



ALL SAINTS

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



ST. ANDREW'S
FAIRFAX, MN



ST. WILLIBRORD'S
GIBBON, MN



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WINTHROP, MN

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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 regular scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

Monday, Sept 18	NO MASS		
Tuesday, Sept 19	NO MASS		
Wednesday, Sept 20	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Delores Bullemer
		<i>Eucharistic Adoration following Mass</i>	
Thursday, Sept 21	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Deceased Friends & Relatives of Dory Schreiner
Friday, Sept 22	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Jim Essler
Saturday, Sept 23	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	+Kelly & Bernice Smith
Sunday, Sept 24	8:00 AM	Gibbon	+Heather LaBelle
	10:00 AM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community

Reflection Question for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do I see myself letting resentment or bitterness build up in my heart? Who "owes me" and do I need to forgive them in the name of Jesus Christ?



Readings for the Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Reflection meditation:

There's talk about loan forgiveness. We may be told about a forgiveness period with no fines or penalties. What is forgiveness? One definition is this. To freely let go of what someone owes you. Banks do this. Loan agencies do this. Institutions with registration requirements do this. It's clear there are times we need forgiveness. But, let go of what someone owes me? They owe it! Yup. That's why Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:21-35 is so challenging. In the parable the king forgives the debt of his servant, but that servant refuses to forgive the debt of someone who owes him. It's hard to forgive. Like him, you and I might say, "But, so and so owes me." When we say that, we are correct. Something is owed. If someone "owes you" what can you do? First, stop and remember the gentle hand of God. He is the king in this Scripture and he is willing to forgive every sin, transgression, injustice, hateful thing you have ever done to him. Remember the sacrifice of Jesus, who offered himself on the Cross to cover the cost of every sin, transgression, injustice and hateful thing you and I have ever committed against God and our neighbor. Second, ask yourself, if God did that for me, "Can I see my way to doing that for my neighbor?" Forgiveness can be more painful the deeper your hurt goes. It can feel like a double injustice – first so and so hurt me, and now Jesus is asking me to let go of what is owed me? Like salt on a wound, the pain can feel like it happens twice. Why is it worth forgiving? Because God has forgiven "your entire debt."

Blessings,
Fr. Rolling

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

ST. ANDREW'S ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING Wednesday, September 20th, 7:00 pm in Fairfax, Maintenance Meeting at 6:30 pm

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 17 Denine Hellendrung, Ron Wendinger, Brianna Fischer, Oscar Banda, Gusty & Jake Isaacson Anniv.

Sept 18 Matthew Lavrenz

Sept 19 Paul Simonsen, Lance Miketey, Mary (Leander) Nachreiner, Kelly Weinzetl, Mark Wogsland & Connie Ardolf Anniv., Nathan Bastian, William & Chris Unger Anniv.

Sept 20 Mike Beranek, Connor Case-Kopel, Melvin Neyers, Bradley & Karen Spaude Anniv., Chris Nachreiner, Barb Pagel

Sept 21 Brad Nosbush, Lori Wendinger

Sept 22 Melvin & Mary Eckstein Anniv., James Theis, Zachery Gunnink, John Sloom

Sept 23 Alois & Delores Fink Anniv., Mary Volz, Donovan & Susan Steele Anniv.



KNOW A SAINT September 20 – St. Francis De Posada was a priest in Spain. Following his ordination he developed a widespread reputation for the effectiveness of his preaching. As a result he was sent throughout western Spain to preach. People were drawn to him as a confessor because of his holiness, spirit of prayer and spiritual gifts. His life reminds us that those who are called to serve God as priests often have to overcome periods of great trial and desolation to nurture patience and trust in God. In his honor we should pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and that those chosen for this life will have the courage and generosity to persevere in their call.


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 Lindenfesler
 (Schwecke)
 St. Francis de Sales
Claire Van Epp
 St. Andrew's
Ray Berg
 St. Willibrord's
RoseMarie Garrahy
 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!

FROM THE BISHOP! Check out our very own Bishop Zielinski's reflection called "Liturgy Matters!" Go here: www.dnu.org/liturgy-matters.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT LAST WEEK OF THE COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

THAT MAN IS YOU MEN'S PROGRAM will begin on Thursday, September 21st at 5:45 am at St. Willibrord's Church. All men 18 and older are welcome.

GETTING MARRIED. Three couples just signed up for marriage prep! More on the way. Please note the dates for the 2024 PreMarriage program are now posted on the Family Life page of the Diocese of New Ulm, DNU, website. New PreMarriage booklets are at the entrance to all churches.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY: We invite you to participate in the Mass in special ways by volunteering as a greeter/usher, gift bearer, lector, Eucharistic Minister, alter server, and sacristan at Mass. Please prayerfully consider! Your help is greatly appreciated! Training and support is provided. Please contact one of your Liturgy Committee members in your parish to sign up for a Liturgical Ministry: St. Andrew's, Fairfax: Brenda Frank – 507-430-0476 or Brenda Runck – 507-276-8688, St. Willibrord's, Gibbon: Kathy Bruns – 320-583-5711 or Jeannine Grosam – 507-240-0859, St. Francis de Sales, Winthrop: Sue Lauwagie – 507-276-0341 or Michelle Oswald – 507-766-9943

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, September 24th. Please help us thank Fr. Rolling for his service to our parish and area faith community, by joining us in the St. Willibrord's social hall after our 8:00 a.m. Mass for coffee and rolls. There will be a free will donation going to a service project to be determined. This is sponsored by the St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial group. Catholic United Financial is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial services company, connecting people of faith, protecting their future and generously impacting parishes, schools, and communities.



PARISH FESTIVALS – In addition to our AFC parish festivals, parishes across the Diocese of New Ulm are also celebrating. To find more times and places go to Facebook and search for “Roman Catholic Diocese of New Ulm” (www.facebook.com/newulmdiocese).

A METAL STAND TO HOLD THE CENSOR, AKA THURIBLE, for incense to be used at Christmas, Easter and funerals is needed at St. Willibrord in Gibbon and St. Francis de Sales in Winthrop. Middle of the road stands cost between \$300 to \$600. If anyone is interested in donating funds toward a stand, please contact the office.

FREE devotional. The *Word Among Us* (September is now out) a monthly publication that opens up the daily Scriptures with other short prayers. Don't miss your copy. It is a great resource. Spend a few minutes being encouraged by God's Word. Pick up a **FREE** *Word Among Us* for any family or friend that is homebound. See what surprises God has for you in the *Word Among Us!*

DON'T MISS THE 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024! It will be a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church, and it won't be the same without YOU! Catholics of all ages will gather to worship our Risen Lord in a way our country hasn't seen in **83 years**. For the list of speakers go to, <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/speakers>. The Diocese of New Ulm, DNU, has a certain number of tickets that people will be able to purchase at a cost of \$200. No transportation or hotels are included. Email the office at, allsaints7739@gmail.com, if you would like to buy a ticket and we will connect you.

PILGRIMAGE TO RELICS OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

The relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Zélie and Louis Martin, will be touring Minneapolis and Saint Paul between October 4 and October 15. Learn more about the “Little Flower's” “Little Way” and her impact in her short life on Earth. Below are the locations and dates open to the public. Please visit the following websites for details and events:

- **October 4 - 5:** St. Mary's in Stillwater – www.stmichaelandstmarystillwater.org
- **October 6 - 7:** Cathedral of St. Paul – www.cathedralsaintpaul.org
- **October 7 - 10:** Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis – www.mary.org
- **October 12 - 15:** St. Therese Parish in Deephaven – www.st-therese.org

Visit <https://www.st-therese.org/st-therese-relics> for more information about this inspiring and rare opportunity to venerate this family of saints outside of France.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,843.00	1,203.00	2,905.00
Loose/Youth Plate	77.00	111.01	99.00
Building/Maint/Furnace			71.00
Catholic University	145.00	99.00	130.00
Sale of Chair-Rectory	20.00		
Assumption			
Votive Lights	41.00		6.00
Cemetery Operating			
TOTAL	\$2,126.00	\$1,413.01	\$3,211.00

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE FIRST NIGHT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS CHANGED. There will be no Mass. Instead, parents and children are invited to class to “Meet the Teacher” from 7-8pm, Wednesday, September 20, at Gibbon and Fairfax. Parents are asked to accompany their children to the classroom to meet the teacher and confirm emergency contact phone number. You can discuss the learning materials that will be used and tour the teaching space. This is our first class of religion with a meet and greet for parents and families in the social hall!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST? Learn it by teaching it. Volunteers are needed to teach, co-teach, team teach, and substitute Religious Education. Contact Kellie at 320-583-6755 or yesterdayskitchen@gmail.com to volunteer. Teacher meetings will be in late August/early September. Registration information will be coming soon.

ST. WILLIBRORD’S – GIBBON

Sunday, **September 24th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Jerome Petersen **Dist:** Steve Grosam **Servers:** Kyler & Mirra Sjogren **Ushers:** Don Forst, Ron Klement, Roger Holm
Gifts: James & Berny Berger **Sacristan:** Jeannine Grosam

Sunday, **October 1st**-8:00 AM

Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth **Dist:** Genny Neyers **Servers:** Imani & Mandy Prigge **Ushers:** Don Forst, Ron Klement, Roger Holm
Gifts: Jim & Cheryl Dingles **Sacristan:** Charlene Forst

Sunday, **October 8th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge **Dist:** Mavis Lindmeyer **Servers:** Christopher Ruiz, Gabriel Ruiz, Regie Mattes **Ushers:** Fred Jutz, Bruce Bastian, Steve Herschman **Gifts:** Vicki Dreier, Kevin Dreier **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

THE AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED AND THE FURNACE WILL BE COMPLETED SHORTLY for a total bill of \$57,676. If you are interested in donating to help with the cost please place your check in the collection plate and be sure to put “furnace fund” in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MATCHING GRANT FUNDRAISER: Before and after Masses starting in September through December 16, 2023, 50-week raffle tickets will be sold for a donation of \$50.00 for chances **to win \$100.00, \$200.00 or \$500.00. Drawing will be held January 7, 2024. Proceeds will be used for educational and various church sponsored activities. Thank you for your support.**

CCW DEANERY 1 FALL GATHERING will be held Tuesday evening, September 19th, at St. Raphaels in Springfield. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m., with Mass at 5:00, followed by dinner at 5:45. Our guest speaker will be Mary Warner, with “Little Dresses for Africa”. Mary and her helpers have made thousands of little girl’s dresses, and pants for little boys and have sent them all over the world since 2011. Come hear Mary’s complete story at our Fall Gathering. Registration Fee of \$10 is paid for by our local CCW groups. Anyone in our AFC that is interested, is invited. The Deanery gatherings are always fun with great food and speakers! Contact your CCW President, or Berny Berger (320-583-7975), St. Willibrord’s president, by September 10th, if you wish to attend. Carpooling is available. You can still attend up to the date of the gathering, but the wish to estimate attendance by September 10th.

CCW FALL MEETING for St. Willibrord’s will be on September 23rd, at 9 a.m. in the church social hall. Please come and join us for coffee and rolls, fellowship, and planning our 2023-24 parish activities! All women of the parish are members of the Council of Catholic Women, and we would love to have you join us for our meetings, which are usually held 3 times per year. Your input is valued!

“**LITTLE BOOK OF LIFE LESSONS**” by **Mother Angelica** (she started EWTN, famous nun, now passed away) is in our St. Willibrord’s Library, along with **Catholicism Answer Book** (300 most frequently asked questions). Check out the assortment of books in the library.

“**LOVE LIKE A SAINT**” – latest book by Elizabeth Kelly, acclaimed Catholic inspirational speaker and author, and graduate of New Ulm Cathedral H.S., is in our St. Willibrord’s Library. The book tells the stories of 7 amazing women saints – “Cultivating Virtue with Holy Women”, and will inspire all who read it. Check it out!

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD’S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023-September 13th, 2023

Income \$ 25,290.83

Expenses \$ 18,221.97

Net Gain/Loss \$ 7,068.86

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Sunday, **September 24th**-10:00 AM

Lectors: Barb Pagel **Eucharistic Ministers:** Che May **Servers:** Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda **Gifts:** Leon Lang, Ron Hillesheim **Ushers:** Carl & Michelle Oswald, Tom & Celeste Witucki **Money Counters** Gary Renner, Leon Lang **Sacristan:** Che May

Sunday, **October 1st**-10:00 AM

Lectors: Dave Schauer **Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Renner **Servers:** Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Schmidt **Gifts:** Tom & Celeste Witucki **Ushers:** Carl & Michelle Oswald, Tom & Celeste Witucki **Money Counters** Gary Renner, Leon Lang **Sacristan:** Che May

Sunday, **October 8th**-10:00 AM

Lectors: Kellie Sloom **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dennis Dording **Servers:** Lincoln McCue, Emilee Krueger, Blaise Krueger **Gifts:** Lois Simmons, Barb Pagel **Ushers:** Tom & Sam Langhoff, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Money Counters** Harry Sloom, Barb Pagel **Sacristan:** Sue Lauwagie

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE! We will continue with coffee and treats after 10am Sunday morning masses throughout September and October. There will be a signup sheet in the kitchen for you to take a turn serving coffee and treats. This is such a WONDERFUL social gathering every Sunday! Thank you!

WELCOME FR. ROLLING! Lunch will be served on October 1st after 10:00 am mass to welcome Fr. Rolling. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Saturday, **September 23rd**-5:00 PM

Lector: Jan Simonsen **Dist:** Paul Simonsen **Servers:** Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir, Bernardo Davila **Ushers:** Kevin Schweiss, Frank Ziegler, Kevin Roiger, John Palmer **Gifts:** Brad & Cheryl Kiecker **Sacristan:** Agnes Wendinger

Saturday **September 30th**-5:00 PM

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Dist:** John & Elaine Palmer **Servers:** Zach Sandgren, Nico Nosbush **Ushers:** Charles Lehar, David Runck, Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth **Gifts:** Ron & Peggy Louisiana **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Saturday, **October 7th**-5:00 PM

Lector: Mike Beranek **Dist:** Eloina/Rodrigo Carillo **Servers:** Michahl Nachreiner, Ely Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzettl **Ushers:** Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer, Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl **Gifts:** Brian & Kristi Marquardt **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck, Brenda Frank

THE "APPLE DUMPLING GANG" is looking for medium to large size Haralson apples for the fall bazaar. Do you have some to share? Please call Pat Buboltz at 426-7141 or 507-766-1110. Thanks!

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 4: Theresa Grunke, Idalia Vigil

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Giving July 1st, 2023 – September 13th, 2023

Income	\$ 34,602.94
Expenses	<u>\$ 30,605.50</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 3,997.44

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ENGLISH:

Dear Church family: In the readings of this Sunday, God continues to call us to learn to love and forgive, just as He does and as He wants us to do, so that we can reflect His image more perfectly in us. May this prayer, based on the Mass readings, help us become more like Christ. Blessings to all! Beloved Heavenly Father, You, who are compassionate and merciful, who forgive our sins, who heal our illnesses, who rescue our lives from the grave, who fill us with love and tenderness, who do not condemn us forever or hold perpetual grudges, who do not treat us as our faults deserve or repay us according to our sins.

We ask that you make us compassionate towards our fellow beings, incline our hearts to follow your commandments, help us not to hold grudges against our neighbor, to overlook offenses, and to be able to forgive not only seven times but seventy times seven. May we not forget your blessings so that we may truly live this life with you, and when we die, may we pass away in your company because we belong to you. As we live, help us fulfill the new commandment we have received to love one another as You have loved us, and enable us to truly forgive those who offend us from the depths of our hearts. We ask this through Christ, who died and rose again to be the Lord of the living and the dead. Amen.

SPANISH:

Querida Comunidad: En las lecturas de este Domingo, Dios continúa llamándonos a aprender a amar y perdonar, tal como Él lo hace y como quiere que también lo hagamos nosotros, para que así podamos reflejar de manera más perfecta su imagen en nosotros. Que esta oración, basada en las lecturas de la Misa, nos ayude a parecernos más a Cristo. ¡Bendiciones para todos!

Amado Padre Celestial, Tú, que eres compasivo y misericordioso, que perdonas nuestros pecados, que sanas nuestras enfermedades, que rescatas nuestras vidas del sepulcro, que nos colmas de amor y ternura, que no nos condenas para siempre ni guardas rencor perpetuo, que no nos tratas según merecen nuestras culpas ni nos pagas según nuestros pecados.

Te pedimos que nos hagas compasivos hacia nuestros semejantes, que inclines nuestros corazones a cumplir tus mandamientos, que no guardemos rencor a nuestro prójimo y pasemos por alto las ofensas, y que podamos perdonar no solo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete.

Que no olvidemos tus beneficios, para que esta vida la vivamos verdaderamente contigo, y al morir, muramos en tu compañía, porque tuyos somos. Mientras vivimos, ayúdanos a cumplir el mandamiento nuevo que hemos recibido de amarnos los unos a los otros, como Tú nos has amado, y permite que perdonemos de corazón a aquellos que nos ofenden.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, quien murió y resucitó para ser el Señor de vivos y muertos. Amén.

Anisabel Palma

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Beca para Ministerio Laico

El Obispo Lucker destinó parte de su patrimonio para crear un fondo de becas. Dirigido a directores, maestros de educación religiosa, líderes de ministerio juvenil, entre otros. Hillary y Elizabeth Mohr establecieron otra beca para catequistas, maestros y líderes. Si sabes de alguien con necesidades, invítalo a solicitar en:

www.dnu.org/rescholarships

Mandar su solicitud antes del 15 de septiembre o marzo



Las reliquias de Santa Teresa de Lisieux y sus padres, los Santos Celia y Luis Martín, estarán de gira cerca de nosotros. Peregrinemos allá!



- 4 - 5 de octubre: Iglesia de Santa María en Stillwater – www.stmichaelandstmarystillwater.org
- 6 - 7 de octubre: Catedral de San Pablo – www.cathedralsaintpaul.org
- 7 - 10 de octubre: Basílica de Santa María en Minneapolis – www.mary.org
- 12 - 15 de octubre: Parroquia de Santa Teresa en Deephaven – www.st-therese.org

Religious Education Projected Enrollment Report, 2023-24

Fairfax location, St. Andrew's		Gibbon location, St. Willibrord's	
Grade:	Students:	Grade:	Students:
1st	none yet	1st	2
2nd	4	2nd	3
3rd/4th combined	8	3rd	none yet
5th/6th combined	7	4th/5th combined	7
7th/8th combined	6	6th	5
9th	4	7th	5
		8th	6
		9th	7

Dear Parents and Families,

It's back to school for All Saints AFC religious education (RE).

Thank you to all who attended the parent input meeting held in Gibbon on August 16, 2023, or offered other input. We learned a lot. You gave staff and volunteer teachers the opportunity to process what you think is working and not working. More-than-ever, parents face busy schedules with school, sports, extracurricular activities, and family gatherings. We want you to be successful in these! Like you, we also want your children to know and love Jesus.

Here are options and updates for 2023-24 All Saints AFC religious education:

- All Saints AFC religious education (RE) will continue to be offered in two locations for the 2023-24 year – at St. Willibrord in Gibbon and St. Andrew in Fairfax.
- Parents from any town can choose from one of the two locations. You can indicate the location you want for your family when you register online.
- All grade levels will move to the same start and end time, 7pm -8pm, on Wednesday nights. In the Gibbon location, parents will be able to drop children off starting at 6:30pm for pre-class games, food and fellowship.
- First Communion Class – Classes will be taught at both locations, 7-8pm, Wednesdays, in Gibbon and Fairfax. Parents will be able to celebrate a child's first communion in their home parish.
- Confirmation Class – This year confirmation class will be combined & held in one location. Many students are already friends from school. Class will be 7-8pm, Wednesdays, at the Gibbon location.
- Getting to one town or the other, even with the better roads, may still be challenging. Some families have overcome this by car-pooling.
- Change: Instead of the originally scheduled beginning Mass, parents are asked to accompany their child to his or her class for to "meet the teacher," confirm your emergency contact phone number, tour the teaching space, and meet and greet other parents in the social area. This first class is Wed, Sept 20 at 7pm in Fairfax and Gibbon.

Parish religious education exists to support parents! If our AFC leaders, teachers and volunteers fail to support parents, we fail in our mission. If we don't create learning environments our young people are excited to go to and participate in, we fail in our mission. If our young people don't encounter Jesus through the Holy Spirit and the Father's love, no one wins. Please let us know what can be better.

We pray for the Holy Family's blessings on our AFC family this year. If you have questions or concerns, please connect with myself or Kellie Slood, Area Religious Ed Coordinator. Be sure to register online by visiting www.allsaintsaafc.org - under Religious Education, click on RE Registration and follow the prompts. Sign up for updates through Flocknote by visiting www.allsaintsaafc.org – under Info, click Flocknote and follow the prompts.

In the Holy Family,
Fr. Rolling

Kellie Slood

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St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Council #39
invites all parishioners and friends to the annual

**BEEF OR TURKEY
COMMERCIAL SUPPER**

Beverages • Salads • Desserts • Bread

Adults - \$14.00

5 yrs. & under - \$5.00

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Social Center
Fairfax, Minnesota

Carry out or delivery in city limit are available, please call: 426-7069

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This event is made possible by Catholic United Financial Council
St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Council #39, Fairfax, MN.
Sales Representative 701-238-3646 brianzitzmann@catholicunited.org

This event is eligible for a matching grant from
Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.00

Earnings from the night's event will benefit St. Andrew's Religious Education Program.

Everyone is Welcome!