

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

The Incarnation Season of Advent and Christmas has come to an end. We have entered into the first of two periods called Ordinary Time.

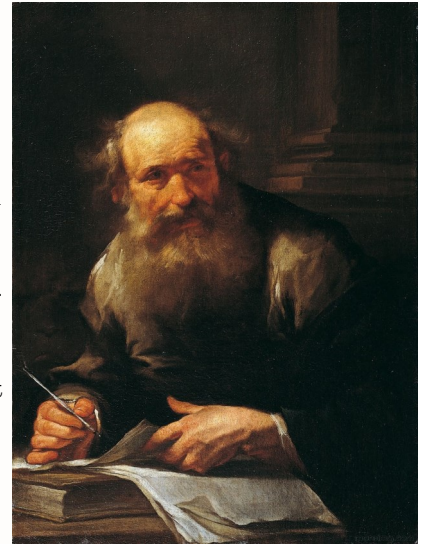
The Gospel of Mark, which we will read this liturgical year, is the oldest of the four Gospels. It is often referred to as the Book of Miracles. This Gospel is divided into three parts: Part One (1-8:26) contains most of the miracles, ending with the first man cured of blindness. Part Two (8:27-10:52) contains the prediction of the Passion, two miracles, including a second man whose blindness was healed. Part Three (10:53 to the end) contains the Passion and one miracle. Jesus cursed a fig tree that had no fruit, and it withered and died in one day.

The response to the miracles was one of awe and wonderment, but not faith. Jesus pointed this out in Chapter Six when the disciples were asked where they might get bread to feed the four thousand. Their eyes were closed to the understanding that Jesus was God. Their hearts were hardened. Jesus showed them who He was when he performed the multiplication of bread. After that, the disciples set out on the sea in a boat, and Jesus came walking to them on water. Everyone was afraid. Jesus commanded Peter to step out of the boat and come to him and he did. Peter walked on water until fear gripped him and he began to sink. Peter's faith had been tested and faltered. Jesus then calmed a storm and again the disciples were filled with awe and wonder. The healing of blindness at the end of each part of the Gospel showed how the disciples (and we) need to see the working and wonderment of God.

In the second part, Peter did not like the prediction of the cross and said so to Jesus! Peter was told to get behind Him. For Jesus and us, the cross is the necessary means of salvation. Peter had failed to see and understand who Jesus was. Later in this part, two disciples, James and John, asked to be seated at his right and left. The other disciples became angry at them. Jesus reminded them who he was and what he was about. At the end of this part, blind Bartimaeus was healed. He responded as Jesus wanted him to do. He left everything and followed Him. We too are asked to follow Jesus in faith.

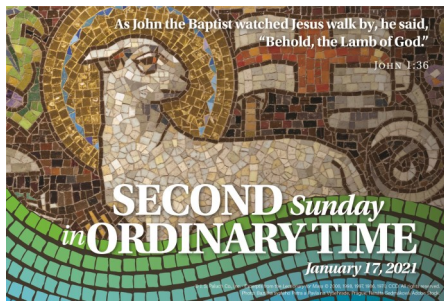
When Jesus was on the cross and had taken His last breath, it was the Centurion who made the statement of faith, "Truly this was the Son of Man." At the burial sight when Jesus' tomb was empty, His followers were amazed, but fearful. They trembled. It wasn't until they were back in Galilee after His resurrection and had received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the disciples would follow Him in faith. Then, they saw and they understood. May we enter into this year of grace with renewed faith. May we see and understand.

Grades 6-11 will resume in-person gatherings on Sunday nights, starting on Jan. 24th. Class times are 6:00-7:15 p.m. Everyone must enter through the main church doors. The 11th grade will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Mar. 6th at 4:30 p.m. The rest of our classes run through the end of April. Hopefully, we will remain in-person through the remainder of the year as we follow the covid situation.



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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4;
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2,
4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps
110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps
40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-
14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps
47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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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 18 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Jim & Margaret Knutson
TUESDAY, January 19 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, January 20 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	
THURSDAY, January 21 9am, Mass (live stream)	St. Anastasia	+ Judy Blazinski + Michael VanOverbeke
FRIDAY, January 22 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ John E Clasen & Family
SATURDAY, January 23 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	+ Dick & Marie Richards
SUNDAY, January 24 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass (live stream) 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+ Leander Notch + Ann Lewandowski For Our Faith Community

Calendar

MONDAY, January 18 <i>Parish & School Offices are closed in observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Day</i> 6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
TUESDAY, January 19 7 pm, Administrative Council	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
THURSDAY, January 21 10am, Lectio: Eucharist	St. Anastasia	youth room
FRIDAY, January 22 6am, That Man Is You	St. Anastasia	youth room
SUNDAY, January 24 8:45am, Adult Education: Symbolon & Lectio: Mary 9am Elementary Faith Formation 6pm Faith Formation: EDGE & Confirmation		
MONDAY, January 25 6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, January 26 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, January 27 10am, Lectio: Eucharist	St. Anastasia	youth room

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 Lutheran Social Service 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.

Prayer For a New Bishop

Almighty God, who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people, direct the councils 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.



Thank you to the following who have given towards the Christmas Flowers at St. Boniface:

Mark & Cindy Maiers in Honor of Jeannine and in Memory of Stan Maiers,

Karen & Terry Maiers in Memory of Dick, Nina and Todd Serbus, Louie & Lisa Stifter in Memory of Norb and Mae Stifter, Tom & LaMae Maiers in Memory of Paul and Margaret Maiers and in Memory of Herman and Margaret Schiroo, Carol Altrichter in Memory of Edward Altrichter and Jacquelyne (Altrichter) Nathem, Milli & Margie Navara in Memory of Frank & Blanche Navara, Marie & Gil Gilbertson & Ray & Emily Wilkins, John & Wendy Tanata in Memory of John & Helen Tanata and in Memory of Hillard Kaufmann, Sarah Heller in Memory of Jerome (Jerry) Ewert, Jr.

Catholic Schools Week is January 31-February 6, theme is *Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service*.

Congratulations to Brynlee Doering in Kindergarten. She was a **Poster Contest Winner** selected from St. Anastasia school and one of 7 winners selected from the Diocese.

The winners will be pictured in the next publication of *The Prairie Catholic* and will each receive \$20 cash. Great Job! Brynlee



Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2020, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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FEAST OF FAITH The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

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♥ VALENTINE'S MARKET ♥

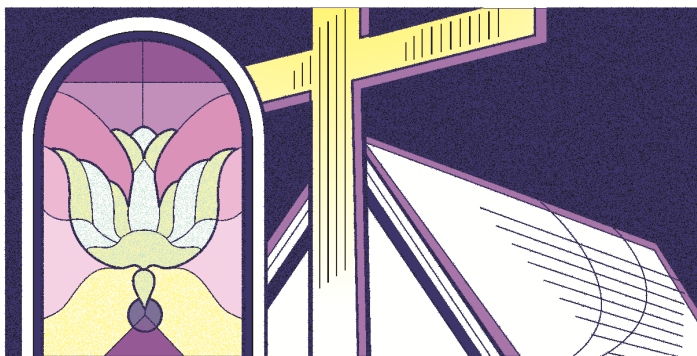
Come one, come all on Saturday, February 13th from 9AM-Noon! COVID safe: masks, hand-sanitizer, & socially distanced tables. Diane Baumann has another gorgeous quilt to be raffled off at \$2 per chance. Mark your calendar! More information to come on vendors so check your bulletin in the coming weeks. All proceeds go to Katie Wallyn's "LEAST" charitable organization, providing 120 free, nutritious meals to the elderly and poor in San Lucas, Guatemala, each week.



American Red Cross The Stewart Community Blood Drive

will be on Friday, January 29, at the Stewart Community Center, 551 Prior Street from 10-4. Please make your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or call Eileen at 320.583.8378. Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 31 through February 6. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses in the diocese the last weekend in January to benefit Catholic schools in the Diocese of New Ulm. 75 percent of the proceeds will go directly to our Catholic school. The other 25 percent will be deposited equally in two endowment funds already set up to benefit Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, 100 percent of the funds will go into the endowment funds.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Thursday: St. Agnes

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



**January 18,
6:30 p.m. 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's a trip you must take. Several tours 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. Join us. Bring a friend.



**January 21, 10 a.m. Lectio:
Eucharist: Lectio: Eucha-
rist: Episode 3: Lamb of
God** At every Mass many of us
use the phrase "Lamb of God"
without fully understanding

what it means. Dr. Pitre examines two key instances of sacrificial lambs in the Old Testament--and why John the Baptist's disciples were quick to leave him to follow the One he proclaimed as "the Lamb of God." Join us and bring a friend .



**January 22,
6 a.m. That
Man Is You:
Week 16 - Ini-
tiators of**

Love. We could

fill up pages with incredible quotes on love from JPPII! As men, we are called to be initiators of love. Indeed, God has written it into our bodies. This week, we will have an honest discussion with Jason Evert about the nobility and true desires of a man's heart and the attacks against it. This week will be an unforgettable experience you don't want to miss. Bring a friend! See you soon!



**January 24, 8:45 a.m.
Symbolon: Pt 2: Session 4:
Penance & Anointing of
the Sick: God's Mercy
Revealed.** Why is the Sacra-
ment of Reconciliation essen-

tial—and potentially life-changing—for Catholics?
How does the Anointing of the Sick make a difference
to those who are suffering or dying? Join us. Bring a
friend.



**January 24, 8:45 a.m.
Lectio: Mary: Episode 4:
The Queen Mother.** In

the Old Testament,
throughout the line of Da-
vidic kings, the queen was
not the wife of the king,

but rather the king's mother. As a result, King Solomon placed a throne at his right hand for his queen mother and bowed down in homage to her. Jesus, as the fulfillment of David's line, rules as king of heaven and earth with his mother, Mary, as the queen mother. Join us and bring a friend .



"Catholic Schools:
Faith. Excellence. Ser-
vice." Catholic schools
have a specific purpose
to form students to be
good citizens of the
world, love God and
neighbor and enrich
society with the leaven
of the gospel and by
example of faith.

**Catholic Schools
Week will be cele-
brated January 31 to
February 6.**

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in stu-
dents their destiny to become saints. Academic excel-
lence is the hallmark of Catholic education intention-
ally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind,
body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to
Catholic education and the core of Catholic discip-
ship. Service is intended to help form people who are
not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also
active participants through social learning.

The CSW logo emphasizes that the Catholic school, like
the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution,
but it is the people. As the people of God, we work to-
gether to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise
up the next generation to do the same. The image of
teachers and students forming the foundation of the
school shows that they are active people of faith who
serve others and God. May we all strive to live in active
service of Jesus and his mission as we nationally join
together during Catholic Schools Week and always.

Please consider St. Anastasia as your school for the
coming year. Give Betty Jodzio, principal, a call for
more information and/or a visit.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Sandy Jerabek Margie Navara Maureen Reiner Barb Olson Jenny Trettin Al Cotter Delores Beich Clinton Gruett 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

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.



Baptismal Congratulations to:

Caroline Rose Knott

Daughter of Jessica & Shawn Knott

St. Boniface Shepherd of the Field: Fr. Brian Oestreich
412 W. 3rd Street, Madison, MN 56356
Birthday: January 23. Ordained: May 29, 1993. Send him a card!

Just For Fun

Pastor Al®



"You took the choir to Mexico? I said that with the organ broken you should go to a cappella, not Acapulco!"

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Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
January 9-10, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
January 9-10 Contributions	\$13,193
Total Contributions YTD	\$441,445
Total Budget YTD	\$430,769
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,776
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 24 weeks to make budget	\$14,940

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,471,666.00

Contributions Received \$494,634.00

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

St A's	Parish
Goal	Total rec'd Portion
\$50,517	\$28,192 \$5,638
St B's	
\$3,999	\$2,050 \$410

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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.

We have found
the Messiah



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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
January 19, 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 Jennissen

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month
January 12, 7pm St Anastasia hospitality area

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

February 3, 8pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

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.