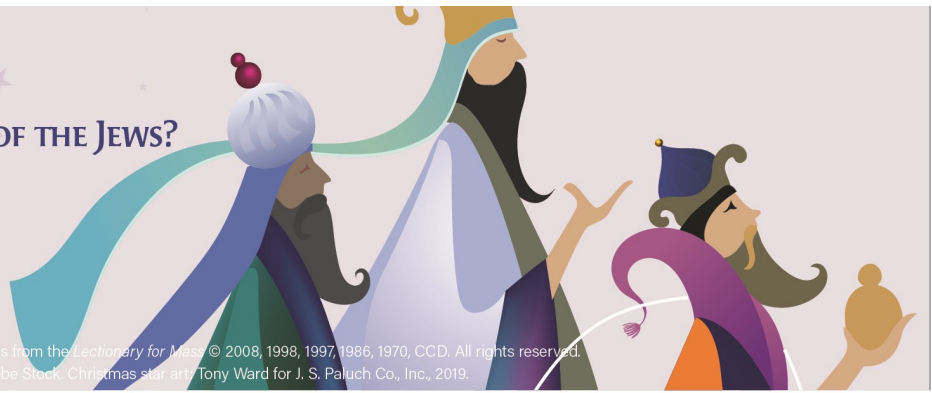


MAGI FROM THE EAST
ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,
“WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING
AND HAVE COME
TO DO HIM HOMAGE.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



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A Prayer for Hope After a Hard Year

We give thanks to God for all things! Lord, it has been a difficult year. You have carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. For you have come to give new life, peace, hope, and joy.

May we always remember the gift of Christ, Immanuel, for He is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. In times of joy and in times of brokenness, you are with us.

May this New Year be filled with the blessings of the Lord.

In joyful hope,

Fr. Paul



Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Liturgies: musicians, greeters, decorators, projectionists, live streamers. It is a joyous time of God's restoring presence to His people.

On a personal note, thanks to all who remembered me with cards and gifts this Christmas Season.

Fr. Paul

THE
EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD



JANUARY 3, 2021



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Epiphany of the Lord

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thu: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

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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, January 4 5pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Cleo Karl |
| TUESDAY, January 5 7am, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Living & Deceased of the Herman Griep Family |
| WEDNESDAY, January 6 5pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Judy Chock |
| THURSDAY, January 7 9am, Mass | St. Anastasia | |
| FRIDAY, January 8 7am, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Harry Farenbaugh |
| SATURDAY, January 9 3pm, Confessions | St. Anastasia | |
| 4:30pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | |
| 6pm, Confessions | St. Boniface | |
| 6:30pm, Mass | St. Boniface | |
| SUNDAY, January 10 7:30am, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Dan Entinger |
| 10:30am, Mass (live stream) | St. Anastasia | +Ann Lewandowski |
| 7:30pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | For Our Faith Community |

Calendar

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| MONDAY, January 4 6:30pm, Grief Group | St A's School Resumes St. Anastasia | hospitality area |
| TUESDAY, January 5 7pm, School Advisory Committee | St. Anastasia | |
| WEDNESDAY, January 6 7pm, Youth Group | St. Anastasia | |
| 7:30pm, Knights of Columbus | St. Anastasia | cafeteria |
| THURSDAY, January 7 10am, Lectio: Eucharist | St. Anastasia | |
| FRIDAY, January 8 6am, That Man Is You | St. Anastasia | |
| SATURDAY, January 9 9am, Into the Breach | | |
| SUNDAY, January 10 8:45am, Lectio: Mary & Symbolon | St. Anastasia | |
| 9am, Faith Formation K-5 | St. Anastasia | |
| MONDAY, January 1 6:30pm, Grief Group | St. Anastasia | hospitality area |

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

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 LSS 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.

New Year, New Broom!



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!

Locked Doors

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 and it is now essentially a classroom, 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!

Mark Your Calendar!

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

- ◆ 01/03 Resume K-5 at 9 am
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 01/07 Lectio: Eucharist 10 am Thursday (Adult Formation)
- ◆ 01/08 That Man Is You 6 pm
- ◆ As we go to press, middle school and high school in person classes will resume January 19. We will resume EDGE & confirmation classes on January 24.

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!

New Year Resolution

An easy peasy resolution for the New Year—use more SCRIP! Your purchase of scrip helps our parish budget (we get a financial rebate from participating vendors) and doesn't cost you a dime! If you purchase a \$25 scrip card you get a card worth exactly \$25 at the vendor of your choice. You can't lose and the parish gains a little. Easy peasy!

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

Promise Fulfilled

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. . Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Feast of Faith

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of

Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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The Holy Star

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams
afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant



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. 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!

Our sponsor of the week is **McCormick's Family Restaurant**. Please show your appreciation by patronizing their business.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



January 10, 8:45am Lectio: Mary: Episode 2: The New EArk

In the Book of Exodus, God's presence was contained in the Ark of the Covenant, his dwelling place among his Chosen People. In the New Exodus, God is once more present among his people in the Person of his Son, Jesus Christ. When Jesus is conceived in her womb, Mary becomes the New Ark of the New Covenant, bearing the presence of God.



January 8, 6am, That Man Is You (week 14): The Three Spiritual Foods

Welcome back! This new semester is filled with incredible speakers and topics once again! The new semester brings **7 dynamic speakers** from a range of backgrounds to the TMIY stage. They are:

- Jason Evert:** Founder, Chastity Project and International Catholic Speaker.
- Dr. Chris Baglow:** Authority on faith and science.
- John Pridmore:** Former London Mafia enforcer; International Catholic Speaker.
- Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR:** Former Vice-President of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Developer of The Wild Goose series.
- John Sablan:** TMIY Core Team Leader: National Catholic speaker.
- Mark Hartfiel:** Series Host; Vice-President, Paradisus Dei.
- Steve Bollman:** Founder, Paradisus Dei and Developer of That Man is You! series.

We can't wait to get started! Bring a friend! See you soon!

January 7, 10am, Lectio: Eucharist: Episode 1: Source and Summit



Why does the Church call the Eucharist the "source and summit of the Christian life?" Dr. Brant Pitre introduces us to the Sacrament of the Eucharist

and explores its various names—and how those names give insight into its meaning. Join, bring a friend.



January 10, 8:45am, Symbolon: PT 2 Session 2: The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life

It looks like bread and wine, yet it is called the Real Presence of Jesus. It is also called the Eucharist, but many Catholics would struggle to explain what that word means. What do Catholics really believe about the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and why has it become the center point of the Mass and our lives as Catholics? Join, bring a friend



January 4, 6:30pm Is This Normal?

You wake up and the grief is still there; thirty minutes later you're still at the bathroom sink, toothbrush in hand. You can't remember your coworkers' name... again. Tears come without warning. The knife in your heart twists and turns. Other people just don't get it; they go about their days as if nothing has changed. How long is it going to be like this? Join, bring a friend.



January 9, 9am, Into the Breach—Episode 7: Prayer

This content was created for and is most appropriate for use by men or men's groups. Prayer must be a priority in the life of a man. Eucharistic adoration, reading scripture and saying the rosary are central to prayer. Robert Feeney tells his story of the power of prayer on the battlefield in Vietnam and life in general.

Into the Breach—Episode 8: Suffering

Suffering is a mystery which can bring us closer to God and help us grow in holiness. The answer to suffering is Jesus Christ. Frank Ramirez shares his story of responding to intense suffering by worshipping God.

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®



"I don't know where my life is going. Why doesn't God provide directions online, like those map services?"

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St. Anastasia

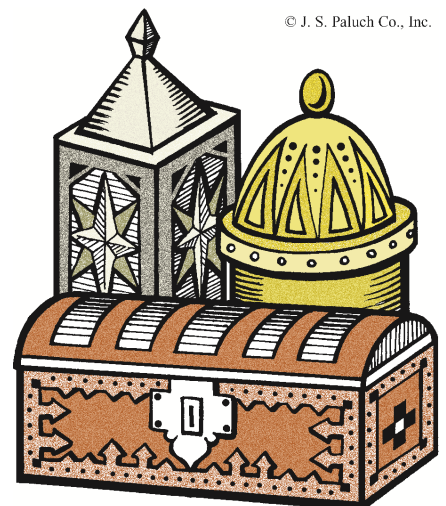
Due to the advanced printing schedule necessary during the holiday season we will not have updated financial information available until after Jan 1, 2021. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

| St A's | Parish | |
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| Goal | Total rec'd | Portion |
| \$50,517 | \$16,722 | \$16,418 |
| St B's | | |
| \$3,999 | \$3,999 | \$1,640 |

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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

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| 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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