



## THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED

*Jesus.*

MARK 1:18

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021

### THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry with his proclamation that the "kingdom of God is at hand." The rest of Mark's Gospel—all of Jesus' preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples followed Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They left their work and family, all for Jesus, because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary.

Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align their lives and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?



Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage.

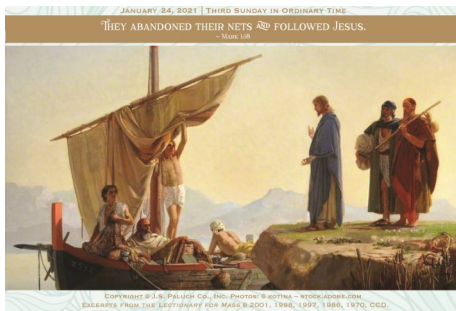
The blessing of the sick by ministers of the Church is a very ancient custom, rooted in imitation of Christ himself and his apostles. In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian.

On February 3, the Church celebrates the memorial of Saint Blaise. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. He was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

The blessing is given by touching the throat of each person with two candles which have been joined together in the form of a cross.

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.*

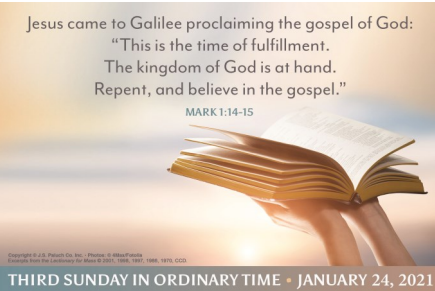
**Grades 6-11 will resume in-person gatherings on Sunday nights, starting on Jan. 24th. Class times are 6:00-7:15 p.m. Everyone must enter through the main church doors. The 11th grade will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Mar. 6th, at 4:30 p.m. The rest of our classes run through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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 24, 2021  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.  
— Mark 1:15

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;  
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps  
96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4;  
Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6;  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-  
24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-  
75; Mk 4:35-41  
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1  
Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



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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>		
<b>MONDAY, January 25</b>		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Mike Murray
<b>TUESDAY, January 26</b>		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ William Ahrens
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 27</b>		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Edward Karl
<b>THURSDAY, January 28</b>		
9am, Mass (live stream)	St. Anastasia	Ruth Hallock
<b>FRIDAY, January 29</b>		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Harry Farenbaugh Ruth Hallock
<b>SATURDAY, January 30</b>		
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Donna Conrad
6pm, Confessions	St. Boniface	
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	
<b>SUNDAY, January 31</b>		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Eckstein Family
10:30am, Mass (live stream)	St. Anastasia	
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Faith Community

## Calendar

<b>MONDAY, January 25</b>		
6:30 pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 27</b>		
7 pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
<b>THURSDAY, January 28</b>		
10am, Lectio: Eucharist	St. Anastasia	youth room
<b>FRIDAY, January 29</b>		
6am, That Man Is You	St. Anastasia	youth room
<b>SUNDAY, January 31 - Throat Blessing - Beginning of Catholic Schools Week</b>		
8:45am, Adult Education: Symbolon & Lectio: Mary		
9am, Elementary Faith Formation		
6pm, Faith Formation: EDGE & Confirmation		
<b>MONDAY, February 1</b>		
6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>TUESDAY, February 2</b>		
7pm, School Advisory Committee	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 3</b>		
7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
<b>THURSDAY, February 4</b>		
10am, Lectio: Eucharist	St. Anastasia	youth room

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

## Parish & Community Events

### Kindergarten Recruitment has begun!

We have 16 students in our Kindergarten class and have been able to have in-person learning all year. Starting with a strong kindergarten class is very powerful in continuing these students through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Anastasia school. If you know of someone that has a child going into Kindergarten, please refer them to us! Word of mouth is an excellent source of marketing.

Meet our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Jenny Johnson, with her husband, Shane, and her boys, Grayson and Landon.



“My favorite part of teaching is watching children smile and light up when accomplishing new skills. I love using exciting and fun activities to learn.

Every day is filled with laughs, hugs, jokes and excitement from the children. Being able to share my faith and love for God with the children is my favorite part of our school.”

**The Catholic Schools Raffle** returns this winter to Catholic Schools across three states, giving you the opportunity to turn \$5.00 into a brand new car or \$20,000 in cash while supporting St. Anastasia School. Each ticket purchased gives ticket buyers the opportunity to win a 2021 Ford EcoSport (or \$20,000 in cash), or other great prizes totaling \$40,000 in value. Best of all, every penny of every ticket sold stays with St. Anastasia School, thanks to Catholic United Financial. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased after each weekend Mass in the entryway to church and from all St. Anastasia School and Kids Depot Preschool students. Thank you for supporting our school.



### VALENTINE'S MARKET



Come one, come all on Saturday, February 13, from 9:00 am to noon! Definitely set up to be COVID safe with masks, hand-sanitizer galore, & socially-distanced tables. Visit a silent auction in the cafeteria, booths in the gym and a gift sale in the school entryway.

Some vendors include:

- ♥ Gerald Kucera: assorted flavors of fudge & kolaches
- ♥ Larry & Benita Quast: embroidered pillow cases & potholders, as well as fishing equipment items
- ♥ Bonnie: “Svea Flowerbed” pillows, towels, and photo greeting cards. Featured on Facebook.
- ♥ Mel: “Scentsy” candles

All proceeds go to Katie Wallyn’s “**LEAST**” charitable organization, providing 120 free, nutritious meals each week to the elderly and poor in San Lucas, Guatemala.

### 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.

**The Bishop Lucker Lecture** – Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. - has been changed to a virtual event. Admission is free. To register, please visit [www.dnu.org](http://www.dnu.org). You will be sent an email with a link to connect to the event via Zoom. The featured speaker will be Johnnette Benkovic Williams, founder of EWTN’s Women of Grace.



## Faith Formation

## Social Concerns

### A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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### FEAST OF FAITH The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God’s mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus’ feet with the words, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord’s presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional Confiteor or “I confess” to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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### 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” in the collection plate. Thank you so much!



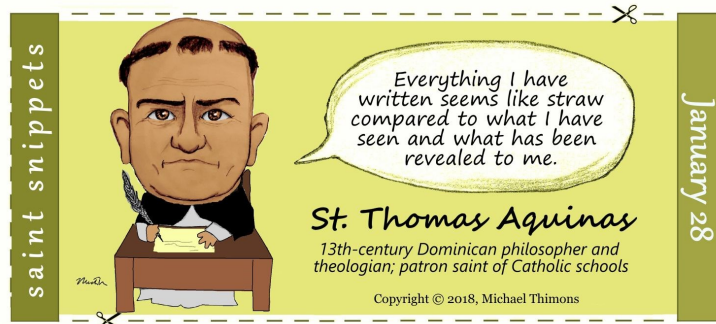
**American Red Cross** The Stewart Community Blood Drive

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](http://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.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
Tuesday: St. Timothy and St. Titus  
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici;  
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees)  
begins at sunset  
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas



## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



**January 25,  
6:30 p.m. The  
Journey of  
Grief—Part 2**

The grief journey seems too long. Too hard. Too painful. You avoid places that remind you of your loved one, with no thought of ever going there again. You've no desire to change a single item in your loved one's bedroom. Some days all you consume are coffee and chips because cooking takes up too much energy. Join us. Bring a friend.



**January 28, 10 a.m. Lectio:  
Eucharist: Episode 4:  
Miracles of the Exodus.**

Jesus spoke of Himself as "the bread which comes down from heaven." What did that mean

to the Jews who first heard him? And what meaning do those words have for us today in our understanding of the Eucharist? Join us and bring a friend.



**January 29,  
6 a.m. That  
Man Is You:  
Week 17 -  
Initiators of  
Life.**

This is our last of three weeks with Jason Evert and definitely one you don't want to miss. Jason takes on a difficult topic with precision, clarity, and inspiration. He will lead us one step further out of bondage and into "the light of the things of God." No matter where you are on your journey of faith, God wants you to be more free! Bring a friend! See you soon!



**January 31, 8:45 a.m.  
Symbolon: Pt 2: Session 5:  
Matrimony & Holy Orders:  
Service & Communion.**

More than merely a contract between two people in love, marriage was created by God as part of his plan for humanity. How we fit within that plan may depend on our view of the Sacrament of Matrimony and its profound meaning for the world. Join us. Bring a friend.



**January 31, 8:45 a.m.  
Lectio: Mary: Episode 5:  
The Perpetual Virgin.**

Despite being married, Mary remained a virgin her whole life. When the New Testament speaks of

our Lord's brothers and sisters, a closer look at the original language spoken by Jesus, as well as other Scripture verses, sheds light on the truth of Mary's perpetual virginity. Join us and bring a friend.



"Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." 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 celebrated January 31 to February 6.**

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. 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 together 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 Jerome Stoll

*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.*

*For the Faith Departed, Travis Kachelmeier and Shirley Radtke, may they rest in peace.*

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®



"I'm not speeding up Mass just because you're going to a party at the roller rink afterwards."

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## Stewardship

### St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:  
January 16-17, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
January 16-17 Contributions	\$12,048
Total Contributions YTD	\$454,067
Total Budget YTD	\$446,154
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,657
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 23 weeks to make budget	\$15,041

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,473,641.00

Contributions Received \$519,423.92

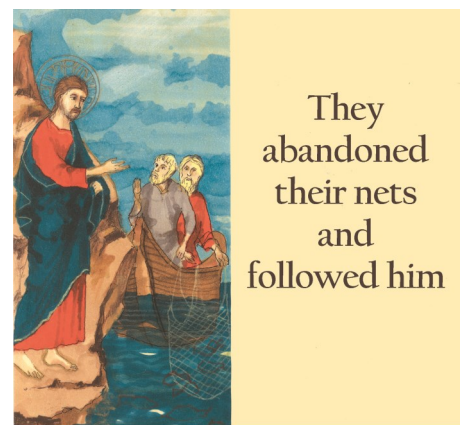
### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish
Goal	Total rec'd Portion
\$50,517	\$28,442 \$5,688

<u>St B's</u>	
\$3,999	\$2,300 \$460

### 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.





## 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 in the Eucharistic Chapel.

### 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*  
February 16, 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*  
February 2, 7pm St Anastasia hospitality area

### Home & School Association

Chair: Gina Jennissen

Feb. 9, 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

## Area Faith Community Staff

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### St. Anastasia Parish Staff

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