

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46



Pastor's Corner

As we continue to question and look at what the Church will look like in the future, given all the things that have happened recently, Deacon Ralph Poyo continues to inspire and call us to a deeper understanding and a path to renewal that is so necessary for the Church today. We have so many issues, hurting people, longings, and false teachings that have led us away from the truth of Jesus, the Christ. Take a read and engage yourself in the invitation to become Church. We need you Lord!, aid us anew to seek and to find you. You will not abandon us, give us your strength! Fr. Paul

Becoming Responsible for Souls by Deacon Ralph

As we continue to watch the decline of the Church in our current day, there are many reasons that can be attributed to the cause. Many within the Church would easily point to the priest abuse scandal and then the bishop cover-up scandal, and they would be correct in their assertions. Those issues have certainly caused people to walk away from the church.

There are many other reasons also that contribute to the diminishment of the Church. The sexual revolution, poor implementation of Vatican II, the increase of socialism/Marxism and the lack of authentic evangelization are a few of the other major contributors. This is all good to understand, but what can the average person in the pew really do to help rebuild their local parish?

When we commit our lives to the Lord, we commit them not only to God but also to His body (His Church). If there is one area where the laity also carry some blame for the decline of the Church, it is that many parishioners worked hard to secure their own kingdom (on earth) first and gave God the leftovers of their time, talent and treasure.

Turning the Corner

Parishes that will become effective for the Kingdom of God in the future will be those whose laity reorient their lives to become responsible for the souls of others. They will, of course, be following the strong model of their clergy who live this out. It will be through this sacrifice of time, energy and focus that the local parish will create an atmosphere of love that becomes authentically evangelistic in nature.

One of the best vehicles we have today for developing this kind of disciple is through small group ministry. However, a very small percentage of parish memberships participate in small groups. This needs to change! A massive shift needs to occur and I believe will occur in the days to come. The Church (all parishes) is going to be shaken to the core, and only those who are truly holding on to Christ will be left standing.

SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

JULY 26
2020

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All things work for good
for those who love God.
— *Romans 8:28a*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, ; Mt 13:31-35

Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps
103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn
11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a,
8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;
Mt 14:1-12

Sun: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-
6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

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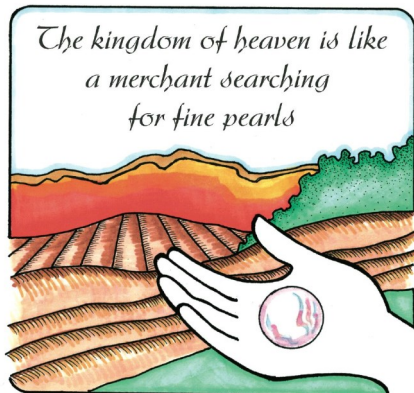
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Emergencies at Night

Fr. Paul, 507-829-0965



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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 27 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Richard Roskammer
TUESDAY, July 28 7am, Mass (live streaming)	St. Anastasia	+Barb Scott
WEDNESDAY, July 29 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Marty Briggs
THURSDAY, July 30 9am, Mass (live streaming)	St. Anastasia	+Delores Kramer
FRIDAY, July 31 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
SATURDAY, August 1 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	++Alvin & Margaret Schlueter
SUNDAY, August 2 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass (live stream) 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Rita Stevens +Ann Lewandowski For Our Faith Community

Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale will be August 13 & 14. We will start taking donations on August 8th. Please: no large furniture or appliances, no TVs or old computers, no magazines. We will be following social distancing guidelines. Masks and hand sanitizers will be provided for all workers. We are all ready for our nice, wild & crazy normal rummage sale! We will have fun, too, and probably pizza for the workers. We will also be having a Farmers' Market (like the Fall Festival County Store) in the cafeteria. More goodies to check out! Questions? Contact Lori Dahlberg 583-3422 or dahl-

Catholic Charities

During the COVID 19 Pandemic, Catholic Charities counselors are conducting counseling sessions via telehealth. They are also still accepting new clients during the pandemic. Individual counseling, marriage counseling, family counseling, etc. are available. Please call 866-670-5163 if you have any questions related to Catholic Charities counseling services.

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

Parish & Community Events

Pastor's Corner (cont)

We need to see adults of every age engaged in small group ministry, where they take off their mask, bring down their walls and share their journey of following Jesus. They need to be in relationship with other Catholics and take responsibility for helping them get to Jesus. For too long, Satan has kept us apart from each other through fear, hatred, judgment and division. Everywhere I go, when I see Catholics engaging in honest sharing in a small faith-sharing group, they are motivated to grow in their faith. I believe the days are coming when we will not only need to share our faith and struggles with each other but will also need to depend on each other against the tide of evil that is coming.

It used to be that we could stick our heads in the ground and avoid conflict with the evil in our culture. We failed to be what Christ sent us out to be – a light in the world. Each person in the pew is meant to be a beacon to show people who are searching for the truth the way to find Jesus.

Those who are serious about their faith will reprioritize their lives to grow closer to Jesus and become a force of good in a world that sees a fear-filled church, lacking faith and conviction in the overwhelming power of Jesus Christ. This is what the average Catholic in the pew can start doing today. Involvement in small groups is the training ground to get prepared!

Rise up, Church!

You're Invited!

Sunday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. Czech Heritage Festival will be live online this year. Search "Bechyn, Minnesota World" Facebook Page. You do not need to have a Facebook page to watch the event, just access to the internet. Recording artists Mollie B and Ted Lange will host live concert starting at 7:00 p.m. There will be no festival in Bechyn this year. Information call Jeanne Wertish at 320.522.1218

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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!

Job Openings

Educational Assistant, K-6, part-time

A educational assistant working at St Anastasia School shall be responsible for a variety of tasks assisting the various classroom teachers as designated and assigned by the principal.

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Prior experience working with children a plus

Substitute teachers

Qualifications

- MN Teaching license or Substitute License or
- Bachelor's Degree
- To apply please send letter of interest and resume to: principal@stanastasia.net

Listen To Your Dreams

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God’s question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the “euchology” or “words of thanksgiving” available in the Church’s prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having

more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers.

In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the *anaphora*, and there are three main families of *anaphora*. Each family has a different “recipe” for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All *anaphora* have “intercessions” included, but the Churches of Antioch place them toward the end of the prayer, Alexandria prefers them at the beginning before the “Holy, Holy,” and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched.

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School Supply Drive

Common 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.

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!

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July 29

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and anxious about many things; there is need of only one thing.”

-Luke 10:41-42

St. Martha

The sister of Lazarus and Mary of Bethany. She witnessed Jesus raising her brother from the dead.

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Our sponsor of the week is
Woodstone Senior Living.
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

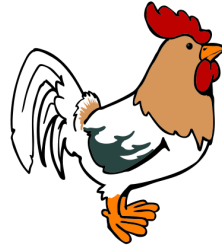
(2) \$500 prizes

(1) \$1,000 prize



Saturday Nite: Our wonderful KCs are going to have their grilled burgers, chips, cookie & a drink and 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 and a cookie. We are still looking into the logistics of making this happen and will keep you updated.

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:

Margarete Mundahl

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.



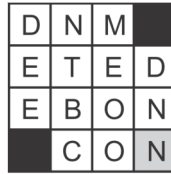


Letters from Heaven



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, "Stop condemning and you will ...



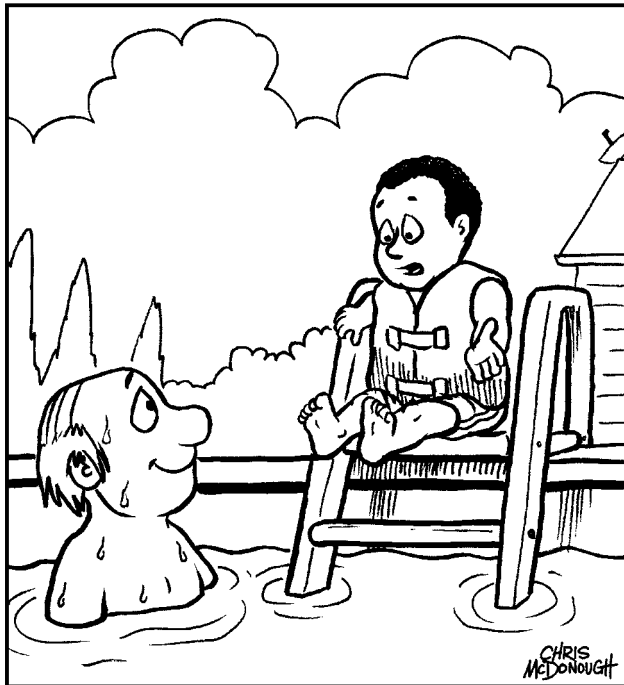
N _ _ _ _ _ ."

Answer: *not be condemned*

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Pastor Al™



"It was nice that you could come over to our pool, Pastor Al... but is this holy water now?"

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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.

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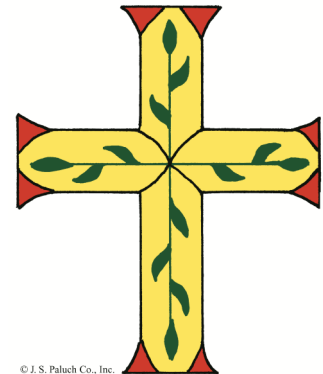
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\$43,021.51	\$44,378.00	\$8,876

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.



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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> Aug 18, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair:	Oct 9, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Jason Jennison	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> Aug 4, 7pm	St Anastasia	
Home & School Association Chair: Shannon Visser	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Thursday each month</i> TBA, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	library
Worship & Outreach Committee	TBA, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Maintenance Committee	Sept 15, 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Social Concerns Committee	TBA, 6pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STA Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 9:30am	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Mark Maiers	Aug 5, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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St. Boniface Cemetery		
Richard Navara, Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 320-562-2128	rnavara@embarqmail.com

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