

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

ALL SAINTS

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'S
GIBBON, MN



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
WINTHROP, MN

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

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

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

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm:

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

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

Monday, April 19	NO MASS		
Tuesday, April 20	NO MASS		
Wednesday, April 21	5:00 PM	Gibbon (Notice Time Change)	Spec Int – Father Aaron Johannek
Thursday, Apr 22	5:00 PM	Fairfax (Notice Time Change)	+Arlene Gerardy
Friday, Apr 23	NO MASS		
Saturday, Apr 24	4:00 PM	Gibbon	+Kenneth “Casey” Callier
Sunday, Apr 25	8:30 AM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:30 AM	Fairfax	+Dorothy Prax

Reflection Questions for Third Sunday of Easter

How can I give witness to the forgiveness I have experienced in Jesus?



Readings for the Week of April 18th, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,
17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

“He stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and terrified.” What was so terrifying about being wished peace? How ironic that the disciples were so scared right at the moment that Jesus was offering peace. The fact is that they didn’t understand what was going on. They were already aware at this point that Jesus had risen from the dead, but now he suddenly appeared before them, in a manner that was not only unexpected, but also apparently physically impossible. Jesus reassured them with concrete actions. He told them to look at him and to touch him. He wanted his disciples to be comforted by his real physical presence among them, not just the abstract idea of his presence. Once they did this, they were “incredulous for joy and were amazed.” This may be the case for us at times too. **We may not understand the mysterious ways in which Jesus is present in our lives.** His Spirit may be present, wishing to bring us peace right in the midst of stress, sickness, anguish, or pain, but we may not recognize him at first. **Just because he may not “show up” in the way we expect doesn’t mean he isn’t with us.** The risen Christ also wants to give us the gift of peace.

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.”
~St. Augustine of Hippo

TRAVEL TO INDIA On Monday, April 19th, I will be leaving for Asirvanam Benedictine Monastery in Bangalore, India and returning on Thursday, May 20th. During my time at home in India, I will be visiting my dad and mam and my siblings in Chennai city and Sengudi village. Please pray for my safe travels and be assured of my prayers for you.

Fr. Bruno OSB

AREA PARISH

AREA CALENDAR

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr 19** John Palmer, George Grosam, Karen Bastian, Connie Serbus
Apr 20 Kaden Weir, Lori & Chris Hacker Anniv.
Apr 21 Marianne Case, Juan Villegas, Jack Scharfencamp, Dennis Dording, Emily Arceneau
Apr 22 Payton Buboltz, Dorothy Prax, John Rieke, Jamie Case, Bonnie Gutknecht
Apr 23 Gilbert Borth, Myron & Joan Fixen Anniv., Kaitlyn Unger
Apr 24
Apr 25 Adeline Collins, June Vollmer

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!

NEXT WEEK WE WILL TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

THANK YOU All Saints Area Faith Community for the recognition I was given at the Easter Vigil Mass for the things that I do around church. Knowing that what you do is appreciated, adds to the satisfaction gained from the service that one provides. Volunteers who say YES to the needs to church and other organizational work, are vital to their continued success. I urge each of you to play your part. Somebody else is already overwhelmed and can’t take on anymore, but maybe YOU can. Chuck Marlowe

MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY ANN: Hello everyone! It feels like spring and that does a lot for our spirit. Sisters are beginning to have visitors and are also able to visit some family members they haven’t seen for a long time. That is GOOD news! We are hoping that as more people get vaccinated we will be able to do more things behind Good Counsel Hill. It has been a long year but in the midst of it all we are a blessed people!
Thanks so much to those of you who have sponsored me for Pedal Past Poverty. The need for housing in this surrounding area is great. So your contributions will certainly give wonderful support to struggling persons and families. If you still want to send a contribution please do so by **April 14**. **My address is:** Sister Mary Ann Kuhn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato, MN 56001. (Checks made payable to **Partners for Housing**.) Know that all of you are making a difference through your prayer and support of this event.

I so hope to get to the area sometime down the road. When – I just don’t know but I have high hopes. So take care. May the risen Christ grace your lives with much peace, hope and presence! S. Mary Ann



Please Remember in Prayer

Mary Illg
St. Andrew’s
Pat O’Brien
St. Francis de Sales
Casey O’Brien
St. Francis de Sales
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

Act of Consecration of the Family to the Divine Mercy

O Jesus, you showed us your infinite compassionate love by exhausting the very last drop of blood and water from your body. From this day forward, with full confidence, we entrust our families to your Divine Mercy.

We abandon our past, our present, and our future. We place into your wounds all of our wounds which are caused by lack of love, understanding, and trust. Jesus, expel Satan and all evil from our families, free us from the consequence of sin and protect us from further harm. Heal our wounds. May our families learn to venerate your Divine Image that they will never perish but experience your loving mercy. Amen

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	2,658.00	880.00	1,394.10
Loose/Youth Plate	121.00	117.00	85.00
DUF	10.00		
Easter Flowers			20.00
Energy/Fuel			200.00
Votives	67.50		
Good Friday/Holy Land		40.00	70.00
Easter	465.00	100.00	1,775.00
Building			
Maintenance			
TOTAL	\$3,321.50	\$1,137.00	\$3,544.10

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, April 21, 2021: Class

Wednesday, April 28, 2021: End of the Year Mass Gb 6:30pm

YOUTH SINGERS NEEDED (!) for our AFC Year End Mass [on Wednesday, April 28th](#), 6:30 p.m. at St. Willibrord's in Gibbon, meeting to practice one half hour before Mass in the social hall.

Practices (half hour) will be offered in Gibbon [on Wednesday, April 21st at 4:45 p.m.](#) after the afternoon classes, [at 6:30 p.m.](#) in Gibbon before the evening classes and in Fairfax, [on Sunday, April 25th](#), after the [10:30 a.m.](#)

Wednesday April 28th

Please join us for End of the Year Mass at 6:30pm at St. Willibrord's in Gibbon.

Let's celebrate and thank God!

We made it! A challenging but rewarding year!

Thank you to all for your help and cooperation!!

CONGRATULATIONS

To our AFC Second Graders who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 11th!

Hailey Weinzetl, Alex Vos, Tyler Mikkelson,
Lauryn Mikkelson & Alexander Mikkelson

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

Saturday, **April 24th**-4:00 PM

Lector: Alan Neyers **Ushers:** Davis Biebl, Clete Kyzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

Sunday, **May 2nd**-10:00 AM

Lector: Gail Herschman **Ushers:** Greg Hartmann, Roger Holm, Greg Stadtherr **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

Sunday, **May 9th**-10:00 AM

Lector: Jessica Willegal **Ushers:** Greg Hartmann, Roger Holm, Greg Stadtherr **Sacristan:** Rose Forst

Addition to Easter Flowers: Donor: David & Dolores Kokesch, In Memory Of: Dean Kokesch

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHURCH FRIENDS who came to longest married couple party! Thank you especially to Bernie, Jan and anyone who helped serve, clean up and served the wine. And Fr. Bruno for your kind words and prayers. It was wonderful! God bless you all! Charlene & Donny

DUE TO THE HIGH GAS BILLS THIS MONTH any extra contribution you can give would be greatly appreciated. Just put in a separate envelope for energy bill. Thank you.

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-Apr 14th, 2021

Income \$ 73,575.94 (Includes \$7,100 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$(71,721.70)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 1,854.24

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, **April 25th**-8:30 AM

Lector: Wendy Lang **Ushers:** Tyler & Emilee Stehr, Mike Rein, Jean Groehler **Sacristan:** Che May **Money Counters:** Harry Slood, Andy Portner

Saturday, **May 1st**-5:00 PM

Lector: Bob & Laurie Kaukola **Ushers:** Ron & Barb Dietl, Leon Lang, Brent Lang **Sacristan:** Pete & Marianne Machaiek **Money Counters:** Leon Lang, Brent Lang

Saturday, **May 8th**-5:00 PM

Lector: Barb Pagel **Ushers:** Ron & Barb Dietl, Leon Lang, Brent Lang **Sacristan:** Pete & Marianne Machaiek **Money Counters:** Leon Lang, Brent Lang

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, **April 25th**-10:30 AM

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck

Sunday, **May 2nd**-8:00 AM

Lector: Mike Beranek **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe

Sunday, **May 9th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Jody Busch **Ushers:** Volunteers **Sacristan:** Colleen Schweiss

CUSTODIAN NEEDED: We are still looking for a custodian for the St. Andrew's Parish. Interested applicants should contact Ross Nachreiner at 507-430-3406 or email at ar_nachreiner@yahoo.com. Position is open until filled. Total hours per week are dependent on activities within the church (average 4-6/week). Work hours are flexible.

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.

FOR A SCHOOL PROJECT, JEANA SCHROEDER is collecting shoes for "Soles 4 Souls". The collection boxes will be placed at both entrances at St. Andrew's until May 1st.

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 1: Jody Busch, Jamie Case

CCW - We have a CCW meeting scheduled for May 4th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. The main thing on the agenda will be the election/volunteering of new officers.

CCW has been an asset for St. Andrew's church for many years with many women stepping up to play various roles in our church activities. It is now time for new women to step up as officers for the next year. We are in need of a Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. Brenda Frank has served the last two years as Secretary, Lisa Nachreiner has served as Treasurer for the past 7 years. We currently have no Vice President and the current President has served 2 years.

The future of CCW is in the hands of all members and each woman has gifts and talents that they can bring and share with us all. Without new members and leadership, there will have to be a larger discussion of where we are as a group and how we want to continue.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what your role can be in the CCW and consider standing up for our CCW to continue.

Thank you! Sincerely, CCW Officers – Carmin, Lisa and Brenda

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Giving July 1st, 2020-April 14th, 2021

Income \$ 148,018.06 (Funfest included - \$13,270.00)

Expenses \$ (116,361.30)

Net Gain/Loss \$ 31,656.76

Maintenance-Roof Income/Expenses \$56,757.30/(\$80,582.34) = \$(23,825.04)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In their 2000 pastoral letter *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration*, the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

The Catholic Home Missions—funded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese's Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program (www.restorejusticesantarosa.org) works to fulfill the bishops' vision through various activities that include support for inmates reentering society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program's broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Last year, the Diocese of New Ulm received \$115,000 for the support of the Office of Hispanic Ministry, the Office of Communications, the Office of Continuing Education of Clergy and the Office of Youth Ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Msgr. Douglas L Grams
Diocesan Administrator