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**AREA FAITH COMMUNITY** ST. WILLIBRORD'S

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES WINTHROP, MN

April 16, 2023

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ST. ANDREW'S

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St. Andrew – Karen Guggisberg 507-426-7348 St. Willibrord - Genny Nevers 507-834-6659 St. Francis - Kellie Sloot 320-583-6755

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.

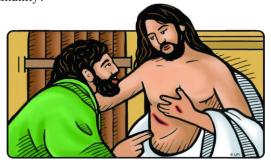
**Catholic Charities of the Diocese** of New Ulm: 1-866-670-5163 (Confidential Counseling Services and Referral Information)

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

Monday, April 17	NO MASS	Private	+Marie Nelson	
Tuesday, April 18	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Marian Zollner	
Wednesday, April 19	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Delores Bullmer	
		Eucharistic Adoration following Mass		
Thursday, April 20	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Bob Serbus	
Friday, April 21	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Barbara Mages	
Saturday, April 22	4:30 PM	Reconciliation prior to Mass		
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	+Arlene Gerardy	
Sunday, April 23	8:00 AM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community	
	10:00 AM	Winthrop	+Greg Bieraugel	

#### **Reflection Question for Second Sunday of Easter** (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

With eyes of faith, how do I see Christ's wounds in my community?



#### Readings for the Week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8 **Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

The story of Jesus yielding to Thomas' demand concerning his resurrection is probably one of the most moving accounts in history, standing out as it does as indisputable evidence to those who are slow of belief. What astonishes beyond measure is the way in which Jesus concedes to every detail of Thomas' demands; 'touch the scars on my hands, and place your hand in my side', In other words, Jesus does not reprimand Thomas for his stubbornness, but surrenders to it. And finally, towards the end, he offers a mild exhortation, urging him to be an unconditional believer. The Gospel does not say that Thomas followed up his demands by stretching out his hand and doing as invited; rather, like Peter, he probably broke down exclaiming: "My Lord and my God!" We can well imagine his inner feelings and those of his fellow disciples. Several of the appearances of Jesus to his disciples were when they were gathered together in community. The members of the early Christian community were powerful witnesses to mutual concern. People today, living in an isolated consumerist competitive and alienating atmosphere...especially in an urban context, long for a sense of community and mutual concern. That is what every Christian community should earnestly seek to be and provide.

#### "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song." ~St. John Paul II

Today we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** in the Catholic Church. Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the **"Feast of Mercy."** He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy. **"Jesus, I trust in you!"** 

Fr. Bruno OSB

#### THIS COMING NEXT WEEK, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>-APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, I WILL NOT BE IN THE OFFICE DURING NORMAL

**WORKING HOURS**. I am on Grand Jury Duty and am not sure as to when I will be in. Please either leave a phone message or an email if you need to get a hold of me and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks.

**THERE ARE FEW MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULED ON THE CALENDAR** especially Winthrop. 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

- Apr 16 Brenda Johnson, Dennis & Jean Weinzetl Anniv., Richard & LeAnn Frank Anniv., Paul Bregel,
- Lyle & Rose Forst Anniv., Leon & Diane Lang Anniv.
- Apr 17 Greg Borth, Ryan Lavrenz, Cole Howe, Andrew Portner

Apr 18 David Kokesch, Diane Hacker, Franz Metzger Jr

Apr 19 John Palmer, George Grosam, Karen Bastian, Connie Serbus

Apr 20 Kaden Weir, Cathy Johnson

- Apr 21 Marianne Case, Dennis Dording, Emily Arceneau, Nicole Friedges
- Apr 22 Payton Buboltz, John Rieke, Jamie Case, Bonnie Gutknecht

#### Liturgy Matters #24

The third part of the preface connects with the preceding by always saying, "Therefore..." With this it presents our desire and our request of God that our voices might blend with the voices of all the angels and saints in singing God's praises. We have stated that the priest leading this prayer images for the assembly the reality of Christ as head of his praying body. The phrase "through Jesus Christ our Lord" in the preface, as well as the second part which expresses his action on our behalf, give occasion to add a refinement to how we understand this. Thus, while it is true that the priest is a sacrament of Christ in his role as head, we are not to imagine somehow that he is Christ. He is an image of Christ but at the same time distinguishable from him.

The preface leads up to the Holy, Holy, Holy, where we all sing the heavenly hymn that has been revealed to us by several key scriptural texts. These texts unveil for us to some extent the invisible realities into which we are now caught up. There is first of all the vision of God that the prophet Isaiah had when he was caught up in prayer and, as he says, "I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple." He goes on to describe what he saw: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft." Then he hears them crying aloud to one another: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" In Revelation, John writes a very similar vision when he is "caught up in ecstasy on the Lord's day" and "writes on a scroll" the visions he sees of the heavenly liturgy. At one point in his vision he sees the very throne of God, surrounded by the same winged creatures that Isaiah had seen. He too gives us the words of their ceaseless hymn. He tells us, "Day and night, without pause, they sang: 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come!''' These visions of the holy prophet and apostle help us to take the measure of all that is happening at Mass when we sing the same words of the angelic song.

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 Fahev St. Andrew's Lyle Muth St. Francis de Sales Karen Guggisberg St. Andrew's

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 22 – The Renewal of the New Springtime. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at CODE3 Bowling in Gibbon.

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** - we will begin the Divine Mercy Novena, which culminates in Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, by praying the Chaplet following the Good Friday Service in Winthrop. Novena information will be provided. Please join us in this beautiful prayer!

**RENEWED IN HOPE DMA Appeal Funds Summary** as of April 10th, 2023. Parish goals: St. Andrew's \$13,073.39, total cash received \$9,608.70; St. Willibrord's \$8,142.20, total cash received \$4,725.00; St. Francis's \$4,931.19, total cash received \$5,900.00. Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

#### MASS SERVERS APPRECIATION PARTY, Sunday, April 23rd, noon to 2:30 p.m. 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 Councils of Gibbon and Fairfax. Free Bowling, Shoes, Pizza, and Pop. Pizza will be served at noon followed by bowling. Slips were sent home with most of the students on Wednesday evening. Please return the slips to your teacher by Wednesday April 12. If you did not receive one, please contact your Religion teacher or you can call Kellie Sloot at 320-583-6755, Berny Berger at 320-583-7975, or Agnes Wendinger at 507-426-7675. Thank you for being a Mass Server. We appreciate Catholic United a Mass Server. We appreciate your the teacher of the set you there!

## Financial

## YOU ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO TWO UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT CHURCH OF ST. WILLIBRORD, GIBBON IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT WITH COFFEE AND BAKED GOODIES BEING SERVED AT EACH WORKSHOP:

1. Sunday, April 23, following 8:00 AM mass: Estate Planning isn't just for the well-to-do, it's for everyone, and it's easier than you think. You are invited to an Estate Planning Workshop sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Sales Representative David Schonhardt at St. Willibrord 4/23/23 following 8:00 a.m. Mass. There's no hard-sell at this workshop, just practical advice about using proven, time-honored methods for your planning. Guest Speaker Butch Byers, Regional Sales Director for Catholic United Financial, will guide you through these topics using his many years of experience in the insurance and financial products field. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Sale Representative David Schonhardt. Join us at St. Willibrord on 4/23/23 at 9:00 a.m. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org. See flyer attached.

2. Wednesday, April 26, following 8:30 AM weekday mass: Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End-of-Life Decisions from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Father Bruno Santiago will address these questions and others during this workshop on April 26th at St. Willibrord in Gibbon, MN at 9 a.m., and will provide steps for putting together a valid Catholic Health Care Directive. David Schonhardt, Sr. Sales Representative of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end-of-life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org. See next weekend's bulletin for flyer.

**CCW ANNUAL CONVENTION -** The 62nd Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm, MN. The theme for the convention is "I AM the Bread of Life". The speakers will be Liz Kelly and Berny Berger. Liz Kelly is a retreat leader and the award-winning author of ten books. See the lead article in the Prairie Catholic this past month for more information! Berny Berger will present on the life and work of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the exhibit he created on the Miracles of the Eucharist. Join other women of the Diocese for Mass and the presentation of the NUDCCW Woman of the Year, along with lunch, silent auction and various exhibits and booth displays to fill the day. All who attend are sure to be spiritually enriched. Registration can be done through your parish CCW president, Carmin Van Epps or Berny Berger. Women from St. Francis de Sales are invited to join in with St. Willibrords. Grow in your faith! Meet new friends! Connect with other faith filled women from the diocese! All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**BERNADOTTE TO HOST SWEDISH CONCERT** After a five-year absence, the Vettern College of Music in Jonkoping, Sweden will return to Bernadotte to present its seventh concert since 2007. The 42-member choir will sing at the Bernadotte Lutheran Church, rural Lafayette, at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The program will consist of choral music from different times and traditions. The public is invited to the concert. A free will offering will be accepted to help the choir defray its costs. Unlike previous appearances, the choir will not stay overnight so host families are not needed this year.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	2,333.00	1,823.00	2,795.00
Loose/Youth Plate		103.00	176.00
DMA	112.00		
Catholic Education	25.00		
Holy Thursday	354.00		123.00
Easter Vigil	3,445.00		
Easter Flowers	65.00		10.00
Easter		50.00	905.00
Rice Bowl Collection			62.04
Holy Land	125.00	468.00	165.00
Building/Maintenance			50.00
Well Project		50.00	
Kitchen Door		25.00	
TOTAL	\$6,459.00	\$2,519.00	\$4,286.04

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wednesday April 19, 2023: Class Wednesday, April 26, 2023: Class Wednesday, May 3, 2023: Class

Wednesday, May 10, 2023: Class, End of the Year Mass at St. Willibrord's @ 6:30 pm

**THE END OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR** will be celebrated with Mass on May 10, 2023 at 6:30pm at St. Willibrord's in Gibbon. Classes will run through May 3rd.

## ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Sunday, April 23rd-8:00 AM

Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge Dist: Mavis Lindmeyer Servers: Kitzelin Morales, Silvana Ruiz, Josse Ruiz Ushers: Greg Stadtherr, Jason Haas, Ron Weber Gifts: Tom & Mavis Lindmeyer Sacristan: Kathy Bruns

Sunday, April 30th-8:00 AM

Lector: Alan Neyers Dist: Connie Tautges Servers: Sofia & Ella Nachreiner Ushers: Greg Stadtherr, Jason Haas, Ron Weber Gifts: Chris & Tina Nachreiner Sacristan: Rose Forst

Saturday, May 6th-5:00 PM (Note Time Change)

Lector: Gail Herschman Dist: Grace Rubischko Servers: Jennifer Guzman, Melody Exum, Briana Roche Ushers: Mike Willegal, Steve Rubischko, Dave Schiltz Gifts: Fran Meyer, Linda Olson Sacristan:

**HOLY WATER** bottles are available by the font at St. Willibrord's. Please use the Blessed Easter Holy Water to bless yourselves and your families, your homes, gardens and fields!

**JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BRUNCH** on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 am mass. All proceeds will go for the India water project. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**EVER WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE HOMEMADE NOODLES, OR USE AN INSTYPOT?** Come to our spring CCW meeting on Monday evening, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. for demonstrations, and tasting of noodles with beef tips cooked in the Insty Pot! Please reply to Berny at <u>ibberger1972@gmail.com</u>, or text or call at (320) 583-7975, if you plan to attend, so we know how many to cook for. We plan on about an hour for the demonstration/tasting, followed by our spring CCW meeting, which you are invited to stay for if you wish. At this meeting, we will be looking at future events needs, and funding projects as well as renewal or election of CCW officers/Commissions for 2023-24.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Net Gain/Loss	\$ 28,267.40				
Expenses	<u>\$ 75,170.11</u>				
Income	\$103,437.51 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)				
Giving July 1st, 2022-April 12th, 2023					

## <u>ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP</u>

#### Sunday, April 23rd-10:00 AM

Lectors: Harry Sloot Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin & Sue Lauwagie Servers: Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger Gifts: Matt & Kristin McCue Ushers: Mike Rein, Jean Groehler, John & Paula Wenninger Money Counters: Harry Sloot, Andy Portner Sacristan: Che May

#### Sunday, April 30th-10:00 AM

Lectors: Bob & Laurie Kaukola Eucharistic Ministers: Pete Machaiek Servers: Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer Gifts: Bill & Che May Ushers: Mike Rein, Jean Groehler, John & Paula Wenninger Money Counters: Harry Sloot, Andy Portner Sacristan: Che May

#### Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>-8:00 AM (Note Time Change)

Lectors: Barb Pagel Eucharistic Ministers: Che May Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda Gifts: Gary & Mary Renner Ushers: Chad & Laura Hacker, Leon Lang, Brent Lang Money Counters: Leon Lang, Brent Lang Sacristan: Pete & Marianne Machaiek

**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** to the Sibley County FoodShare! Your generosity provided 86 pounds of assistance to the hungry of Sibley County. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

### ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, April 22nd-5:00 PM

Lector: Mike Beranek Dist: George Wendinger Servers: Maddy, Lydia, Kellen & Sylvia Nachreiner Ushers: Kevin Schweiss, Frank Ziegler, Kevin Roiger, John Palmer Gifts: Lawrence & Sue Schweiss Sacristan: Agnes Wendinger

Saturday, April 29th-5:00 PM

Lector: Jody Busch Dist: Desiree Ziegler Servers: Ashley, Isabelle, Isaac & Alex Vos Ushers: David Runck, Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth, Ron Marlowe Gifts: Joseph & Rebecca Vos Sacristan: Brenda Runck/Brenda Frank

#### Sunday, May 7th-10:00 AM (Note Time Change)

Lector: Pat Buboltz Dist: Karen Bastian Servers: Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl, Volunteer Ushers: Tom Palmer, Gerald Jandl, Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel Gifts: Steve & Sheila Schroeder Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

**ST ANDREW'S IS IN NEED OF PEOPLE WHO CAN PLAY PIANO OR ORGAN FOR MASS**. Carmin will be stepping back from playing every week starting in June. We are asking everyone to think of people who would consider this ministry. Please contact Carmin, Brad Nosbush, Frank Ziegler, Danette, or Fr. Bruno if you are interested. We have faith that we can find interest from our Parish.

**WELL PROJECT FOR INDIA:** We will start this project now. Please consider donating for this project. Please place your money in envelope and state it is to be used for the well project Thank you,

**JOIN US FOR A CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY** on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30 pm – midnight at St. Mary's School, Sleepy Eye. Proceeds are used to increase enrollment and maintain affordable tuition. There will be music, food, drinks, games and a huge silent and live auction. There is also the raffle to win a Caribbean Vacation or \$4,000 cash plus 13 additional cash prizes. Tickets are \$25 and you can purchase them from Sara or Brad Nosbush. Need not be present to win. All are welcome.

#### ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 1: Kim VanDeest, Kristi Marquardt

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

#### Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022 – April 12th, 2023							
Income	\$ 148,805.20	Donations to Maintenance Fund	\$55,155.28				
Expenses	<u>\$ 114,019.27</u>	Roof Payment	93,578.75				
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 34,785.93	Shortfall	(\$38,423.47)				

## Financial O.

Every step, every journey, we're there for life\*

# "Are you prepared?"

## LEARN MORE AT THIS ESTATE PLANNING BASICS WORKSHOP



## Sunday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and rolls will be served at:

## St. Willibrord in Gibbon, MN

#### Managing estate tax exposure and protecting assets

Making the best decisions regarding wills and trusts

Understanding how probate will affect your family and estate

> Planning and funding for final expenses

Setting up documentation like power of attorney and health care directives

## To RSVP:

- Call 1-800-441-9949
- Email workshops@catholicunited.org



## SPEAKER

#### Butch Byers, FICF, LUTCF

Regional Sales Director, Catholic United Financial will talk about the financial decisions involved with the end of life, including probate, asset protection, wills, final expenses, charitable giving and more.





Sr. Sales Representative, Prairie View Team Advanced Case Specialist David Schonhardt, FICF Call or Text (763) 670-9058

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