are available in each church. Making a donation to the Rice Bowl will help communities in other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition. Rice Bowls will be collected at Mass on Palm Sunday, March 23 and 24. Thank You!

THE LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REQUIREMENTS: Good Friday is an obligatory day 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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 22nd: Gibbon 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29th: Gibbon 12:30 pm lead by the students, Good Friday Service at 1:00 pm

THE 63RD ANNUAL NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, at the **Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, MN**. The theme for the convention is **“Be an Instrument of Salvation.”** Our keynote speaker in the morning is Kelly Wahlquist. Kelly is the founder of the national women's ministry WINE: Women IN the New Evangelization and the Director for the Catechetical Institute at The Saint Paul Seminary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The title of her talk is “Being Women in the New Evangelization.” In the afternoon Leonard and Yazmin Gutierrez will present on evangelization. Leonard is our Diocesan Director of Evangelization, and both served as FOCUS missionaries. Join other women of the Diocese for Mass, lunch, silent auction and various exhibits and booth displays to fill the day. All who attend are sure to be spiritually enriched! **Early bird registration deadline is April 15th.** Registration is through your parish CCW presidents, Jody Busch in Fairfax or Berny Berger in Gibbon, and is paid by CCW. All women in our AFC are invited! CCW will be collecting personal care items (all sizes) for Common Cup Ministry, an organization that provides shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, hairbrushes, and combs to high school and middle school students, and others that are unable to afford them. – a basket is provided in the entryway at St. Willibrord's.

THE CUF VOLUNTEER TEAM would like to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated and attended our Bingo fundraiser. Because of you we were able to raise \$748 in cash and 234# of product to donate to Sibley County Food Share. **Thanks also** to those who helped in any way.

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED SET UP THE OFFICE MANAGER LOCATION in the Gibbon parsonage. Moving furniture, file cabinets, and equipment is quite a feat. You did it! Thanks to parishioner, Jerry Jandl, for putting his cabinetry skills to work on the office shelving. The new supports and repairs maintained the look and will make the shelves safe and functional for another good many years.

"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 27-28, 2024 in Owatonna, MN and May 3-5, 2024 in Buffalo, 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.

MASS SERVERS APPRECIATION PARTY, Saturday, April 20th, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. at Code 3, Gibbon. All Mass Servers from All Saints Area Faith Community, 3rd through 12th Grades, are invited to a bowling/pizza party at Code 3 sponsored by Catholic United Financial Volunteer Team of Gibbon and Catholic United Financial Council of Fairfax. If you have served Mass in the last year you are able to come. Free Bowling, Shoes, Pizza, and Pop. Pizza will be served at noon after bowling. Slips have been sent home with the students at religion classes. Please return the slips to your teacher by Wednesday **April 10**. If you did not receive one, please contact your Religion teacher or you can call Kellie Sloat at 320-583-6755 or Agnes Wendinger at 507-426-7675. Thank you for being a Mass Server. We appreciate your dedication and hope to see you there! This event is sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Local Member Advisor is David Schonhardt 763-670-9058, dschonhardt@catholicunited.org



WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,676.00	1,023.00	1,255.00
Loose/Youth Plate	363.29	116.10	38.00
Building/Maint/Furnace	125.00	100.00	
Easter Flowers	55.00	135.00	85.00
Electric Rebate		1,360.00	
Rice Bowl			50.00
Holy Land		25.00	
Catholic Relief Service		25.00	
Easter		50.00	100.00
Food Shelf-Lunch	110.00		71.00
TOTAL	\$2,329.29	\$2,834.10	\$1,599.00

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, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and SGT Colin Jackson, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

"One in Christ" DMA Appeal Funds Summary as of February 21, 2024. Parish Goals: St. Andrew **\$14,978.10**, total cash received **\$11,230.00**. St. Willibrord **\$8,665.02**, total cash received **\$5,425.00**. St Francis de Sales **\$6,932.00**, total cash received **\$6,585.00**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 27, 2024: Class & 2nd Grade Seder Meal-5:30 pm Gb

Wednesday April 3, 2024: Class

Wednesday April 10, 2024: Class

Saturday April 13, 2024: First Communion 5:00 pm Fairfax

Sunday April 14, 2024: First Communion 8:00 am Gb, 10:00 am Wn

Wednesday April 17, 2024: Class

Saturday April 20, 2024: Mass Server Bowling Party

Wednesday April 24, 2024: End of the Year Mass 6:30 pm Gb

STEBENVILLE CONFERENCE – If anyone decides they would like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference next July 12-14, in Rochester, MN, please contact Berny Berger (jbberger1972@gmail.com or 320-583-7975). Registration is still possible, though the cost is slightly higher. Fundraisers are available for this great experience for our youth, and additional chaperons are still needed!

ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP 9-12TH Every 2nd Wednesday (**see day & time change**) starting at 6:15/6:30 pm of each month we will meet with unique activities listed monthly! Come to the Gibbon Parsonage next to the church after confirmation classes for pizza and fun in Christ. Bring your own pop or juice.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Thursday, March 28th -6:30 PM (Fairfax - Holy Thursday) SC Oil Bearer: Regie Mattes Washing of Feet: Patty Bastian, Cheryl Dingels, Jan Forst, Jeannine Grosam
Friday, March 29th -1:00 PM (Good Friday-Gibbon) Lectors: Chuck & Ann Southworth Eucharistic Minister: Mavis Lindmeyer Servers: Briana Roche, Mandy & Imani Prigge Ushers: Jason Haas, Ron Weber, Mike Willegal Sacristan: Kathy Bruns
Saturday, March 30th -7:00 PM (Winthrop - Holy Saturday) Lector: Gail Herschman
Sunday, March 31st -8:00 AM (Easter) Lector: Melvin Neyers/Regie Mattes Dist: Geneva Klover Servers: Jose & Silvana Ruiz Ushers: Jason Haas, Ron Weber, Mike Willegal Gifts: Randy & Kathy Bruns Sacristan: Jeannine Grosam
Sunday, April 7th -8:00 AM Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge Dist: Connie Tautges Servers: Christopher & Gabriel Ruiz, Regie Mattes Ushers: Nathaniel Struffert, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz Gifts: Aaron & Danielle Bruns Sacristan: Kathy Bruns
Sunday, April 14th -8:00 AM Lector: Alan Neyers Dist: Grace Rubischko Servers: Jose & Silvana Ruiz Ushers: Nathaniel Struffert, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz Gifts: Julie Ahlbrecht, Leyla Ahlbrecht Sacristan: Rose Forst

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner" for Week #10 of \$100 goes to **Jim Berger of Gibbon**. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OF AN EASTER LILLY or two for all to enjoy on our altar on Easter Day and after. Please leave in the basement on a marked table. Gratefully appreciated! Jennifer Haas and Jan Forst

CHOIR will sing for the 8:00 am Mass Palm Sunday, March 24th, meeting to practice at 7:40. Good Friday, March 29th – Choir will practice at 12:10 pm in the social hall. Stations of the Cross start at 12:30 pm with the Good Friday Service at 1:00 pm. Easter Sunday, March 31st, choir will sing for the 8:00 am Mass and will practice at 7:30 am in the social hall. Anyone wishing to join us in singing for any of the services, please know that your presence and voices are welcome!

MARCH IS OUR ANNUAL FOODSHARE DRIVE. Due to our economy, the need for assistance is growing. Your donations of non-perishable food, paper products, etc as well as monetary donations are much needed. Participate in our Food Shelf Bingo on March 17th, donate on our after Mass coffee and rolls, buy the extra BOGO when shopping and donate the extra to the foodshelf. A box is available for your donations in the back of church. Checks and Cash donations can be put in an envelope marked Sibley County Foodshare or to Renville County. Please be generous and God Bless You All.

CUF MEMBERS AND ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE individually wrapped Easter treats are asked to leave them in the upper entry cabinets before Palm Sunday Morning Mass, March 24. Thanks!

A meeting for all Catholic United Financial members is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 following 8:30 a.m. Mass and social (approximately 9:30 a.m.). We will be assembling the Easter baskets and the parish volunteer team will be discussing the fundraiser for our 2024 Matching Grant.

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial Local Member Advisor is David Schonhardt 763-670-9058
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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023-March 19th, 2024	
Income	\$110,923.06
Expenses	\$ 74,771.39
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 36,151.67



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

<p>Thursday, March 28th-6:30 PM (Holy Thursday – Fairfax) Oil Bearer Family: Chad & Laura Hacker family Washing of Feet: Brent Lang, Will Lang, Paula Wenninger, John Wenninger</p>
<p>Friday, March 29th-1:00 PM (Good Friday – Gibbon)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 30th-7:00 PM (Holy Saturday – Winthrop) Lector: Sandy Farias, Dave Schauer Eucharist Minister: Kevin Lauwagie Servers: Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Riley Hacker, Emilee Krueger Ushers: Barb Pagel, Mike Rein, Gary & Mary Renner, Tom & Celeste Witucki, Carl & Michelle Oswald Gifts: Paul & Donita Platz Sacristan: Gary & Mary Renner</p>
<p>Sunday, April 7th-10:00 AM Lectors: Bob & Laurie Kaukola Eucharistic Ministers: Che May Servers: Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer Gifts: Harry & Kellie Slood Ushers: Mike Rein, Jean Groehler, John & Paula Wenninger Money Counters Harry Slood, Andy Portner Sacristan: Che May</p>
<p>Sunday, April 14th-10:00 AM Lectors: Barb Pagel Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Renner Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda Gifts: Leon Lang, Ron Hillesheim Ushers: Mike Rein, Jean Groehler, John & Paula Wenninger Money Counters Harry Slood, Andy Portner Sacristan: Che May</p>

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE! We will have social gatherings after 10:00 am mass during March and April with coffee / milk and treats. There will be a signup sheet in the kitchen for you to take a turn serving. This is such a WONDERFUL social gathering every Sunday! Thank you!

WINTHROP LIONS WILL BE HOLDING AN OMELET BREAKFAST on April 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Francis Catholic Church.

NEIGHBORS SERVING NEIGHBORS TO ELIMINATE HUNGER. The Sibley County FoodShare is a non-profit organization committed to providing a source of food and other necessities to the citizens of our county during times of need. During the month of April, there will be a donation box available at St. Francis. Sibley County FoodShare strives to provide a positive experience to create a hunger free county. No donation is too small. To read a list of needed items, you may go to http://sibleycountyfoodshare.org/donate_healthy_foods.aspx Otherwise, whatever you like to donate is VERY much appreciated. Thank you!

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

<p>Thursday, March 28th-6:30 PM (Holy Thursday-Fairfax) Lector: Cindy Rieke, Mike Beranek Dist: Karen Bastian Servers: Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner, Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl Washing of Feet: Jean & Denny Weinzetl, Cecilia Senkyr, Hailey Weinzetl Oil Bearer: David/Cheyenne Runck Ushers: Kevin Rojger, David Runck, Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth Sacristan: Cindy Rieke</p>
<p>Friday, March 29th-1:00 PM (Good Friday-Gibbon)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 30th-7:00 PM (Easter Vigil-Winthrop) Lector: Jody Busch</p>
<p>Sunday, March 31st-10:00 AM (Easter) Lector: Jan Simonsen Dist: LeRoy Schweiss Servers: Ashley, Isaac & Alex Vos Ushers: Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl Gifts: Richard & Leann Frank Sacristan: Agnes Wendinger</p>
<p>Saturday, April 6th-5:00 PM Lector: Pat Buboltz Dist: Myron Schweiss Servers: Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir Ushers: Jerry Pelzel, Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner, Brian Marquardt Gifts: Mike & Barb Freitag Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory</p>
<p>Saturday, April 13th-5:00 PM Lector: Agnes Kiecker Dist: Lidia Gonzalez, Maria Davila Servers: Zach Sandgren, Nico Nosbush, Bernardo Davila Ushers: Myron Schweiss, LeRoy Schweiss, John Case, Dave Nosbush Gifts: Sandy & Richard Hellendrung Sacristan: Brenda Runck/Brenda Frank</p>

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 2: Cindy Rieke (Mark), Mary P Nachreiner

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – FAIRFAX will be holding their meeting on March 21st at 7:00 pm in Fairfax.

FOUND EARRING – A gold & silver small round earring was found at the confirmation mass in Fairfax. Please call Danette at the office – 507-426-7739 if you are missing one. Thanks.

FAIRFAX BLOODMOBILE Tuesday, March 26th, from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Prairie Lutheran School. Fairfax always has a bloodmobile during Lent. Seldom is there one during Holy Week. This year, during Holy Week, please give the best gift you could ever give. Give the gift of LIFE. As we all learned about that Easter Season, long ago, blood was our gift of life. One unit/donation of blood can help 3 different people. Appointments are recommended. Walkins can be taken only if there is room. For appointments, go to redcrossblood.org or call 507-426-7759 – please leave a message. Thank You.

ST. ANDREW'S IS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS during April. This is a much needed community service that takes only about ½ hour per day. Usually volunteers take a week at a time (5 days). It works best if 2 people work together. Visiting with the clients can be fun/enjoyable. You may be the only person they see that day. If you can volunteer, please call 507-426-7759 - please leave a message. Thank You.

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS – We are here for you! “STRONGER TOGETHER” - Renville County Cancer Support Group A cancer survivor empowerment group, “Stronger Together” will meet at Our Savior's Church on Thursday, March 14th & 21st and April 4th & 11th from 5:00-6:30 PM. All survivors are invited to attend. A light supper will be served. If interested in this event, please call Diane Becker, 507-426-7047, for further information. Registration is not mandatory but helps us when planning for supplies and food quantities. There is no charge for this event. Sponsored by Renville County Walk In The Park

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH. We will be taking donations March 1st thru March 31st for Renville County, of non-perishable food items. The donation boxes will be at both entries of the Church. If you wish to make a cash donation, please put in the Sunday collection marked "Food Shelf". Please be generous with your donation to help our neighbors in need. Any questions please call Agnes Wendinger at 426-7675 or Sandy Hellendrung at 426-7480. Thank you"

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023 – March 19th, 2024

Income	\$ 147,741.18
Expenses	\$ 138,842.34
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 8,898.84

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ENGLISH:

Dear community: How poignant were the readings this Sunday! Yet, within them lies the description of how our salvation was won. This Holy Week, let us pray with devotion and follow with our hearts the events of Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection that transform our lives.

Lord, my help, Christ, being God, you did not consider that you should cling to the prerogatives of your divine condition, but instead, you humbled yourself, taking on the condition of a servant, and you became like humans. Thus, being one of us, you humbled yourself and out of obedience even accepted death, and death on a cross. Sustain us so that we may watch and pray, so that we may not fall into temptation by seeking to please the multitude. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Christ who humbled himself for us and out of obedience even accepted death, and death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him above all things and gave him the name that is above every name. In Jesus name, we pray

.SPANISH:

Querida comunidad: Qué dolorosas las lecturas de este Domingo! Pero en ellas se describe como fue ganada nuestra salvación. Esta Semana Santa oremos con devoción y sigamos con el corazón los acontecimientos de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús que transforman nuestras vidas.

Señor, mi ayuda, Cristo, siendo Dios, no consideraste que debieras aferrarte a las prerogativas de tu condición divina, sino que, por el contrario, te humillaste, tomando la condición de siervo, y te hiciste semejante a los seres humanos. Así, siendo uno de nosotros, te humillaste y, por obediencia, incluso aceptaste la muerte, y una muerte en la cruz. Sostennos para que podamos velar y orar, para que no caigamos en la tentación de querer complacer a la multitud. Te pedimos esto a través de Jesucristo nuestro Señor, el Cristo que se humilló por nosotros y por obediencia incluso aceptó la muerte, y una muerte en la cruz. Por eso, Dios lo exaltaste sobre todas las cosas y le otorgaste el nombre que está por encima de todo nombre. Por el mismo Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

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RETIRO DE CUARESMA

"el que beba del agua que yo le dare nunca volverá a tener sed"

en Saint John's Abbey
Sábado 23 de marzo
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dirección: 2900 Abbey Plaza, Collegeville, MN
Para: hombres y mujeres. 7 años en adelante
Incluye dos alimentos: desayuno y comida
Cooperación: \$ 25 dólares por persona
NO habrá cuidado de niños
Tel: 656.345.7467 o 656.345.7468 ext: 2042
E-mail: 2042@stjohnsabbey.org
Inscribirse antes de Marzo 10, 2024



“Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” *Luke 24:32*

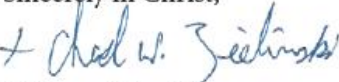
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Do you recall the Bible passage, *Luke 24:13-35*, about the disciples on the road to Emmaus? Two disciples left Jerusalem after the Crucifixion in great sadness. Jesus joins them as a fellow traveler, but they do not recognize Him. How often do we not recognize Jesus in our daily lives?

The experience of the two men on the road to Emmaus is powerful. Not only does it serve as one of many post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, but it shows us how we can look to Scripture to see how God’s plan has unfolded.

As your bishop, I would like to personally extend an invitation for you to encounter the Risen Christ in a special way. The National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July, an initiative of the U.S. Catholic bishops, will be an opportunity to join tens of thousands of disciples as they gather around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. A local pilgrimage opportunity is the Star of the North Congress in Bemidji, hosted by our surrounding neighbors, the Diocese of Crookston and the Diocese of Duluth. Enkindle the fire in your heart for the Eucharist and consider participating in these modern-day pilgrimages!

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,” (*John 6:51*).

Sincerely in Christ,

 Bishop of New Ulm

Grounded in Faith Pilgrimage

May 17 - 19, 2024

Join people from across the Diocese of New Ulm on a pilgrimage to the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji, MN. Celebrate the Pentecost Mass with Bishop Andrew Cozzens to begin the *Marian Route Pilgrimage* and the *Ignite* event in Watkins with Bishop Chad Zielinski. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/232387276489068> or contact Roxanne Felder at 612-396-0727



Costs:
 (Registration deadline is April 1st)

<i>1 Person to a Room</i>	<i>2 People to a Room</i>	<i>3 People to a Room</i>	<i>4 People to a Room</i>
\$780	\$603.50	\$543.50	\$514

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage

July 16 - 22, 2024

Share in a celebration of the gift of Christ’s love in the Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress, a movement of the faithful by way of pilgrimage, to be held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. The pilgrimage is for adults, youth, and families. To learn more or register, visit www.dnu.org/nec-bus or contact Christy Baker at 507-233-5317 or cbaker@dnu.org.



Costs:
 (Registration deadline is May 31st)

<i>1 Person to a Room</i>	<i>2 People to a Room</i>	<i>3 People to a Room</i>	<i>4 People to a Room</i>
\$1,400	\$900	\$700	\$650