



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, January 2	NO MASS		
Tuesday, January 3	NO MASS	Fairfax	
Wednesday, January 4	5:30 PM	Gibbon-Time Change	+James Moldan
Thursday, January 5	5:30 PM	Fairfax-Time Change	+Christian Mothers
Friday, January 6	NO MASS	Winthrop	
	7:00 PM	<i>Winthrop Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
Saturday, January 7	4:30 PM	<i>Reconciliation prior to Mass</i>	
	5:00 PM	Winthrop	People of the All Saints Area Faith Community
Sunday, January 8	8:00 AM	Fairfax	+William & Olive Peichel & family
	10:00 AM	Gibbon	+Mary Petersen

Reflection Question for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

What happened in my life in 2022 that I treasure in my heart? How do I recognize God's role in these blessings?



Readings for the Week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

When the shepherds came to Bethlehem, they began to understand the message of the angels. Mary prayed about this great event. Jesus received his name according to the Jewish ritual of circumcision.

The triple celebration of Mary Mother of God, the giving of the name of Jesus and New Year's Day all close in on one theme: Hope. The past is over; it is forgiven and absolved; it is pardoned and made new. The challenge before us is to respond like Mary did to what God is doing in us and in our world. If we, like Mary, are open and receptive to the working of God in our lives, then our Savior will continue to be made present all through the year. We must keep in mind throughout the year that we are no longer slaves but sons and daughters of God. This means **living in a fearless and bold manner**, and that we are able to face all the challenges of life with confidence in the knowledge that we are loved unconditionally by God and that God will be with us every step of the way in the New Year.

“The struggle is the sign of holiness. A saint is a sinner that keeps trying.”
~St. Josemaria Escriva

I am leaving on Monday, January 2nd, for India. While at home, I will officiate the marriage of my niece, Nancy, daughter of my elder brother Michael. I will be returning on Friday, February 3rd. Please pray for my safe travels and welcome the priests from the Divine Mercy AFC while I am away.

I wish each of you a **happy, blessed and prosperous new year 2023.**

Fr. Bruno OSB

OFFICE HOURS for the coming week, I will be in the office Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Thanks.

REMEMBER STARTING DECEMBER 31ST & JANUARY 1ST mass schedule times will change. Winthrop will have mass on Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Fairfax will be on Sundays at 8:00 am, followed by Gibbon at 10:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE: We have had some issues with our old email so we have set up a new email. Please use this new email immediately. It is allsaints7739@gmail.com. I have set up the group emails for sending out the bulletin each week. If you don't receive one, please let me know. If you get these bulletins by email and don't want to be sent one, also, please let me know. You can always go on our website at allsaintsafc.org to look at the bulletin. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THERE ARE FEW MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULED ON THE CALENDAR Infinite graces flow from prayers offered at 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; or list the reason of the intention (e.g. thanksgiving, peace, living family members, etc.) 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

Jan 1 Phillip Goblisch, Rich Forst, Emily Nunez, Tony Kachelmeier Jr., Samantha Struffert, Lukas Pohlmeier, Ron & Sue Hillsheim Anniv.

Jan 2 Norbert Blumhoefer, Delores Klement, Kjersti Bastian, Susie Steele

Jan 3 Desiree Ziegler, Myron Schweiss, Sandy Howe

Jan 4 Mark Marquardt, McKale Mikety, Rita Domeier, Paislee Schauer, Emilee Stehr

Jan 5 Steve Volz, Bruce Bastian, William Lang

Jan 6 Jersey Case, Brian Wiltscheck, Jordan Rettig, Amanda Regner

Jan 7 Valerie Rieke, Kimberely VanDeest, Mark McClain, Robert Senkyr, Rick Klement, Diane Radloff, Brent Lang, Braylen Pulley



Please remember in your prayers . . .

Marion Tragner, who passed away on December 25th. Her mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 30th, at 11:00 a.m. at St. George Catholic Church with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation is from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29th at the Minnesota Valley Funeral Home-North Chapel in New Ulm.

We offer our sympathy to the family.



Please Remember in Prayer

Frank Ziegler
St. Andrew's
Casey O'Brien
St. Francis de Sales
Arvina Schweiss
St. Andrew's
Judy Farrell
St. Andrew's
Elsie Linsmeier
St. Andrew
Mary Schweiss
St. Andrew's
Millie Forst
St. Willibrord's
Lorraine Ravnaas
St. Francis de Sales
Adeline Roiger
St. Andrew
Pat Fahey
St. Andrew's
Dory Schreiner
St. Andrew's



KNOW A SAINT St. Charles of Sezze – January 6th

Charles was born into a poor family in Italy. His parents wanted him to become a priest but learning was difficult for him and he was barely able to read and write. He worked as a field hand, practiced strict penance and took a private vow of chastity. He was afflicted with a series of illnesses and during one of them he promised to become a religious if he was cured and at the age of 22 he entered the Franciscan Order as a lay brother. He was soon assigned to a community in Rome and his spiritual wisdom attracted the attention of the Pope. He composed a good many works of theology despite his lack of formal education. He was so consumed with strong devotion for the Eucharist and the

Passion of Christ that his side bore a visible open wound. Like Charles let us share our spiritual wisdom with all people so they may know the salvation of God

Liturgy Matters #9

After the Gloria is what we now call the opening prayer. In the past, this prayer was referred to as the "collect". The priest solemnly invites the people, "Let us pray". Of course, we have been praying from the start, so this invitation means to signal a shift of levels, prayer with a different kind of attention. After a short pause for silence, the priest stretches his hands and says a prayer whose purpose is to "collect" into a few short lines, all the strands of what has taken place so far, as well as all the strands of our many individual thoughts. Therefore, this collect effectively places us all together into one succinctly expressed address to God the Father.

The prayer is addressed to Him and is always structured according to the same pattern, according to a very ancient usage. It helps to be attentive and listen for this pattern. God is first addressed, using one or more of His many titles. Next, we remember before God what God has done, not because He has forgotten, but because remembering is from biblical times a fundamental form of prayer. Next, on the basis of what is remembered, we ask for something in the present, for ourselves and for the whole church and world. When we remember what God has done in the past, we have the courage and reason to hope for what we ask for in the present. In the final move of this pattern of prayer, all that we ask the Father is asked "through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever". In the pattern of the opening prayer, we have the shape or pattern of prayer that will mark all the praying of the Mass. All the prayers are addressed to God the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. This is the shape of our prayer, this is the pattern of our movement within the divine life of the Trinity. To this prayer all the people say, "Amen".

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 – There will be a break until February 9th.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR –Sunday, January 1st, at St. Willibrord’s, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour will include praying the rosary, scripture readings, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by December 31st can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.

Gifts from Retirement Plans

Retirement plan assets can be a practical source from which to make charitable gifts to your parish. If you are over 70 1/2 and are required to take withdrawals from a Traditional IRA, you may want to consider making a charitable gift using all or a portion of your mandatory withdrawal amount. This way of giving may result in little or no tax impact when you report the amount withdrawn along with an offsetting charitable deduction.

WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew’s	St. Francis’s	St. Willibrord’s
Adult	5,611.00	2,070.00	501.00
Loose/Youth Plate	204.00	54.00	130.00
Catholic Ed	3,813.20		
Votives	84.00		
Christmas	6,012.18		671.00
Maintenance/Building	7,925.28		
Religious Retirement Fund		10.00	20.00
Coffee		81.00	
Christmas Flowers			25.00
Energy/Fuel			175.00
Immaculate Conception			10.00
Cemetery Operating			1,000.00
TOTAL	\$23,649.66	\$2,215.00	\$2,532.00

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, Sgt Kenneth Coleman, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and SGT Colin Jackson, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, Jan 4, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023: Class

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023: Class

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE & FUNDRAISING – Registration is now open for the Steubenville Youth Conference being held next summer in Rochester (July 14-16). Steubenville is an *extraordinary*, and affordable youth conference opportunity! Come and experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us! Flyers are being sent home with 8th Grade and older students at religion classes. Early Bird registration is due by January 15th but sign up should be sooner. Contact Kellie Sloom, Anita Wier or Berny Berger for more information held.

ST. WILLIBRORD'S – GIBBON

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

Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge **Dist:** Mavis Lindmeyer **Servers:** Kyler & Mirra Sjogren **Ushers:** Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** James & Berny Berger **Sacristan:** Kathy Bruns

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

Lector: Alan Neyers **Dist:** Genny Neyers **Servers:** Christopher Ruiz, Gabriel Ruiz, Regie Mattes **Ushers:** Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Jim & Cheryl Dingles **Sacristan:** Charlene Forst

Sunday, **January 22nd**-10:00 AM

Lector: Gail Herschman **Dist:** Jerome Petersen **Servers:** Abby & Kelly Willegal **Ushers:** Clete Krzmarzick, Joel Wiltscheck, Tom Forstner **Gifts:** Vickie Dreier, Kevin Dreier **Sacristan:** Rose Forst

St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner" of \$100 for Week #40, goes to **Tom Lindmeyer**, of Gibbon. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES For those wondering about the church envelopes they were ordered many months ago but they are experiencing some difficulties with work equipment, hired help, etc. They are hoping to get them out soon. Please put your contributions in a plain envelope for the collection. Thank you.

CHOIR will sing for the Feast of the Epiphany, 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, January 8th. Meet to practice at 9:30 a.m. – new members always welcome!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE MANY HEARTS AND HANDS who donated funds for flowers and the terrific turnout of people who helped decorate the altar and church on a cold Monday evening. Take time to pray and enjoy our elegant and beautiful church this Christmas season!! Thank you all so much!! It is so very appreciated!!

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL (CUF) will meet on Sunday, January 15, 2023, following the 10:00 AM mass in the south classroom to set its 2023 goals, discuss events planned for 2023, including scheduling a workshop, and further discussion on a funding request for AFC youth to Steubenville in the summer. All Catholic United Financial members are welcomed and encouraged to come to the meeting. Coffee and donuts and goodies will also be served by CUF after mass and everyone is invited and welcomed downstairs after mass for fellowship and conversation.

Friends of San Lucas Coffee can be purchased directly from www.sanlucasmision.org/juan-ana-cafe/order-a-bag/ or by stopping at Chuck Spaeth Ford in New Ulm (507-354-3673) or Sleepy Eye (507-794-3673). Contact Mavis 507-829-4416 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our Guatamala Mission

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022-December 28th, 2022

Income \$66,742.70 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$45,696.08

Net Gain/Loss \$21,046.62

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

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

Lector: Barb Pagel **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jason & Carly Tupy **Servers:** Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer **Gifts:** Bill & Che May **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

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

Lector: Dave Schauer **Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie Portner **Servers:** Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda **Gifts:** Gary & Mary Renner **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

Saturday, **January 21st**-5:00 PM

Lector: Kellie Sloom **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer **Servers:** Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse **Gifts:** Mary Nelson, Joe Wersal **Ushers:** Dave & Lorie Schauer, Leon Lang, Phil Dummer **Money Counters:** Phil Dummer, Tom Witucki **Sacristan:** Dave & Lorie Schauer

K OF C COUNCIL 7051 (WINTHROP/GAYLORD) will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd, at St. Francis de Sales in Winthrop. Rosary will be at 7:00 pm with meeting at 7:30 pm.

2023 ENVELOPES are on table in narthex and parishioners should pick them up.

ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

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

Lector: Cindy Rieke **Dist:** Eloina & Rodrigo Carillo **Servers:** Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir **Ushers:** John Case, Leroy Nosbush, Dave Nosbush, Mike Vait **Gifts:** Richard & LeAnn Frank **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck/Brenda Frank

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

Lector: Mike Beranek **Dist:** LeRoy Schweiss **Servers:** Ashley, Isabelle, Isaac & Alex Vos **Ushers:** Dennis Weinzetl, Jason Weinzetl, Pat Schreiner, George Wendinger **Gifts:** Mike & Barb Freitag **Sacristan:** Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Sunday, **January 22nd**-8:00 AM

Lector: Jody Busch **Dist:** Lidia Gonzalez & Maria Davila **Servers:** Elyiana & Kayln Hellendrung, Hailey Weinzetl **Ushers:** Jim Prax, Tom Nachreiner, Dave Borth, Randy Boehm **Gifts:** Richard & Sandy Hellendrung **Sacristan:** Mary Ann Dummer/Kathy Schroeder

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THESE VOLUNTEERS who delivered meals during this rather difficult month of December; Dorothy Prax and Carol Gregory, Frank Ziegler, Kathy Schroeder and Bev Blumhoefer, Sheila Schroeder and Loretta Frank. Thank you all!! St Andrew's is scheduled to deliver meals in April, August and December in 2023.

ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 5: Denine Hellendrung, Desiree Ziegler

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING – ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022 – December 28th, 2022

Income	\$ 103,849.29	Donations to Maintenance Fund	\$32,205.28
Expenses	\$ 72,273.07	Roof Payment	<u>93,578.75</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 31,576.22	Shortfall	(\$61,373.47)