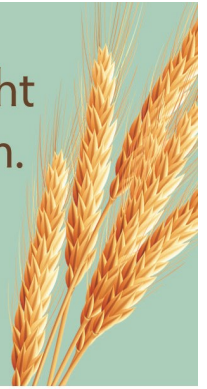




“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest.”

Matthew 13:29-30



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FRESH LESSONS

Today we are faced with the powerful and almighty God, who deals with us, not out of anger and punishment, but out of kindness and forgiveness. God is forgiving and loving to those who ask and persevere in prayer. Even if we don't know how to pray, the Spirit of the Lord helps us, for God knows what the Spirit means, “because [the Spirit] intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will” (Romans 8:27). With God's help, we can be the good seed and not the weeds. If we contemplate the parables, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit, we are able to see ever fresher lessons in these stories.

PARABLES

These are the weeks of parables, and although we have heard them all many times, they never lose their freshness, for always, if we look, we can perceive a new angle.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat, so simple on its surface, is puzzling enough for the disciples to ask Jesus for an explanation. In our own gardens, we tend to yank up the weeds all through the growing season. But in the parable, the weeds and the wheat are allowed to grow together until the harvest. If the good people and the evil people remain mixed throughout life, it puzzles us sometimes: why are people who do bad things not punished? How is it that God allows bad things to happen to good people?

THOSE TINY THINGS

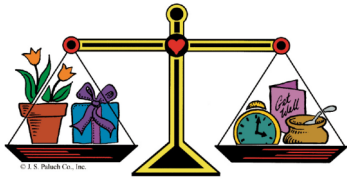
Our God is indeed a God of might; yet that might leads not to vengeance, but to forgiveness. Everyone is offered an opportunity—many opportunities—for forgiveness. Even a little good can blossom into something wonderful. The mustard seed of the Middle East is so tiny that one can barely pick one up with one's fingertips. (Those familiar with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd know about this wonderful parable, and the tiny dish of mustard seeds that is kept in the atrium for the children to contemplate.) Yeast makes the dough rise to be baked into delicious bread. All of these wonders come from tiny beginnings, if we are ready to hear and understand these mysteries.

Our prayer too is heard by God, even if we do not really understand what we are praying for: “for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit . . . intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit” (Romans 8:26–27).

So if our small prayers are offered with a sincere heart, they are heard by God, even if we don't always know what it is we do when we pray. Are we praising, blessing God, asking for something? The Spirit knows and intercedes for us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19
Psalm 86: 5–6, 9–10, 15–16
Romans 8:26–27
Matthew 13:24–43 [24–30]



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Those who are just must be kind.
— *Wisdom 12:19*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tue: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thu: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sun: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<i>Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5am on Monday and concludes at 5pm on Friday</i>		
MONDAY, July 20 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Marty Briggs
TUESDAY, July 21 7am, Mass (live streaming)	St. Anastasia	+Ann Lewandowski
WEDNESDAY, July 22 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Michael Brygger
THURSDAY, July 23 9am, Mass (live streaming)	St. Anastasia	+Carol Brown
FRIDAY, July 24 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
SATURDAY, July 25 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	+Jim Egan
SUNDAY, July 26 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass (live stream) 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	++Frank & Eleanor Mikolasek For Our Faith Community

First Communion

We rejoice with the family and friends of Amelia Miller, daughter of Robert and Sheryl, who was welcomed to the Table of the Lord this weekend. May she continue to be nourished by the faith of our community, the support of her parents and the love of her Lord all the days of her life.

Rummage Sale

Yes, we are going to have our CCW Fall Rummage Sale! The dates are: August 13 & 14. We are doing it early before school starts. We will start collecting donations on August 8th. Please no large appliances, large TV's, no old computers or Hide a Beds. We are all ready for our nice, wild and crazy normal rummage sale. Any questions, contact Lori Dahlberg at 583-3422 or dahlberg@hutchtel.net

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AREA FAITH COMMUNITY
OF ST. ANASTASIA & ST. BONIFACE

Parish & Community Events

Information Roundup

St. Anastasia now celebrates weekend Masses on Saturday at 4:30 pm (confession at 3:00 pm) and Sunday at 7:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7:30 pm (Holy Family in Silver Lake has dropped their Sunday evening Mass). St. Boniface will celebrate Mass on Saturday at 6:30 pm (confessions at 6:00 pm). Weekday Masses at St. Anastasia will be Monday and Wednesday at 5 pm, Tuesday and Friday at 7:00 am, and Thursday at 9:00 am (School Mass). We will continue to live-stream the Sunday 10:30 am, Tuesday 7:00 am, and Thursday 9:00 am Masses.

We are planning ahead to a new programming year beginning in the fall knowing that we still face many unknowns. We will continue to keep the website information, and the parking lot's electronic board, as current as we can. You are always welcome to call the office with questions.

Adult Education, P/K—grade 11 Religious Education classes and youth activities are being planned. We're not quite sure what they will look like yet—so many things depend on our current public health issues—but we are committed to providing a full range of programs for all our members.

Channel 10, the Hutchinson cable access channel, continues to air our weekend mass at 7:30am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays. It is also available on Mediacom 107.3

The Kids' Depot is still operating with its regular hours. Please contact them at 484-4869 with your child care needs or with any questions you might have.

St Anastasia School is planning for all conceivable eventualities for the next school year. We will be offering a solid Catholic educational foundation, one way or another. If you have any questions please call: 587-2490.

The parish office is open 8am-4:30pm Monday—Friday, but often with minimal staffing. For emergencies please call Fr Paul's cell: 507-829-0965.

Call to Action

COVID-19 has contributed to the permanent closure of 120 Catholic schools across 23 states. Additionally, internal surveys show ten percent for Catholic schools are now uncertain if they can open their doors this fall. That means as many as 500 or more Catholic schools could be in jeopardy.

Please join the USCCB in asking Congress to include additional relief for Catholic schools in the next emergency relief package.

Public schools are asking for \$300 billion dollars, and it is important to make sure that hard-hit Catholic school families also receive emergency relief. Please take a moment to contact your members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and hard-hit families in the next COVID-19 relief package. We are asking Congress for direct funding for families for education expenses, including Catholic school tuition.

We encourage you to add your own personal story about your Catholic school experience in the message as well.

Catholic schools urgently need help in this time of uncertainty. Please contact your members of Congress today!

Thank You!

Thank you for all your support for the Minneapolis people served by the Missionaries of Charity. Please turn in any donations for them by August 1st in either the parish office or in the front entryway of the church. They are very grateful for our support of those they serve!

SCRIP

Scrip is for sale at the parish office, M-F, 8am-4:30pm. You can call or email ahead with your order. Or just drop in! We have local favorites on hand and can special order Scrip for you as well. Check your favorite online retailers—any of them will accept gift card purchases on line and you can use your scrip for that as well. (And yes, we do have Amazon cards!) You always get your entire dollar value in Scrip, so it costs you nothing to use it. It's safer than using your credit cards for online purchases, too! The profits go to the support of our educational programs at St Anastasia.

Fruit of the Word

St. Anastasia has purchased an at-home VBS program for your family to use! Cat. Chat presents Music, Saints, crafts & game, prayers & questions for sparking conversations with your family. There is no cost to you to receive this 5 day VBS program via email. You have access to this At Home VBS until August 28, 2020. Great for a rainy day, for music to move to or just have on while you're about life. The link takes you to the first day and the registration form. From there you will receive a new email each day for 5 days to enjoy the VBS activities! ENJOY!

The Mercy, Power & Love of God

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This

is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest's position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

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School Supply Drive

Commo Cup is holding its annual School Supply drive from now till mid August. We are not quite sure what the school year will look like yet, but whatever form it will take students will still need the usual kinds of things: notebooks, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, pens, folders, etc.

In addition—should we be able to provide in school classes either full or part time—there are many new safety/cleaning protocols to help keep everyone safe and healthy. Teachers are asking for help in stocking their classrooms with Kleenex, disinfectant wipes & sprays, paper towels, hand sanitizers, etc. If you can help provide any of these items, they will be much appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off in the hospitality area or parish office at St Anastasia.

Way To Go!

So many of you have responded generously to our requests for various charities. Our volunteers have kept our church and cemetery grounds looking fantastic. We hear from homebound folks that St A's people have stayed in phone touch with them, turned up to mow their lawns, run their errands or help with projects. Thank you so much and God bless you all!

Our sponsor of the week is
Hutchinson Family Dentistry.
Please show your appreciation by
patronizing their business.

St Anastasia Fall Festival September 12 & 13, 2020

Yes, St Anastasia will be celebrating Fall Festival 2020! Like everything else about the year 2020, it will be a little bit different than it was before. But we are still planning on some fun, games, and good food! Things are still in planning stages, but here are some of the upcoming events:

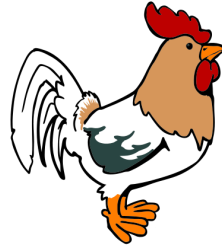
Raffle Tickets: Yes, there will be a raffle. Ticket prices remain the same as last year—\$5 each or \$60 for 12 tickets. The drawing for prizes will be at 2pm Sept 13. Winners will be posted on the website and on Facebook by 3pm. They will be notified by phone on Monday morning, Sept. 14.

- (5) \$100 prizes
- (4) \$200 prizes
- (3) \$300 prizes
- (2) \$500 prizes
- (1) \$1,000 prize



Saturday Nite: Our wonderful KCs are going to have their grilled burgers/brats and fixings available after the 4:30 Mass. It will be a drive thru set up, so no worries about social distancing!

Chicken Dinner: Well, of course we are going to have our chicken dinner! Seriously, how could it be the Fall Festival without the chicken dinner? But, due to COVID 19 and new food serving restrictions now in place, we are going to make some changes.



We will have a pre-ordered drive thru meal pick up that you can enjoy at home or at a picnic area of your choice. We can offer a pay on line option if you are more comfortable paying that way.

This year we are thinking about offering a special kids' meal of chicken strips, tater tots and a cookie. This would be available at a reduced price. What do you think? Let us know!

White Elephant Sale: We will not be hosting a White Elephant Sale this year. But the ladies of the CCW will be holding a Rummage Sale on August 13 & 14. Satisfy your urge to splurge early! See page 3 for more details about the Rummage Sale.

Scavenger Hunt: Purchase a St Anastasia Fall Festival sign for \$10. Place it in a easily visible spot at the front of your house by Aug 30. Between August 30 and Sept 9, keep your eyes peeled and your notebook handy. As a family, write down the address of every sign you spot around town. Turn your list in to the parish office by 5pm, Sept 10. Top spotters win fabulous prizes! Any age can play!

Do you have any ideas for the Festival? We'd love to hear them. Call the parish office at 587-6507.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

*Nicole Glesener John Kemper Sandy Jerabek Margie Navara Maureen Reiner
Barb Olson Jenny Trettin Heidi Jagne Irene Carlson Al Cotter Delores Beich
Clinton Gruett Nevaeh Kotilla Carol Brown Otto Levno Kami S. Ken Notch
Roger Steintl Nancy Kottke Belinda Bureke Delores Muetzel Gloria Pohlmann
Eric Haffley Wendy Stoll Mackenzie Ludowese Rooney Sr Carmen Sonnek Teri Niemeyer
Betty Gunderson Darlene Artmann Terry Bisbee Sheryl Mose Marilyn Reinarts*

The deceased:

Rosemary Kretsch Barb Scott Noelle Mohs

and:

All those in the military, serving our country at home and abroad.

Our health care workers, grocery/pharmacy store staff, delivery drivers, school staff, police & fire departments, teachers, etc who show us a new meaning of service to the community.

All those suffering with illness, loneliness, and depression.

All those who are making extra efforts to be of service to their family, friends and community.





Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Do to others as you would ..."

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H _____ ."

Answer: *have them do to you*

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Pastor Al™



"Pastor Al, seeing you out on your own, I'm sure glad that most of the time you have a dress code."

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St. Boniface

Total Contributions for:

St. Anastasia

We are currently wrapping up the final details of our last fiscal year and transferring all accounting/payroll data to a new integrated computer system. It will take some time to check and double check our data. We will have updated financials for the bulletin as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

DMA received for St A's

Goal	total rec'd	parish portion
\$43,021.51	\$44,378.00	\$8,876

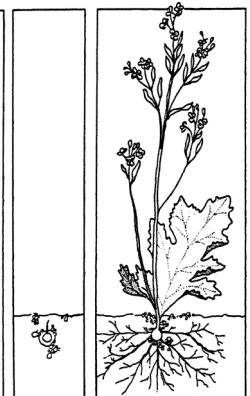
DMA received for St B's

\$4,168.75	\$4,701.00	\$ 940.00
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TRY ONLINE GIVING AT ST A'S!

Online Giving is a secure way to give to the parish. Manage your account and donations by computer, tablet, or smart phone. Go to www.stanastasia.net, and click on the Online Giving icon to find out more. You can download the free App in the App Store, Google Play Store, or go to OLGapp.com. Register by entering our church ID of 78.

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.



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General Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at 3pm on Saturday at St. Anastasia or by appointment.

Marriages

Contact the Area Faith Office at least 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. Couples complete a premarital inventory and are required to attend an approved pre-marriage program.

Baptisms

Contact Fr Paul Wolf, 320-587-6507, to schedule a baptism and the necessary preparation. The pre-Baptism program helps parents take an active role in their child's Baptism. It provides reflection and instructions for parents as they assume their new responsibility as the primary teachers of their child.

Hospital Visitation

If you, or anyone you know, is hospitalized or ill at home, notify the Area Faith Office to arrange for visitation.

Prayer Requests

You may list your prayer intentions in the Book of Communal Prayer at the rear of the church.

Prayer Chain

St. A's has a prayer chain that prays for any needs you have. Anyone can call with a prayer request, and anyone can be a part of the prayer chain. If you would like to participate or ask for prayer support, call Janet Hall at 320-455-7927 email 3furballmom@gmail.com.

New Parishioners

Please register! Call or stop by the Area Faith Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

Considering becoming fully Catholic? Call Fr Paul Wolf, 320-587-6507.

Coffee Sales

Coffee from San Lucas, Guatemala is available in the Area Faith Office during business hours. Cost is \$10 per bag.

Area Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays, 12pm, at St. Anastasia.

KC Picnic Shelter Rental at St. A's

Call Mark Lewandowski, 320-583-0357.

Adoration Hotline

For the latest changes to the Adoration schedule call 320-484-7126.

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> June 16, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	_____, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Roy Tupa	July 9 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Barry Visser	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> Mar 3, 7pm	St Anastasia	
Home & School Association Chair: Shannon Visser	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Thursday each month</i> July 7, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	library
Worship & Outreach Committee	_____, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Maintenance Committee	_____, 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Social Concerns Committee	_____, 6pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STA Council of Catholic Women	_____, 9:30am	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen
STB Council of Catholic Women	_____, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Mark Maiers	_____, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	_____, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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St. Boniface Cemetery		
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TO REPORT ABUSE: If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy (priest, deacon or bishop), and you need to talk with someone about abuse, exploitation, or harassment, please contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator or the Bishop's Delegate in Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct, 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073; phone: (507) 359-2966.