



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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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 regular scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

Monday, Sept 25	NO MASS		
Tuesday, Sept 26	NO MASS		
Wednesday, Sept 27	8:30 AM	Gibbon	+Mary Petersen
Thursday, Sept 28	8:30 AM	Fairfax	+Arline Kiecker
Friday, Sept 29	9:30 AM	Winthrop	+Lorraine Ravnaas
Saturday, Sept 30	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Fairfax	+Edmund & Loretta Nachreiner & Family
Sunday, Oct 1	8:00 AM	Gibbon	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
	10:00 AM	Winthrop	+Wallace & LaVone Johnson
	12:00 PM	Fairfax-Spanish Mass	

Reflection Question for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How can I prioritize generosity over fairness? How does this affect my desire to be happy in God's plan?



Readings for the Week of September 24, 2023

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Reflection meditation:

C. S. Lewis wrote a fictional book about people taking a bus ride to heaven. The people don't realize they are deceased. As the passengers get off the bus in heaven, one passenger is confused to meet a man he knew on earth who was a murderer. Named Len, the murderer, explains that he repented. Len tells the new arrival, no one gets what they deserve, you get something better when you follow God. The murderer, Len, then encourages the bus passenger to come towards heaven, to seek happiness. Does the bus passenger want to be happy? Any of us could be the bus passenger, debating if we want or deserve to be happy. God wants you to be happy. In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" You might ask yourself, "Am I surprised God wants to be generous with me and my neighbor?" Let God be generous with you and your neighbor this week. (The book about the bus ride to heaven by C. S. Lewis is called *The Great Divorce*.)

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

AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Sept 24** Melvin Eckstein, Richard Frank, Steve & Mary Volz Anniv., Greg & Laurie Edick Anniv., Imani Prigge, Rita Prigge, Celeste Witucki, Judy Marozik
- Sept 25** Jeanette DeVlaeminck
- Sept 26** Don Huiras, Donald Forst, Dan Wersal
- Sept 27** Susan Schweiss, Rebecca & Joe Vos Anniv., Harold Holicky
- Sept 28** Genny Neyers, Michael & Fran Meyer Anniv.
- Sept 29** George & Mary Peichel Anniv., Marco & Graciela Puentes, Julie Serbus, John Regner
- Sept 30** Jerry Pelzel, Ann Southworth, Alexis Rettig, Jay & Sandy Howe Anniv., Sandra Langhoff, Jennifer Langemo, Michelle Oswald

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.

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – Week 2 – The Kingdom is Like Leaven. All men 18 and older are welcome. We meet on Thursdays at 5:45 am at St. Willibrord's Church.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR –Sunday, October 1st, at St. Willibrord's, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Holy Hour will include praying the rosary, scripture readings, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone 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



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

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.



FREE devotional. The *Word Among Us* (**October 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	1,353.00	3,056.00	635.00
Loose/Youth Plate	40.00	126.00	182.00
Building/Maint/Furnace			3,500.00
Catholic University			
Coffee Hour		62.00	
Memorial for Tables given in memory of Dennis Weitzenkamp		5,000.00	
Votive Lights			5.00
Cemetery Operating			
TOTAL	\$1,393.00	\$8,244.00	\$4,322.00

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

Wednesday Sept 27, 2023: Class

Wednesday Oct 4, 2023: Class

Wednesday Oct 11, 2023: Class

Wednesday Oct 18, 2023: No Class (MEA)

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2023: Class

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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

Sunday, **October 15th**-8:00 AM

Lector: Alan Neyers **Dist:** Connie Tautges **Servers:** Silvana Ruiz, Josse Ruiz **Ushers:** Fred Jutz, Bruce Bastian, Steve Herschman **Gifts:** Randy & Theresa Fischer **Sacristan:** Connie Tautges

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 WOULD LIKE TO THANK Tom Witucki and the Lorraine Ravnass family for giving us a walker at minimal cost to help people with walking difficulties. Blessed be her memory.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to the meatball team and volunteers. Wow, 100% participation from the list and 10 volunteers. We got done in record time and were able to leave by 8:00 pm. A special thanks goes out to Dave and Terry Theis for generously donating the pork this year. See you all next year! Lyle and Rose Forst, Meatball chairs

ST. WILLIBRORD'S, GIBBON – Congrats to everyone who made the Fall Festival a success. It was perfect Minnesota weather for the inside dinner and outside game tables, crafts, and activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed hours of prep work, donated materials, food, and garden produce. “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord.” – Colossians 3:23

LOST – SACRED HEART OF JESUS PICTURE – If anyone has seen, or knows where our St. Willibrord's framed picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is, please contact Berny (834-6321, or email jbberger1972@gmail.com). It was purchased by CCW for the rectory, and was used on the altar during the month of June (the month of the Sacred Heart), but has since disappeared. Thank you!

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 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 20th, 2023

Income \$ 29,612.83

Expenses \$ 19,542.86

Net Gain/Loss \$ 10,069.97

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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 Sloat **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 Sloat, Barb Pagel **Sacristan:** Sue Lauwagie

Sunday, **October 15th**-10:00 AM

Lectors: Yvonne O'Brien **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Witucki **Servers:** Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer **Gifts:** Jane Weber, Jean Groehler **Ushers:** Tom & Sam Langhoff, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger **Money Counters** Harry Sloat, 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. FRANCIS DE SALES, WINTHROP – Thank you to all who made the Pork Chop Dinner a success. The kitchen was full of good food and the hall was full of good people. Thank you to all the family, friends, youth and volunteers who worked to create this celebration of community. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.” – 1 Peter 4:10

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

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 Carrillo **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

Saturday, **October 14th**-5:00 PM

Lector: Jody Busch **Dist:** LeRoy Schweiss **Servers:** Ashley, Isaac & Alex Vos **Ushers:** Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel, Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner **Gifts:** LeAnder & Mary Nachreiner **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe, Carol Gregory

WE WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE who attended our matching grant beef and turkey commercial supper. Thanks to all the workers, those who donated food and raffle prizes or helped in any way. Thanks again and we hope to see you all next year. Catholic United Financial, St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Council #39

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 20th, 2023

Income	\$ 35,995.94
Expenses	<u>\$ 33,050.57</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 2,945.37

WELCOME SR. MARY OF DIVINE GRACE. The daughter of Terry and Karen Maiers, Sr. Mary of Divine Grace, just offered her perpetual vows to Christ as a member of the *Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara*. Sister grew up in Stewart, MN. Bishop Chad Zielinski, celebrated her Vows Mass in Washington, D.C. During her visit home, Sr. Mary of Divine Grace came to daily Mass at St. Willibrord's, Gibbon. There is a local branch of her order in Mankato, MN. Please pray that more young women say yes to Jesus by offering their lives as religious sisters. To learn more about the *Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara* go to their website, <https://ssvmusa.org>.



HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ENGLISH:

Dear brothers and sisters: I invite you to join us in prayer using the same words that Sacred Scripture offers us, allowing the action of the Holy Spirit to flow within us. For this week, we share the following prayer:

Beloved Heavenly Father, You who are rich in forgiveness and deserving of all praise, compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and generous in forgiveness. Your goodness extends to all your children, and your love embraces each of your creatures. You always act with justice in your plans, and all your works are filled with love. You are not far from those who seek you but are close to those who invoke you. We ask that you pour your Spirit into us so that we may bless you eternally and live lives that glorify Christ, whether in our life or in our death, worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Open, Lord, our hearts so that we may understand the words of your Son and not be deceived by the pursuit of fame and power in prominent places. Allow us not to fear being the last, trusting fully in you and expecting all rewards from you. We present this petition to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SPANISH:

Queridos hermanos: Los invito a unirnos en oración utilizando las mismas palabras que nos ofrece la Sagrada Escritura, permitiendo así que la acción del Espíritu Santo fluya en nosotros. Para esta semana, compartimos la siguiente plegaria:

Amado Padre Celestial, tú que eres rico en perdón y mereces toda alabanza, eres compasivo y misericordioso, lento para enojarte y generoso para perdonar. Tu bondad se extiende a todos tus hijos y tu amor abarca a cada una de tus criaturas. Siempre actúas con justicia en tus planes y todas tus obras están llenas de amor. No estás lejos de quienes te buscan, sino que estás cerca de aquellos que te invocan. Te pedimos que infundas tu Espíritu en nosotros, para que podamos bendecirte eternamente y vivir vidas que glorifiquen a Cristo, ya sea en nuestra vida o en nuestra muerte, dignas del Evangelio de Cristo. Abre, Señor, nuestros corazones para que comprendamos las palabras de tu Hijo y no nos dejemos engañar por la búsqueda de fama y poder en los lugares prominentes. Permítenos no temer ser los últimos, confiando plenamente en ti y esperando toda recompensa de ti. Te presentamos esta petición en el nombre de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén

Anisabel Palma

apalma@dnu.org



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

THE DIOCESE OF NEW ULM has clearance to cablecast *The Future Depends on Love* on WSC-TV, channels 7 and 8, at 11 a.m. on Fridays and 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Program Description

The Future Depends on Love – Hosted by Drs. Angela and David Franks

Join Drs. Angela and David Franks as they discuss the importance of marriage in society from a Catholic perspective. They host a different guest on each episode, allowing them to look at marriage from a wide variety of angles. Some of the topics include the Theology of the Body, natural family planning, annulments, good preparation programs for marriage, and teaching one's children about marriage.

Oct. 1, 6 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 1, with Damon Owens

Oct. 8, 13 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 2, with Fr. Roger Landry

Oct. 15, 20 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 3, with Dr. John Haas

Oct. 22, 27 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 4, with Bishop Robert McManus

Oct. 29, Nov. 3 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 5, with Dr. Paul Carpentier and Katie Elrod

Nov. 5, 10 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 6, with Cassandra DeBenedetto

Nov. 12, 17 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 7, with Bishop Daniel Reilly and William Donovan

Nov. 19, 24 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 8, with Maggie Gallagher

Nov. 26, Dec. 1 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 9, with Chris Godfrey

Dec. 3, 8 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 10, with Kari Colella

Dec. 10, 15 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 11, with Bishop Timothy McDonnell

Dec. 17, 22 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 12, with Dr. Greg Kolodziejczak

Dec. 24, 29 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 13, with Cardinal Sean O'Malley

Dec. 31, Jan. 5 *The Future Depends on Love* – Episode 14, with Erika Bachiochi