

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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Saint Joseph

On Tuesday, December 8, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to St. Joseph, marking the 150th anniversary of being declared patron of the universal church by Pope Pius IX. The year of St. Joseph is December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021. “Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation,” Pope Francis.

The pope also reflected on St. Joseph as husband and father; a man who was obedient to God in all things; a humble man who earned an “honest living to provide for his family,” making him an example for both workers and those seeking employment.

Pope Francis ended by urging Catholics to pray to St. Joseph for the ‘grace of graces: our conversion.’ He offered this prayer, encouraging all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

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

- * 01/03 Resume K-5 at 9 am, EDGE & Confirmation 6-7:15 pm all on Sunday
- * 01/03 Begin Lectio: Mary and Symbolon/RCIA at 8:45 am Sundays
- * 01/04 Saint Anastasia School resumes.
- * 01/04 GriefShare 6:30 pm
- * 01/06 Youth Group/Meeting 7 pm
- * 01/07 Lectio: Eucharist 10 am Thursday (Adult Formation)
- * 01/08 That Man Is You 6 pm



Parish & Community Events

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.

Meals on Wheels



It's that time again—time for our regular deep cleaning of the church, entryways, chapel, cry room, hospitality area, etc. After the hustle & bustle of the holiday season, the whole place needs a

little pick me up! All volunteers will gather at 8am in the church. On January 9 (please note: men are welcome to join this group!). Please bring your own buckets and rags, we'll supply everything else. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please give Lisa Becker a call at 320-493-1058. And remember: the bigger the team the better the clean! Thanks for your help!

Eucharistic Adoration Changes

Adoration will close at 5pm on December 30 and resume regular hours on January 4. Thank you for your dedication to this most important ministry!

As this bulletin goes to print, the public school system is hosting long distance learning only for the elementary program. Consequently we have a number of public school students working with our Kids Depot staff in the hospitality area during regular school days. It works very well for the children as they have adult supervision and assistance, and for their parents who don't have to take off time from work. And we're happy to have them here!

To stay in line with our security protocol, because the students are in the hospitality area, access to the building is limited. You must use the security door to enter the church building. If you do not have the access code, contact the parish office, Patti Hoerner or Coletta Wortz. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

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Flower Memorials

If you would like to purchase a flower memorial for a loved one to be used in the church environment, please put your contribution in an enveloped marked "Flowers" along with the name(s) of those you would like remembered, and drop it in the contribution basket at either St Boniface or St Anastasia. Thank you!

Eucharistic Adoration Holiday Schedule Changes

Eucharistic Adoration will close on Wednesday, December 23 at 5pm and resume at 5am on December 28. Adoration will close at 5pm on December 30 and resume regular hours on January 4. Thank you for your dedication to this most important ministry! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

We Are God's Holy Family

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Feast of Faith

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as

Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Children of Eternity

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Social Concerns

Coming Together in Song XIV



The annual Common Cup Christmas Concert—*Coming Together In Song*—has

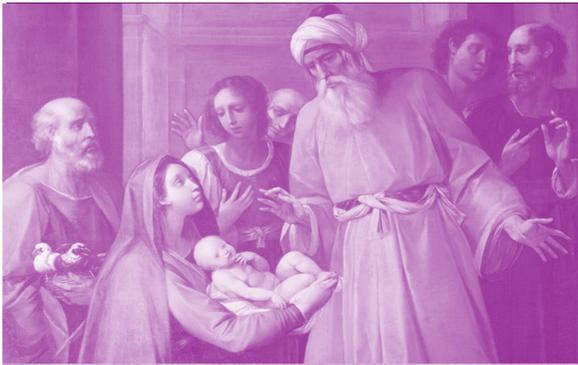
become a Hutchinson tradition. This year, because of COVID restrictions, the tradition has changed a bit. Working with HCVN, Common Cup has put together a DVD/Blu Ray disc of the past 13 concerts' mass choir numbers. It is a lovely reminder of concerts past and a taste of concerts yet to be. You can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

McLeod County FoodShelf

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone—especially those dealing with food shortages in their homes. If you can donate a few items, or a few dollars, to the McLeod county FoodShelf, it will be greatly appreciated. You can drop off items in the entryway of St A's, or put your money donation in an envelope marked "Food Shelf" and put it in the collection plate. Thank you so much!

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*Simeon said,
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go in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation.”*

Luke 2:29-30

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Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERLS

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or

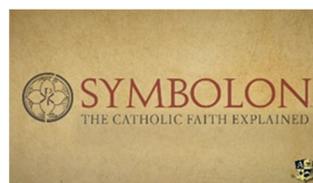
Today's Readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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January 3, 8:45am
Lectio: Mary: Episode 1: The New Eve

The book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promise "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "new Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman" is the "New Eve."



January 3, 8:45am,
Symbolon: PT 2 Session 1: The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

Most of us are familiar with the word "sacrament." We participate in sacramental rites often as Catholics. But do we understand what a sacrament is—and what it means for us and our everyday lives?

Please Keep In Your Prayers

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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

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> _____, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	TBA, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Jason Jennison	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> TBA, 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	, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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St. Boniface Cemetery	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
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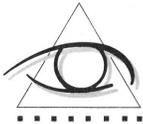
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