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As high
as the heavens
are above
the earth,
so high
are my ways
above your ways
and my thoughts
above your
thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9

TWENTY-
FIFTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER
20
2020

We are in trying times as Church, we are under attack by many forces. Deacon Ralph Poyo writes and speaks to this concern in his ministry at **New Evangelization Ministries**. The following blog addresses some of these concerns and hopefully gives us marching orders to renewal. Deacon Ralph will be joining with us October 9 and 10 at 7 PM to present to us and call us to further commitment to the Church. Please mark your calendars and consider participation in this event.

Worship Space Audio-Visual Improvements Now In Design Phase

As we continue to follow the State of Minnesota and Diocese of New Ulm health and safety recommendations for large group worship, we recognize how important our online and live stream presence is to many parishioners who prefer to remain home, physically distancing themselves from crowds.

Earlier this summer, we shared our decision to move forward to install a new audio-visual system in the church. This was one of the projects proposed during last year's parish presentation meetings. In light of the pandemic we moved the project to the top of the list of proposed improvements. Thanks to your financial support we can proceed!

The system will include two projection screens, two projectors, an improved sound system, microphones for the celebrant, lectors and musicians, personal ear units for the hearing impaired, and the equipment necessary to live-stream liturgies and other events.

YHR Architects have prepared detailed drawings for the two large projection screens that will be placed on either side on the brick walls behind the altar. The architects have also drawn detailed elevations and schematics for the sound booth that will be located in the back of the worship seating and adjacent to the center aisle.

The sound booth operator will control the sound and camera operation throughout the liturgy and the many other events that will be held in the worship space. MBN Engineering are working with YHR Architects to design the components and specifications for the audio-visual equipment needed to complete the improvements.

The project specifications have been let out for bids. The work will need an electrical contractor and a cabinet maker. Our objective is to complete the entire project in time for Christmas Mass. In the meantime, we thank those who have already offered their financial commitment to the campaign and encourage all others to consider offering your support to help us move forward with the next projects. Thank you!

Capital Campaign Cabinet

- Jim Fahey
- Diane Pedersen
- Fr. Paul Wolf
- Carla Reinowski
- Jason Corby



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

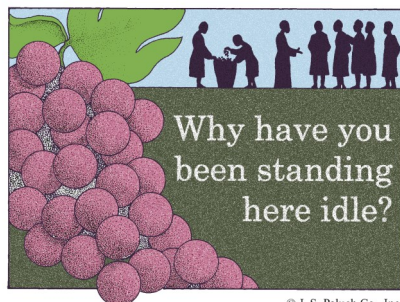
Sat: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sun: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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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, September 21 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Don Guggemos Sr.
TUESDAY, September 22 7am, Mass (live streaming)	St. Anastasia	+Charlotte Kruz
WEDNESDAY, September 23 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Brynn Engstrom
THURSDAY, September 24 9am, Mass (live streaming)	St. Anastasia	+Gertrude Krebsbach, +Rosemary Kretsch
FRIDAY, September 25 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Terry Hess
SATURDAY, September 26 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Mary Ludowese +Jerry Notch
6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface St. Boniface	
SUNDAY, September 27 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass (live stream) 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Lawrence Krebsbach +Bruce Karl For Our Faith Community

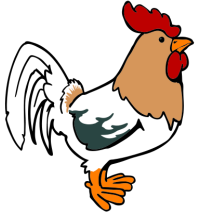
Calendar

Youth Drop-In Center open Mon-Thu, 2-5pm

MONDAY, September 21 6:30pm, Grief Share	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, September 23 7pm, SH Youth	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, September 24 10am, Adult Ed "Mary"	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
FRIDAY, September 25 5:45am, TMIY	No School at St Anastasia St. Anastasia hospitality area	
SUNDAY, September 27 8:45am, Alpha/Eucharist/Symbolon 9am, K-5 Faith formation 5:45am, Alpha/Eucharist/Symbolon 6pm, Edge/Confirmation/Symbolon	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
MONDAY, September 28 6:30pm, Grief Share	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, September 23 7pm, SH Youth	St. Anastasia	youth room

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

Parish & Community Events



Roscoe the Rooster Says:

What a great response to our 2020 version of the Fall Festival! Our intrepid kitchen staff served over 330 meals, we had stacks of coloring contest entries (ages 4—80+ - what a great response!),

and some seriously dedicated scavenger hunters (they must have spent hours hoofing it around Hutchinson)! Raffle ticket sales were brisk and our cake donations were wonderfully creative! It was certainly different than any other Fall Festival we have ever done, but it had lots of spirit, food and fun!

Thank you to everyone who helped by buying/selling raffle tickets, enjoying a KC grilled burger (those are the best, you know) or chicken dinner, helping in the kitchen, running food to the customers, bringing in cakes for contest prizes and for participating in our contests. Thank you for being so willing, so gracious and so much fun!

Here's the money info: It was our best raffle sale EVER! We had more tickets sold than ever before and—although not all our bills have come in yet, so we're making an educated guesstimate here—it looks as if the Fall Festival will clear \$20,000+. Expenses were down, which certainly helped, but mostly we did so well financially because so many of you participated—thanks a ton!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them

- ✠ Madonna Jablinski (Friday 11 AM Oakland Cemetery)
- ✠ Rosemary Dudek (Saturday 11 AM – Memorial Service at Funeral Home)
- ✠ James Tupa (Tuesday 1 PM St. Anastasia Cemetery)

May They Rest in Peace

St A's CCW Update

Ordinary time is anything but Ordinary this year. We aren't using the CCW Units for cakes and salads for funerals - everything is catered now. We aren't sure what the future will bring. We hope to have some kind of CCW gathering this winter. We are still busy - we had a very successful Rummage Sale (wearing our masks) and we've donated to our usual charities. We served the lunch at the last Blood mobile, and our funeral lunch cooks and servers have been busy.

The National CCW celebrated 100 years - check out the St. Anastasia website - CCW for more information. Please pray for a new Bishop and for Bishop Levoir. Pray for an end to Domestic Violence. The 2nd Sunday in October is CCW Sunday, pray for all our members living and deceased.

Thank you ladies for all you do for our parish and all your prayers for CCW.

Lori Dahlberg



Lord We Need You!

Parish Mission, with Deacon Ralph Poyo, October 9 and 10, 2020.

Join us for two special nights with Deacon Ralph Poyo, here at St A's or streaming live on line. Check out our website for more information!

Don't Forget!

Registrations are due for St A's RE p/k-confirmation programs. Forms are available in the newsletter sent home to you and on line. Your prompt attention is appreciated!

Faith Formation

Direction

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

St Pius of Pietrilcina (1877-1968) Sept 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Ho-

ly Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don't worry!”

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Prayer For a New Bishop

Almighty God, who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people, direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for the Diocese of New Ulm, that we may be given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead Your people in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Social Concerns

Winter Wear Drive



It's hard to imagine, but the annual Common Cup Coat Drive is just around the chilly corner. As you are switching over your summer wardrobe to the fall/winter wardrobe, please set aside those clean, useable, but no longer wanted, winter wear items.

Every kind of winter wear you can imagine will be appreciated: hats, mittens, boots, snowsuits, scarves, gloves, etc in all sizes. Adults (men and women) as well as children's wear is needed. Infant wear is also appreciated.

Small repairs can be made by volunteers, but totally reconstructing an item is not possible. Handmade items are absolutely fine. Items may be years or decades out of fashion—doesn't matter here. As long as its clean and in good condition.

There are collection boxes at St Boniface & St A's and also at the front door of Common Cup (105 2nd Ave SW Suite 3, Hutchinson). Feel free to drop your items off at any one of these. Donated items will be distributed to residents of McLeod County in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Our sponsor of the week is **Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel**. Please show your appreciation by patronizing their business.

Adult Education Opportunities Available Now!



Week 03 – Friday, Sept 25, 6 AM.

From Gangland to Promised Land When asked what his longest and hardest prison sentence was, former London Mafia enforcer, John Pridmore, had the clarity and experience to reply “Twenty-seven years without God.” Drugs, alcohol, abuse, promiscuity, violence and prison - there is nothing John Pridmore has not experienced. He says his soul was already dead and even rotting with stench before the Lord resurrected his heart. This week will be an unforgettable experience you don’t want to miss. Pridmore’s epic story of conversion is riveting and illustrates the mighty and transforming power of God. This is an incredible opportunity to bring any friend of yours no matter where they are in their faith journey. Join us this week and invite a friend!



Week 02 – Sept 27, 8:45 AM & 5:45 PM

Who is Jesus? What did he say about himself? What evidence is there to support his claims? This week we discuss what Jesus said about himself and how we know what he said was true!

You are always welcome to join in the Alpha program—even if you missed last week!



Week 02 – Monday, September 14, 6:30 PM.

Challenges of Grief. You lash out at friends because she keeps pushing you to “move on.” You get to the store and realize you don’t remember the thirty-minute drive. Scattered thoughts, nausea, rapid heartbeat...you wonder if you’re going crazy. Come and support one another in your time of grief. Bring a friend and join!



Week 01 – Sunday, Sept. 27, 8:45 AM & 5:45 PM

Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us and the Compass for our Lives.

Today when people think about God, they often envision an impersonal force “out there” – a God who exists, who made the universe and who may even be a good God, but not someone who interacts in this world and is personally involved in our lives. Christians; however, believe in a personal God – a God who loves us, has a plan for our lives, and wants a personal relationship with us. He loves us so much that he actually seeks us out and makes himself known to us. Bring a friend and join! Formation for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



Week 02 – Sunday, Sept 20, 8:45 AM & 5:45 PM **In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice.** In this session our exploration will take us back to the

first book of the Bible, Genesis. We’ll discover that the Eucharist has been part of God’s plan from the beginning of salvation history. The beginnings of the Mass will be found in the Garden of Eden. We’ll take a look at the well-known story of Cain and Abel to see what it teaches us about what needs to be at the heart of any offering we make to God. And we’ll continue on the Genesis’ brief description of the mysterious high priest, Melchizedek. What does the Eucharist have to do with any of this? Let’s find out. Join us and bring



Week 01 – Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 AM

In this opening session introduces us to the study of Mary in the Bible. Marian doc-

trines come to life when viewed in the context of Scripture as a whole. Three guideposts will e used in this study: the foundation of Christology (the study of Christ) upon which Mariology (the study of Mary) rest, the use of typology, and the teaching of the Church Fathers. Our first topic is Mary as the New Eve. Bring a friend and join!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener John Kemper Sandy Jerabek Margie Navara
 Maureen Reiner Barb Olson Jenny Trettin Irene Carlson Al Cotter
 Delores Beich Clinton Gruett Otto Levno Kami S. Roger Steintl
 Nancy Kottke Belinda Bureke Delores Muetzel Gloria Pohlmann
 Eric Haffley Wendy Stoll Sr Carmen Sonnek Teri Niemeyer
 Betty & Larry Gunderson Darlene Artmann Terry Bisbee Sheryl Mose
 Marilyn Reinarts Mary Anne Kerkviet

and:

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

All those suffering with illness, loneliness, and depression.

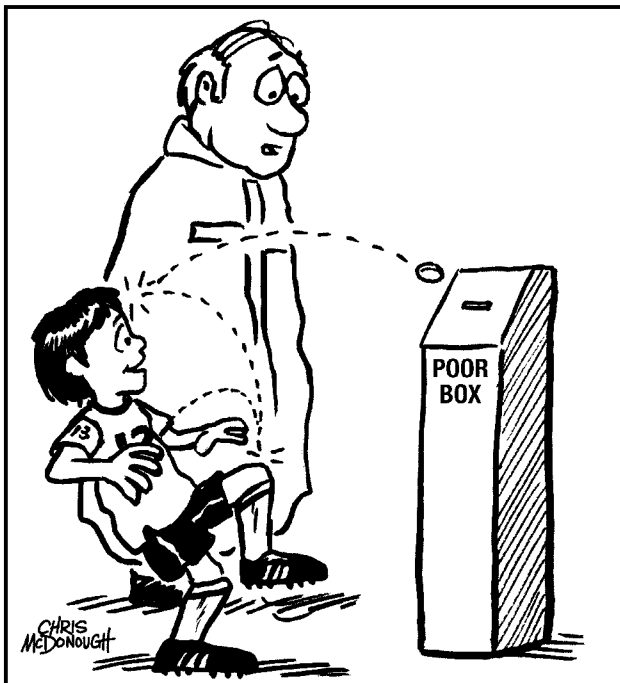
All those who are making extra efforts to be of service to their family, friends and community.

For a clear path in our troubled times.



Just For Fun

Pastor Al™



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"Nice shot, Miguel. But when you join the altar servers I ask that you stick to just using your hands."

Stewardship

St. Boniface

Total Contributions for:

St. Anastasia

Contribution Budget 2020-21	\$800,000
July 26 Contributions	\$11,238
Total Contributed so far	\$738,8452
Total Budgeted so far	\$775,545
Average weekly given	\$14,201
Average weekly amount needed to make the budget:	\$15,385

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

DMA received for St A's

Goal	Total rec'd	Parish Portion
\$43,021.51	\$46,467.00	\$9,293.00

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.

God's ways
are above



our ways

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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> Oct 20, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	Sept 21, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	Oct 8, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Jason Jennison	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> Oct 6, 7pm	St Anastasia	
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen	<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	TBA 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	Sept 2, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 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.