



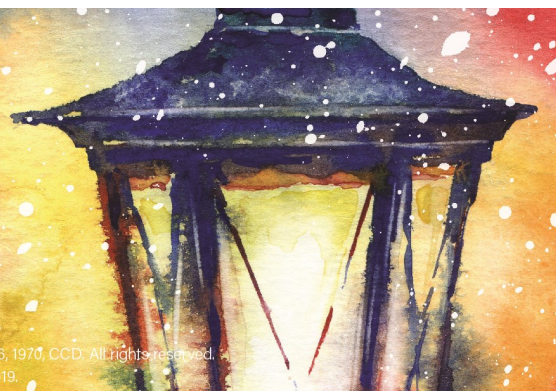
# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING;  
OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW,  
OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35

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The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation for Christmas, the coming of our Lord.

The *Catechism* stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming (No. 524).

Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and celebrate the birth of Jesus into this world, the first coming. On the other hand, we recall in the *Creed* that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

The Advent Wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives participate in the eternity of Gods plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished.

The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. Each family ought to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinner time, and say prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfill the opening prayer for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent: Father in Heaven, ... increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.



**Fr. Paul**

**Please note these future dates and place them on your calendar:**

12/12 Christmas Market 9am-noon

12/24 Christmas Eve Mass: 2pm-A, 4pm-A, 6pm-B, 8pm-A, & 10pm-A

12/25 Christmas Day Mass: 7am-A, 9am-A, & 11am-A

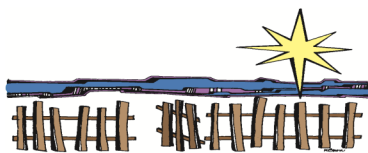
**Reconciliation:**

3-4 pm Saturdays – A

6-6:30 pm Saturdays - B

9:45-10:15 am Sundays of Advent – A

2- 3 pm December 6 & 13



## First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

## Readings for the Week

**Mon:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tue:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wed:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thu:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Fri:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Sat:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sun:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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## This Week's Area Worship Schedule

### DATE/TIME

### LOCATION

### INTENTION

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

### MONDAY, November 30

5pm, Mass

St. Anastasia

+deceased members of the Fitzpatrick family

### TUESDAY, December 1

7am, Mass (live streaming)

St. Anastasia

+Michael van Overbeke

### WEDNESDAY, December 2

5pm, Mass

St. Anastasia

+Francis Reinowski  
Special Intention

### THURSDAY, December 3

9am, Mass (live streaming)

St. Anastasia

+Sr Maronita, OSF

### FRIDAY, December 4

7am, Mass

St. Anastasia

+Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, December 5

3pm, Confessions

St. Anastasia

4:30pm, Mass

St. Anastasia

6pm, Confessions

St. Boniface

6:30pm, Mass

St. Boniface

Special Intention

### SUNDAY, December 6

7:30am, Mass

St. Anastasia

9:45am, Confessions

St. Anastasia

10:30am, Mass (live stream)

St. Anastasia

7:30pm, Mass

St. Anastasia

### Second Sunday of Advent

+Rita Stevens

+Marty Briggs

For Our Faith Community

## Calendar

*No Youth Center hours this week*

### SUNDAY, November 29

9am, K-5 Faith formation

St. Anastasia

### MONDAY, November 30

6:30pm, Grief Share

St. Anastasia

### TUESDAY, December 1

7pm, Education Advisory

Sr. Anastasia

### WEDNESDAY, December 2

7:30pm, Knights of Columbus

St. Anastasia

Cafeteria

### FRIDAY, December 4

6pm, TMIY

St. Anastasia

Hospitality Area

### SATURDAY, December 5

9am, Into The Breech

St. Anastasia

10:30am, First Reconciliation

St. Anastasia

Hospitality Area  
Day Chapel

### SUNDAY, December 6

9am, K-5 Faith formation

St. Anastasia

### MONDAY, December 7

6:30pm, Grief Share

St. Anastasia

### TUESDAY, December 7/8: Immaculate Conception

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

## Parish & Community Events

### DMA Mailing

Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of the church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.rg/dma>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward your parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure—ministries that are vital to our diocesan church—as well as our own parish projects. At St A's the money will be used to cover unexpected costs related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

### St A's Tithing Program

St As Tithing Program is accepting requests for tithes. Request forms are available at the parish office and online. Funds are to be requested by a parishioner involved in the programs funds are being requested for. The deadline for the requests is Dec 4.

The Parish Tithing Fund exists to serve the financial, emotional and spiritual needy of St A's & the surrounding community by providing economic support to programs, which address such needs, and to demonstrate giving back to God from our first fruits.

## Sacramental Celebrations

Congratulations to

**Hallie Mac Timm**

**Harrison Robbie Timm**

children of Matthew and Jodi

who celebrated their baptisms with our faith community. May they continue to grow in their faith, secure in the support of our parish family, the love of their families and strength of their God.

### St Boniface Raffle—\$5,000 in Cash Prizes

In lieu of our annual church dinner and festival, St. Boniface is holding a raffle with a total of \$5000 in cash prizes: 2 - \$1000 cash prizes; 2- \$500 cash prizes; 4 - \$250 cash prizes and 10 - \$100 cash prizes along with a variety of other items to be given away. A maximum of 1000 tickets are being sold at \$20/ticket. To support St. Boniface and purchase your tickets, please call or text Karen Maiers (320-583-5497), Lisa Stifter (320-582-2404) or LaMae Maiers (320-583-1302). The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 5, following the 6:30 PM Mass. We appreciate your support! You need not be present to win.

### Christmas Market

We regret to announce that, in accordance with the new COVID 19 restrictions, the annual Christmas Market will be postponed until February 13, 2021, 9am—noon. We'll still have great vendors, a great silent auction and fantastic Mayan items for sale. It will be a Valentine's Day Market instead!



### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteer drivers—approx. 1 hour route. They also need help with packing the meals. If you can help please contact LLS at 587-6029 or April Hulke at 1-320-282-1002. Leave a message and someone will get back to you a.s.a.p.

### KC Christmas Tree Sale

The Glencoe KCs are holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale at Coburn's parking lot in Glencoe, Nov 29-Dec 22 or until the trees are gone. Mon-Fri: 5:30-7:30pm, Sat: 9am-5pm. Sun: 11am-5pm.



Thank you to our Matching Donors and over 40 donations that came in on Thursday November 19th! You helped us raise over \$10,000 for our Catholic School! That you for your constant support of our students and their growth in knowledge and faith.



## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation classes (Kindergartners to 5<sup>th</sup> graders) in the month of December will be at a distance, in your own living room! We sent home a letter with Advent lessons and personalized access to Catholicbrain.com for additional lessons. If you need this letter again, please contact Jen at [religioused@stanastasia.net](mailto:religioused@stanastasia.net)

December 5<sup>th</sup> will be First Reconciliation for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Please keep them in your prayers!

### God Has a Different Plan

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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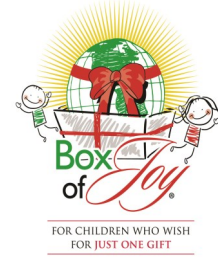
### Treasures From Our Traditions

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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## Social Concerns



### Box of Joy

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Box of Joy collection. **St Boniface collected 37 boxes**

**and St Anastasia collected 150 boxes.** That's a lot of joy! Thank you so much for your generosity! Thanks also to the folks who contributed to packing/ mailing costs and to those who brought in items "to just slip into the boxes as something a little extra." You're the best!

### Thank you for your generosity!



### Coming Together in Song XIV

The annual Common Cup Christmas Concert—*Coming Together In Song*—has become a Hutchinson tradition. This year, because of COVID restrictions, the tradition has a changed a bit. Working with HCVN, Common Cup has put together a DVD/Blu Ray disc of the past 13 concerts' mass choir numbers. It is a lovely reminder of concerts past and a taste of concerts yet to be. You can pick up your copy, for a free will donation, at St A's parish office during regular office hours. A great Christmas gift and easy to mail! All proceeds go to support Common Cup's programs for individuals and families in need.

Our sponsor of the week is **Kim Kotzer, State Farm.** Please show your appreciation by patronizing their business.

## Adult Education Opportunities Available Now!



**Week 11 – November 30, Monday, 6:30 PM.**  
**Lessons of Grief – Part Two.** If you persevere, your grief can teach you invaluable lessons. You might not want to learn them. But others who've completed the journey of grief say these lessons, while painful, are worth learning.

**Week 13 – Friday, December 4, 6 AM.**

**Friends of St. Joseph -** Wow! What a semester! Insightful topics, incredible first-class speakers, a variety of personalities, lively and fruitful discussions; but truly the men are what make the program! Thank you for being a part of it! This week, Steve Bollman is back to tie it all together before we break for Christmas. See you there!



### **Into the Breach, Men's Group – Episode 5: Family**

This content was created for and is most appropriate for use by men or men's groups.

There is a "battle for the very soul of the family." Men's service of their families requires sacrifice. Greg and Julie Alexander explain how discovering the true nature of marriage transformed their relationship and their family.

### **Into the Breach – Episode 6: Life**

Human life is sacred. Men have a responsibility to protect society's most vulnerable. Men's participation in the pro-life movement is vital. John Morales shares his story of regret, healing and hope as a testimony to the importance of life.

## St Anastasia School News



The month of November was a busy service project month for our students. They participated in many projects.

- \* All grades wrote letters to veterans for Veteran's Day. These were forwarded to a local Veteran's organization.
- \* All grades decorated brown paper bags for the Thanksgiving Day take-out meals.
- \* First graders colored Kindness flyers for the United Way to be delivered to local nursing homes.
- \* The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders helped Father Paul and other parishioners recycle missalette jackets by removing the jackets and prayer cards. Normally we would refill them with the new missalettes but due to COVID restrictions we will continue not having them available.
- \* One of our upcoming service projects is to decorate our school lobby Christmas trees with hats/mittens and socks to donate to Common Cup.

Our students are active! If you have a service project for us please contact the school office. We are happy to help where we can.

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Sandy Jerabek Margie Navara Maureen Reiner Barb Olson Jenny Trettin 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 Colleen Carlson and:

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

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

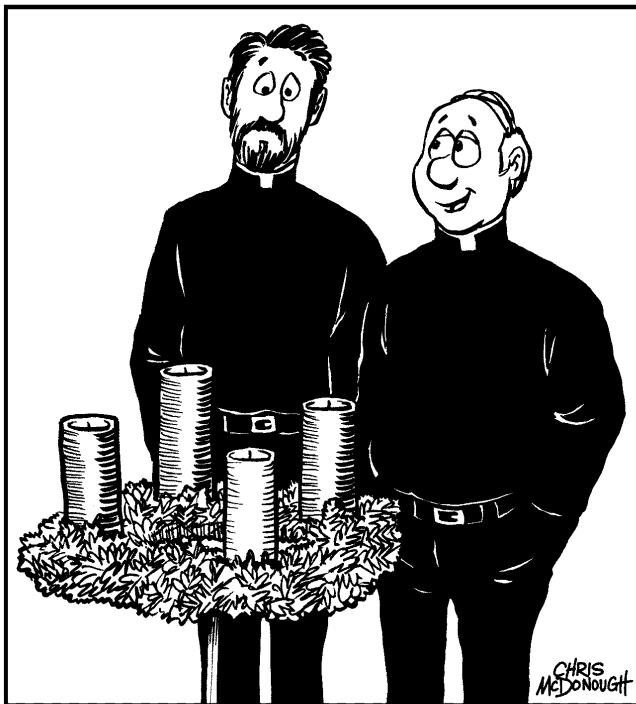
*All those who are making extra efforts to be of service to their family, friends and community.*

*For a clear path in our troubled times.*



## Just For Fun

### Pastor Al®



"...the family lights them, and their kid makes a wish and blows them out. I suggest better CCD attendance."

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## Stewardship

### St. Anastasia

Because of our early print deadlines during the holiday season we do not have updated financial information for you this weekend.

### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish
Goal	Total rec'd Portion
\$50,517	
<u>St B's</u>	
\$3,999	

### 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.

### 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 gift to charities like your parish, diocese, school and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by Dec 31 can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation. Thank you for your generosity to our parish!

## 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

<b>STA Administrative Council</b> Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> _____, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>STB Administrative Council</b> Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
<b>Cemetery Committee</b> Chair: Jeff Lehn	TBA, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>School Advisory Committee</b> Chair: Jason Jennison	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> TBA, 7pm	St Anastasia	
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Thursday each month</i> TBA, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	library
<b>Worship &amp; Outreach Committee</b>	TBA, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>Maintenance Committee</b>	TBA 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>Social Concerns Committee</b>	TBA, 6pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>STA Council of Catholic Women</b>	TBA, 9:30am	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen
<b>STB Council of Catholic Women</b>	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Grand Knight: Mark Maiers	, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
<b>Knights of Columbus Squires</b>	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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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.