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Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you."

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME  
SEPTEMBER  
27  
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 11 and 12 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.

### **Where Is The Holy Spirit** by Deacon Ralph

As I have been reflecting on the state of the Church during the Covid 19 Pandemic, I have been pondering on what the circumstances surrounding the virus have revealed about the Church. By the Church, I am not really focusing on the institutional Church but the people that make up all our parishes and live in our dioceses.

I am fairly certain that most of those who were in our churches went through the basics and received their entrance Sacraments. I believe that most people would agree with me that those in our pews have at least been Baptized and received the Holy Spirit.

### **An Honest Look**

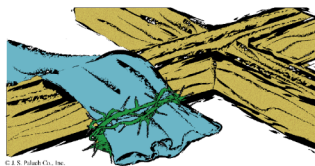
Like a profound earthquake revealing something hidden, the Covid 19 crisis has unearthed a view of the true state of our Church - the people and their faith in Jesus. After working in the Church for over thirty years, I have a unique opportunity to look back, with 20/20 vision, and see the fruits of my labor - the fruits of the labors of my co-catechists and all their hard work in local parishes.

As I look over the landscape of how people are responding to the virus there is one question that is staring right at us if we are brave enough to acknowledge it. If the vast number of us received the Holy Spirit, then where is He in the lives of believers? If He is to guide us into all truth then why are so many people leaving our parishes? Why will so many probably not return to Mass after the crisis is over?

Why are the vast majority of baptized "believers" responding to fear rather than the fruits of the Holy Spirit - love, joy, **PEACE** ....? Isn't it for such a time as this that we, those who profess to believe in Christ, would rise above those who do not know Christ nor His Spirit, and show the world what faith in Jesus gives us?

Instead, we live and act like the rest of the world who sees their lives as purely earthly, lacking any transcendence. The stark absence of the power of the Holy Spirit operating in the lives of the vast majority of baptized believers is so obvious, how can we not see it? I don't know about you but this gives me cause to go back and look at the work I have done and see where I may have missed the mark. What must I do differently going forward. However, as bleak as this looks, I am hopeful because this isn't the first time in the history of the Church (Institution), when the people have gone astray and God has kept a remnant. As one called into the mission field, I must now turn my attention to this remnant and help them draw closer to the Advocate who was given to us for such a time as this. I know that if I can help them draw closer to Him, he will do the rest.

Come Holy Spirit ...



## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have in you the same attitude that is  
also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

## Readings for the Week

**Mon:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7;  
Lk 9:46-50

**Tue:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-  
12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Wed:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-  
15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thu:** Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-  
14; Lk 10:1-12

**Fri:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-  
3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

**Sat:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps  
119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk  
10:17-24

**Sun:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;  
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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### Emergencies at Night

Fr. Paul, 507-829-0965



## This Week's Area Worship Schedule

### DATE/TIME

### LOCATION

### INTENTION

*Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5am on Monday and concludes at 5pm on Friday*

### MONDAY, September 28

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Noelle Mohs

### TUESDAY, September 29

7am, Mass (live streaming) St. Anastasia +Ann Lewandowski

### WEDNESDAY, September 30

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia Vasko & Mickolich Family

### THURSDAY, October 1

9am, Mass (live streaming) St. Anastasia +Veronica Reinowski  
Special Intention

### FRIDAY, October 2

7am, Mass St. Anastasia Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, October 3

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia  
4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Alvin & Margaret Schlueter  
+Christopher Karl

6pm, Confessions St. Boniface  
6:30pm, Mass St. Boniface

### SUNDAY, October 4

7:30am, Mass St. Anastasia +Rita Stevens  
10:30am, Mass (live stream) St. Anastasia +Marlene Eichten  
7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For Our Faith Community

## Calendar

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

### MONDAY, September 28

6:30pm, Grief Share St. Anastasia hospitality area

### WEDNESDAY, September 30

7pm, SH Youth St. Anastasia youth room

### THURSDAY, October 1

10am, Adult Ed "Mary" St. Anastasia hospitality area  
7pm, Birthright St. Anastasia hospitality area

### FRIDAY, October 2

5:45am, TMIY St. Anastasia hospitality area

### SUNDAY, October 4

8:45am, Eucharist/Symbolon St. Anastasia  
9am, K-5 Faith formation St. Anastasia  
5:45pm, Eucharist St. Anastasia  
6pm, Edge/Confirmation/Symbolon St. Anastasia

### MONDAY, October 12

6:30pm, Grief Share St. Anastasia hospitality area

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

## Parish & Community Events



*Into the Breach* is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation to Catholic men, *Into the Breach* tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtues. Each episode explores a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features well-known Catholic speakers, as well as the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. Speakers include Dr Scott Hahn, Fr Mike Schmitz, Jason Evert and many others.

**October 3, 2020 \* 9-10 AM Hospitality Area  
\* Breakfast  
Men forming Men: talk another into  
joining (once a month!)**

### A BAND OF BROTHERS

Episode 1: Masculinity: The Church is facing a "man crisis." Men are made for greatness. "Authentic masculinity" means to live for excellence. Mike Plelan explains how he discovered the nature of true masculinity and how to live it.

Episode 2: Man was not meant to "go it alone," but to be in communion with others. It is important to build close friendships with other men of faith. Master Sergeant Sompaul Vorapanich shares lessons on the importance of brotherhood.

### 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*

### Don't Forget!

St A's Faith Formation programs for p/k—Confirmation have begun. Registrations are due now. Forms are available in the newsletter sent home to you and on line. Your prompt attention is appreciated!

### Lord We Need You!

**Parish Mission, with Deacon Ralph Poyo,  
October 11 and 12, 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!

### 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.

## Faith Formation

### Familiar Insights

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

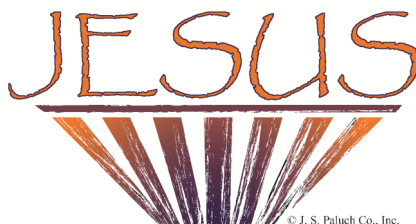
In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

### St Therese of the Child Jesus

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nick-

name—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!" 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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## 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 04 – Friday, Oct 2, 6 AM.**

**Freedom to Choose God** So we were made for freedom! Thanks be to God! Now what do we do with our freedom? Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University and author of *Spiritual Freedom: God's Life-Changing Gift*, is back this week to take us to the next step. He will lead us into the fullness of freedom and show us the power of freedom! "Be men and women of freedom! But remember: Human freedom is a freedom wounded by sin. It is a freedom which itself needs to be set free. Christ is its liberator." – Saint John Paul II. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, God wants you to be more free! Join us this week and invite a friend!



**Week 03 – Monday, September 28, 6:30 PM.**

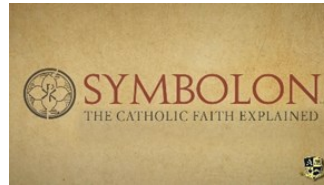
**The Journey of Grief-Part One.** Since the death of your loved one, you've started a journey. It's not a trip you planned, but it is a trip you must take. Several factors will shape your journey, and you can take intentional steps to point yourself in a healthy, healing direction. So, put on your hiking boots, get out your compass (Bible), and with the help of God and other people, you can avoid getting lost in the deep woods of grief. Come and support one another in your time of grief. Bring a friend and join!



**Session 1—Saturday, Oct 3, 9am, breakfast included**

**Episode 1: Masculinity:** The Church is facing a "man crisis."

Men are made for greatness. "Authentic masculinity" means to live for excellence. Mike Plelan explains how he discovered the nature of true masculinity and how to live it.



**Week 03 – Sunday, Oct 4, 8:45 AM & 5:45 PM**

**The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity.**

What do you know about the Bible? Perhaps you are coming from a faith tradition that emphasizes Scripture reading, and you know a great deal. But maybe all you know about the Bible is that it is a famous and holy book. Whatever you know (or don't know), this week's session will introduce you to the Catholic understanding of Scripture, how it fits into God's plan of salvation for our lives, and how the Catholic Church has been the guardian of the Bible since the beginning of Christianity. Bring a friend and join! Formation for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



**Week 03 – Sunday, Oct 4, 8:45 AM & 5:45 PM**

**Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb.** In this session we are going

to take a closer look at

the two key instances of sacrificial lambs in the old Testament to uncover why the disciples of John the Baptist were quick to follow Jesus. Starting with Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac and continuing with Moses' institution of the Passover feast, we will begin to understand the background for what John the Baptist means when he calls Jesus "the Lamb of God." Join us and bring a friend and join!



**Week 02 – Thursday, Oct 1, 10 AM**

**The New Ark.** In this session we contemplate Mary as the New Ark of the New Covenant.

The Ark of the Old Testament was a precious treasure, which the Israelite prepared according to God's special direction. The Ark of the Covenant was a critical part of the Exodus story and remained a central element of Jewish worship until it was hidden by Jeremiah around the Babylonian exile. With the Incarnation Mary became his New Ark. She is the "vessel of honor." Perfectly fashioned, she is a fitting dwelling place for the Most High God, a divinely designed cooperator in the New Covenant. 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 Kerkvliet

and:

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

*All those suffering with illness, loneliness, and depression.*

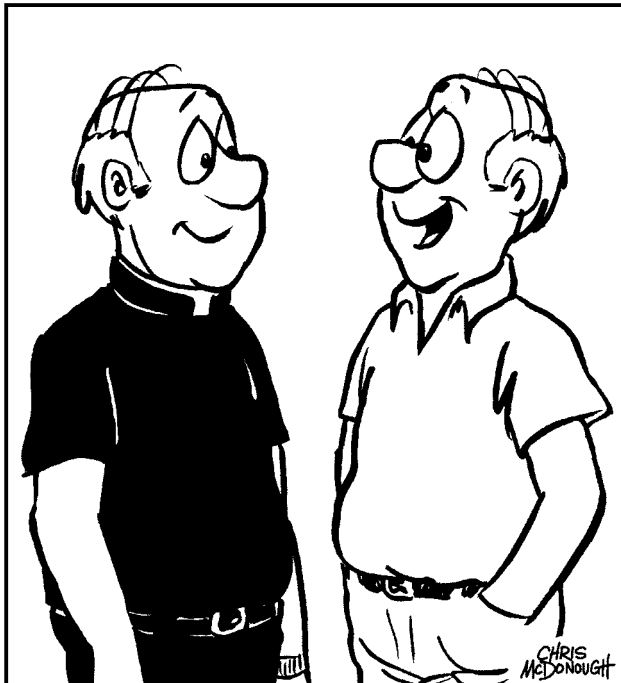
*All those who are making extra efforts to be of service to their family, friends and community.*

*For a clear path in our troubled times.*



## Just For Fun

### Pastor Al™



"Being your twin brother is great, Al. When I visit your town, everyone acts so nice."

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## Stewardship

### St. Boniface

#### Total Contributions for:

### St. Anastasia

Contribution Budget 2020-21	\$800,000
Sept 20 Contributions	\$19,756
Total Contributed so far	\$738,452
Total Budgeted so far	\$775,545
Average weekly given	\$15,385
Average weekly amount needed to make the budget:	\$37,093

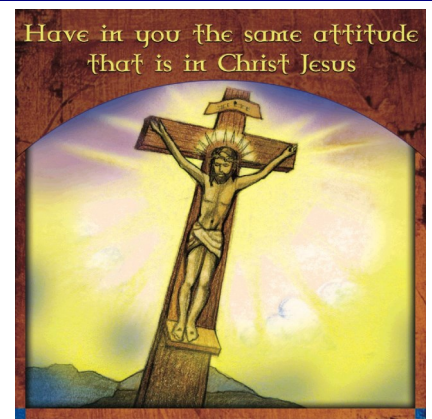
### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

DMA received for St A's

		Parish
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$43,021.51	\$47,018.00	\$9,404.00
DMA received for St B's		
\$4,168.75	\$4,701.00	\$ 940.00

### 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](http://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](http://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

*usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month*  
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

*usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month*  
Oct 6, 7pm St Anastasia

### Home & School Association

Chair: Gina Jennissen

*usually meets on the 3rd Thursday each month*  
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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