

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

# ALL SAINTS

## AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S  
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'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 8	5:00 PM	Gibbon	+Mary & Otto Hartmann
Tuesday, March 9	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Janet Peichel
Wednesday, March 10	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Kenny Matties
		<i>Eucharist Adoration following Mass</i>	
Thursday, March 11	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Curtis Frank
		<i>Eucharist Adoration following Mass</i>	
Friday, March 12	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Richard & Verna Rein
Saturday, March 13	3:00 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Gibbon</b>	+Petrea Durnam
Sunday, March 14	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Winthrop</b>	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Fairfax</b>	+Melvin Hindermann

#### **Reflection Questions Third Sunday of Lent**

How do I profane the temple of the Holy Spirit within me?  
Within others?



#### **Readings for the Week of March 7, 2021**

**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  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** J er 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
**Next 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

“While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.” **How we would love to see those signs!** How easy it would be for us to believe if we too could witness Jesus healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, calming the storm. We might be inclined to think that we don’t have the same benefits as those first believers, and so faith is harder in our day and age. But is it, really? **In truth, we have an advantage that none of those people had: two millennia of faithful, prayerful Christians believing in Jesus and spreading the Gospel; the collective witness of the saints – many of whom have also worked “signs” in Jesus name; the effects of the church on culture and the world through its schools, its hospitals, its spiritual movements, and religious institutions; the unbroken line of apostolic succession that traces back to the time of Christ.** But even with all of this testimony, it’s important to remember that seeing signs and believing in Jesus are not the same thing. Even those who witnessed Jesus’ miracles had to take the next step by choosing to accept him as their Lord. **The point is to encounter Jesus on a personal level.** The signs may open the door to bring us closer to him, but it’s up to us to walk through that door.

*“Lord Jesus, your love is greater than anything this world can offer. I embrace the ‘folly’ of your salvation.”*

Break the Heart of Stone. **There can be no conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin.** Make a full confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don’t worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you back to God’s friendship.

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

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 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.

Fr. Bruno OSB

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

## AREA PARISH

### AREA CALENDAR

**ST. ANDREW’S CEMETERY COMMITTEE** meeting to be held on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the church.

### AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Mar 8** Joe Volz

**Mar 9**

**Mar 10** Kimberlyn Mikety, David Borth

**Mar 11** Dick Scharfencamp, Jerome Rubischko, Travis Rubischko

**Mar 12** Tony & Paula Kachelmeier Anniv., Jack Haala, Johanna Jutz, Natalie Weber, Rich Busse, Abundio Banda

**Mar 13** Andrea Ochs, Pat Serbus

**Mar 14** Michael Regner, Brittany Dummer

*Please remember in your prayers . . .*



**Edward Kokesch** who passed away on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. His mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am at St. Willibrord’s Catholic Church with burial in the church cemetery.

*We offer our sympathy to the family.*



*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

### **KNOW A SAINT Saints Perpetua and Felicity – March 7th**

Perpetua and Felicity lived in Carthage, Africa during a time of the persecution of Christians. Both women were catechumens who were preparing for their initiation into the Christian community. They were arrested and sentenced to death because of their faith. While they were in prison, they were baptized and received new life in Christ. Perpetua kept a diary while in prison that tells us about her life and death. She came from a wealthy family and her father was a pagan. He begged her to give up her faith but she would not and told him that she would not lie about her belief in Jesus. Felicity was a slave who worked in Perpetua’s house. The women were executed in the year 203. Their faith was such an example that one of their guards became a Christian because of them. Their example reminds us to thank God for making us his children in the sacrament of Baptism. We pray for the grace to live our faith each day.

## **NEXT WEEK OUR PARISH WILL TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION.**

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help **Jesus in disguise**. 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 21- Evolution and Faith: Going Deeper than Darwin. 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.

**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](http://www.allsaintsafc.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 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Berny at [jbberger1972@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.dnu.org). You will be sent an email with a link to connect to the event via Zoom. The featured speaker will be Johnnette Benkovic Willams, founder of EWTN's Women of Grace. Her talk is entitled "Journey in Faith" will detail her journey from being a non-practicing Catholic to founding international apostolates of evangelization through Catholic media.

**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 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	1,273.00	550.00	315.00
Loose Plate	89.31		25.00
Spanish Mass	74.00		
Easter Flowers	20.00		
Votives			12.00
Central & Eastern Europe			25.00
Black & Indian Home			60.00
Building			
Maintenance	20.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,476.31</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$437.00</b>

### PRAY FOR OUR

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021:** Class & Reconciliation Fx

**Saturday, March 13, 2021:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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, <b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b> -4:00 PM <b>Lector:</b> Gail Herschman <b>Ushers:</b> Mark Mattes, James Theis, Jerome Rubischko <b>Sacristan:</b> Kathy Bruns
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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, and will feature Johnnette Benkovic Willams, founder of EWTN's Women of Grace. Information and link are provided elsewhere in this bulletin. It is hoped to still have the annual Diocesan CCW convention, scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Stay tuned!

**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!

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

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

Giving July 1st, 2020-March 3, 2021

Income	\$ 63,170.85 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)
Expenses	\$ <u>58,716.54</u>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 4,454.31</b>

### **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP**

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

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

Sunday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**-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

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

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

**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 14<sup>th</sup>**-10:30 AM

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

Sunday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**-10:30 AM

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

Sunday, **March 28<sup>th</sup>**-10:30 AM

**Lector:** Pat Buboltz **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. Boxes will be at both entries of the church.

**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 3rd, 2021

Income	\$ 130,352.41 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)
Expenses	\$ ( <u>94,290.37</u> )
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 36,062.04</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!

**DONOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

The graphic features the word "LENTEN" in purple, uppercase letters at the top. Below it are three square icons: a green palm frond, a purple and yellow chalice with grapes, and a blue square with a black cross. Below the icons, the text "UPCOMING EVENTS" is written in purple, uppercase letters, followed by "throughout Diocese of New Ulm" in a smaller, black, lowercase font. At the bottom, the text "Visit diocesan website events section" and "www.dnu.org" is written in green, lowercase letters.

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