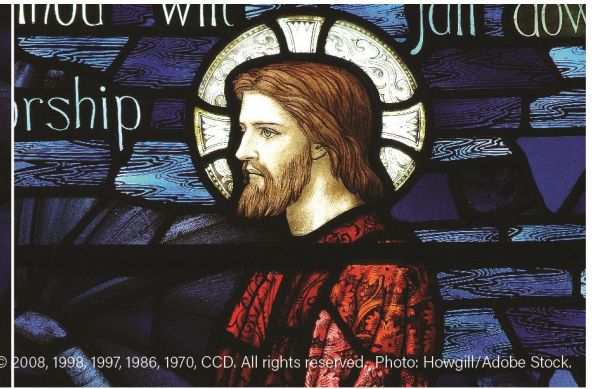


The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

MARK 1:12-13

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**Lent** Upon making a commitment, how often do we start out with strong intentions, firm will, and fortitude? A New Year's resolution! But once a hurdle is in our path we can quickly stumble and pretty soon, our intentions are long gone. Jesus faced something much more profound, upon being baptized, he was immediately faced with temptations. He was driven into the desert, a place of desolation, in a harsh environment. As a human being, Jesus knew temptations. But for many Christians it can be difficult to imagine that Jesus was truly tempted, for he is also divine.

During these weeks we will be setting up small virtual groups every day of the week: mornings at 9am, afternoons at 1pm, and evenings at 7pm (we will need an email to send you a link to join the virtual meeting). In-person groups will meet Sunday, Monday & Friday at 9am, Wednesday & Thursday at 1pm, Wednesday & Fridays following Mass/Stations of the Cross, and Saturdays following the 6:30pm Mass in St. Boniface Church Hall. Those that choose to participate virtually should watch *The Search* video on their own each week and then meet online for 30 minutes at the above times as a group to discuss. In-person groups will watch the video together and then have a 30-minute discussion.

#### CONFIRMATION, March 6 - 4:30 pm

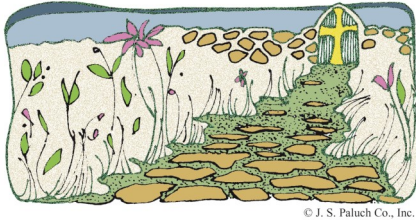
Our 9th, 10th and 11th graders are preparing to receive Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our 11th graders will be receiving this Sacrament shortly, please keep them and their families in prayers at this time.

**Addison Borka  
Emily Chatfield  
Adrianna Czech  
Haleigh Damlow  
Morgan Dean  
Jonathan Evenson  
Rebecca German  
Charles Jenum  
Mason Jozwick  
Theodore Kadlec  
Brady Knorr  
Ashlee Koelln  
Allyson Kopesky**

**Tori Kusters  
Braeden McGill  
Eric Melberg  
Wendy Peterson  
Nolan Prokosch  
Samuel Rensch  
Mariah Root  
Montana Swaja  
Noah Tague  
Erin Tews  
Axel Vos  
Benjamin Wehseler**



**FIRST LENT**  
SUNDAY OF  
FEBRUARY 21, 2021



## First Sunday of Lent

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. — *Psalm 25:4*

### Readings for the Week

**Mon:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Tue:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wed:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

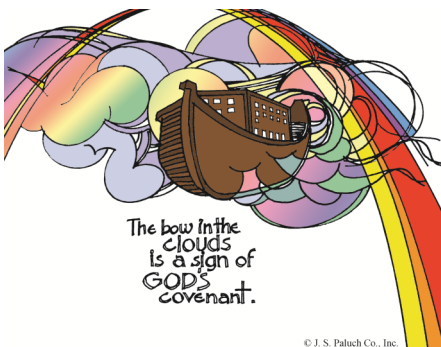
**Thu:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Fri:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Sat:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sun:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2



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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, February 22</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	
<b>TUESDAY, February 23</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Repose of the Soul of Roger Krebsbach
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 24</b> 5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia	Bernie Griep (90th birthday)
<b>THURSDAY, February 25</b> 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	John E Clasen & family
<b>FRIDAY, February 26</b> 7am, Mass 5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Special Intention (BG)
<b>SATURDAY, February 27</b> 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	St Anastasia Church and family
<b>SUNDAY, February 28</b> 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Harry Farenbaugh +Special Intention (BG) For Our Faith Community

## Calendar

<b>MONDAY, February 22</b> 9am Administration Council 6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Boniface St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>TUESDAY, February 23</b> 7pm, St A's School Advisory Comm.	St. Anastasia	
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 24</b> 1pm, 5pm "SEARCH" (Station/Mass) 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	church youth room
<b>FRIDAY, February 26</b> 6am, That Man Is You 9am, Stations of the Cross 5pm, Mass/Stations/"SEARCH"	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia School, church St. Anastasia	hospitality area church church
<b>SATURDAY, February 27</b> 7pm, "SEARCH"	St Boniface	in-person, hall
<b>SUNDAY, February 28</b> 9am, "SEARCH" 6pm, Faith Formation: EDGE & Confirmation	St. Anastasia	in-person, church

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

# Parish & Community Events

## Youth Ministry

Thanks to all who supported us at Dad's Waffle event this past Wednesday! In addition to the waffle fundraiser, the envelope fundraiser board will be located in the church entryway. We are fundraising for both the mission trip to Benton Harbor, MI, as well as the Steubenville Youth Conference located in Rochester, MN. Your support for our youth is very much needed and appreciated. Please, spread the word and help us bring in funds for these opportunities. Thank-you!

### RIP

We regret to inform you that Fr Dennis E. Becker, co-pastor at St Anastasia Parish from 1987-1998, has died. We have no information about funeral arrangements at this time. Please keep Fr Denny and his family in your prayers at this time.

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who make our recent Valentine's Day Market another success. Great vendors, great shoppers, great workers—it can't get better than that! Details coming soon!



### Knights of Columbus

HUTCHINSON COUNCIL 4797 -

34th Annual

### FISH FRY

Friday, February 26, 2021

DRIVE-UP and DELIVERY ONLY

11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. or until fish is gone

840 Century Avenue SW - Hutchinson, MN

Enter fairgrounds north gate and follow signs.

\$10.00 MEAL Cash or Checks Only

ALASKAN POLLOCK, BAKED POTATO

COLE SLAW, BAKED BEANS

BREAD, COOKIE

Deliveries Available for (3) or more meals after 1:00 PM



### Welcome Meghan!

We are happy to announce that Meghan Laffen has accepted the position of Development Director for St Anastasia parish. Please welcome her warmly to our staff!



Meghan grew up in New Ulm and graduated from New Ulm Cathedral, and then from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She has ten years of experience in communications and marketing, fundraising, program development and event planning. Meghan lives in Hutchinson with her husband Josh, son Finn, daughters Margo and Greta, and their new puppy. They all love to be outside and cheer on the Gophers in every sport possible - Ski U Mah!

**1st Communion Preparation:** All second graders will join together from 9-10:15 am each of the following Sundays: Feb 21 & 28. Please contact Jennifer Eckstein if you have any questions:



These 2nd graders are anxiously preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist! Please pray for them and their families:

- Leera Dahl \* Everly Burchill \* Zoey Fox \* Hadley Mikulecky \* Yesenia Nino \* Elin Spors \* Brielle Root \* Hartlee Schlueter \* Briella Nonescan \* Adalyn Feuerborn \* Emalise Field \* Liam Gregory \* Nora Rannow \* Jordyn Dettman \* Madelyn Schwartz \* Aubree Schwecke \* Delilah Wallyn \* Kaylyn Davis \* Blade Retzlaff \* Leonardo Rabago \* Jocelyn Kottke \* Sam Heitman Loki Schiefer\* Littney Baysinger



**The Catholic Schools Raffle returns!** 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. We have reached \$7,005 in ticket sales—**70% of our goal!** Thank you for supporting our school.

## Faith Formation

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

### THE GOOD NEWS

#### Repent and Believe in the Gospel

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter’s letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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### THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things. —German proverb

### BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another. —Jean P. F. Richter

## Social Concerns

### Rice Bowls

As part of our traditional Lenten practices we will be collecting for Operation Rice Bowl, one of the Catholic Church’s efforts to address world hunger. Your contribution of spare change during lent helps feed the hungry in this country and around the world.

Rice Bowls will be available in the hospitality area. Please take one for your table at home. A prayer and your loose change can make a huge difference in the world.

Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of lent. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## Diocesan News

**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.

Her talk entitled “Journey in Faith” will detail her journey from being a non-practicing Catholic to inspiring international apostolates of evangelization through Catholic media.



## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



**February 26, 6 a.m.**  
**That Man Is You:**  
**Week 21 - Evolution**  
**and Faith: Going**  
**Deeper than Darwin.**

When it comes to faith and science, the theory of evolution may be at the very top of the hot-button list. This week Dr. Baglow will dispel myths, errors, and incorrect assumptions in order to show clearly where the Church stands, what it's open to, and what it's not open to. We will also enter into the great mystery of how God works within the context of Divine Providence and human freedom at the same time. Let us enter in and leave all of our incorrect assumptions aside to arrive at a conclusion that there are NO conflicts, and never will be, between Catholic doctrine and authentic science. Join us. Bring a friend.



**Our Lenten Program**  
**for 2021**

**Episode 2:** To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us than meets the eye? We talk with neuroscientists, psychologists, composers, and artists to examine the mystery of you. If you're just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simple bodily needs. Fill your stomach, be comfortable. But there's more to you than that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more. As C.S. Lewis once said, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

**Episode 3:** Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him? We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it's not only reasonable to believe in God, it's essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, "You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. until they rest in Thee."

**GRIEF SHARE** February 22, 6:30 p.m.  
**Complicating Factors.**

It's been weeks since you've slept through the night. You can't remember the last time you smiled. And you can't concentrate long enough to follow a box-mix. Grief can be complicated, and it is relentless. Not only do you have to deal with the pain of your loved one being gone, but you face any other symptoms day and night that people around you don't realize you're struggling with. Join us. Bring a friend.

## School News

### Kindergarten Recruitment for 2021-22

Our Kindergarten program provides a strong foundation for early childhood students. This year we offered in-person learning all year long for our 16 kindergarteners. If you know of someone who has a child going into Kindergarten, please refer them to us! Word of mouth is an excellent source of marketing. We also have some openings in Grades 1-6

## CCW News

### CCW Scholarships

Scholarships are available through the New Ulm Diocesan CCW. These scholarships are for training and spiritual growth for liturgists, teachers, lectors, musicians, secretaries, Eucharistic ministers, CCW education or any volunteers or classes to aid individuals in parish ministry. The maximum amount of the scholarship is \$200. Money can be used for tuition or registration fees only. Applications are available in the parish and school offices or from Sandy Bjerkelund (587-6878). Sandy must have the application by Feb. 25.

### CCW Rummage Sale

The ladies of the CCW will be holding their Spring Rummage Sale March 11-12, 8am—5pm. Bag Day will be Friday, Mar 12, \$3 per bag. Donations will be accepted Mar 6-10, 8am-5pm. No large furniture items, entertainment centers or tv's please. Now is a great time to start clearing out those closets and hidey holes of all those gently used items that haven't seen the light of day in years! It's someone's treasure!

## 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 Norbert Mohs*

*For all those in the military, serving our country at home and abroad. All those suffering with illness, loneliness, mental illness and those who are helping them. 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.*



## Stewardship

### St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:  
January 30-31, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
February 14 Contributions	\$21,379
Total Contributions YTD	\$519,996
Total Budget YTD	\$507,692
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$16,757
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 19 weeks to make budget	\$14,737

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,473,641.00
Contributions Received	\$555,763.71

### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>		Parish
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$50,517	\$31,834	\$6,367

<u>St B's</u>		
\$3,999	\$2,825	\$565

### 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.



### 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.

## 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

<b>STA Administrative Council</b> Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> February 16, 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 Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> February 2, 7pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jennissen	Feb. 9, 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>	Feb 11, 10am	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	March 3, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
<b>Knights of Columbus Squires</b>	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

## Area Faith Community Staff

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<b>Religious Education &amp; Youth Ministry</b>		
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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
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<b>St. Anastasia Cemetery</b>	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
<b>St. Boniface Cemetery</b>	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
Richard Navara, Manager	320-562-2128	rnavara@embarqmail.com

**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.