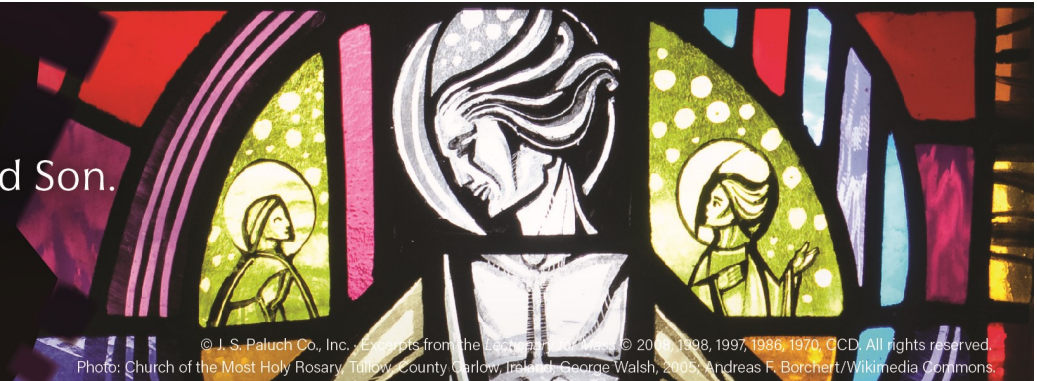


From the cloud  
came a voice:  
"This is my beloved Son.  
Listen to him."

MARK 9:7



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**Lent** Mountaintop experiences are rare, and we cannot stay there, as much as we would like. The Scriptures give us a glimpse into that reality. Without warning Jesus was transfigured. The encounter with the divine often happens that way, without warning. And it seems that as soon as we have had the encounter, it is over, and we are left to descend the mountain. We can share Peter's desire to commemorate the event. It seems natural to

erect a monument or some marker so that we may return to this place of encounter again and not to be. The experience is clear in hindsight, and we are left wondering what it means, and about rising from the dead might mean. Of course, this experience will become sight, after the crucifixion and



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This is a model for us of how the paschal mystery is lived. We have a peak experience followed by moments of wonder and discernment. The Christian life is not one grand, never-ending peak experience. These experiences are rare, even as they were for the disciples. The Christian life is not all wonder and discernment, as meaning develops gradually and in light of unfolding events. We stay faithful to Jesus and accompany him in the peak experiences, and also in the struggle to discern meaning.

### 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**

SECOND LENT  
SUNDAY OF  
FEBRUARY 28, 2021



## Second Sunday of Lent

If God is for us, who can be against us? — *Romans 8:31b*

### Readings for the Week

**Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tue:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

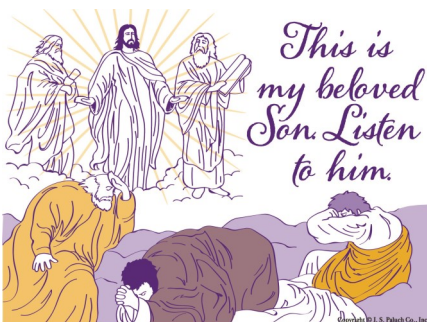
**Thu:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Fri:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sun:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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## This Week's Area Worship Schedule

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
<i>Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5am on Monday and concludes at 5pm on Friday.</i>		
<b>MONDAY, March 1</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Mike Murray
<b>TUESDAY, March 2</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Limbo & Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 3</b> 5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia	+Agnes DeMeyer
<b>THURSDAY, March 4</b> 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
<b>FRIDAY, March 5</b> 7am, Mass 5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Donna Conrad
<b>SATURDAY, March 6</b>	<b>Celebration of Confirmation</b>	
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	
4:30pm, Mass/Confirmation	St. Anastasia	Respect For All Life From Conception To Natural Death
6pm, Confessions	St. Boniface	
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+Marie Sprenger
<b>SUNDAY, March 7</b>		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ The Studniski family
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Faith Community

## Calendar

<b>MONDAY, March 1</b> 6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 3</b> 1pm, 5pm "SEARCH" (Station/Mass) 7pm, Youth Group 7:30pm KC	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	church youth room cafeteria
<b>THURSDAY, March 4</b> 1pm, "SEARCH"	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>FRIDAY, March 5</b> No School today Rummage Sale Set Up 6am, That Man Is You 5pm, Mass/Stations/"SEARCH"	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	hospitality area church
<b>SATURDAY, March 6</b> 9am, Into the Breach 4:30pm, Confirmation 7pm, "SEARCH"	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St Boniface	hospitality area church in-person, hall
<b>SUNDAY, March 7</b> 9am, "SEARCH"	St. Anastasia	in-person, church
<b>March 6-10 Drop off rummage Sale donations at school gym 9am-5pm.</b>		

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

# Parish & Community Events

## Lenten Practices

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

## Youth Ministry

Thanks to all who supported us at Dad's Waffle event last week! In addition to the waffle fundraiser, the envelope fundraiser board is 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!

## Blue Tooth Hearing Aid App

Williams Sound Wave Cast (Apple Store and Google Play). Download the app, go to WiFi on phone, click assisted listening, then go to the app and open it.

## Sausage Dinner

St Mary's (Sleepy Eye) is hosting a drive through only Sausage Dinner, Sunday March 7, 9:30am-1:30pm. All meals are adult size. \$12 each. Meat sales in the school bus garage March 6, 9am-4:30pm and Mar 7, 9am—2pm. Everyone is invited.



**The Catholic Schools Raffle results! We reached and exceeded our \$10,000 goal with a total of \$11,615 raffle tickets sold.** Every dollar stays at our school. Thank you to all those who bought tickets the last 5 weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated! Good luck to all ticket holders—our fingers are crossed for you!

## Sacramental Celebrations



*Congratulations to:*

*Watson Michael Kramer*

*Son of Michael & Alexis*

**1st Communion Preparation:** All second graders will join together from 9-10:15 am Feb 28. Please contact Jennifer Eckstein if you have any questions: [religioused@stanastasia.net](mailto:religioused@stanastasia.net)



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

## Fatima Rosary



Join us at noon on Saturday, March 20, at the rosary walk (or inside if the weather is not cooperating) to pray a rosary for "One Man, One Woman." Questions? Call Bernie Griep for more information.

## Flower Memorials

If you would like to purchase an Easter flower memorial in memory or a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked Flowers and drop it in the collection plate at St B's or St A's. donations will be used to enhance the Easter environment of each church.



### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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### THE GOOD NEWS

#### History of Salvation

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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**I will make your  
descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky**

### Care Products

A supply drive supporting McLeod Alliance is accepting donations from February 24th- March 14th. Donations go to those affected by domestic violence in McLeod County and the surrounding area. Full size items needed are Kleenex, bathroom tissue, paper towels, diapers (sizes 1, 2, & 3), feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, deodorant, and hair conditioner. A supply drop off bin will be located at the entrance of the church. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

## Diocesan News

**The Bishop Lucker Lecture** – 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. **We will live stream this presentation in the hospitality area of St A’s.** Please join us!

### A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

### THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn’t you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous

## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



### March 5, 6 a.m. That Man Is You: Week 22 - A Limitless Love,

Former London Mafia

Enforcer, John Pridmore

is back! The limitless mercy of the Cross borders on scandal. If God can forgive John Pridmore for ALL the evil, destruction, lust, lies, pain and suffering he brought into the world...if he can completely wipe away his sins, then what can he do to yours? Of all the sessions we have been through this year, the one thing we need more than any other is mercy! Wherever you are in your spiritual life, the mercy of Christ wants to meet you right there and take you further. Join Us.



### Our Lenten Program for 2021

**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."

**Episode 4:** What's our Story? Your life is a story. And it's caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see it in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God's pursuit of man. The God that is love created so we can ultimately be with his love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and hell is absence of Him. Your life has a plot. Your life has purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus.



### March 1, 6:30 p.m.

**Stuck.** If you're not careful, three to five years from now your grief can

be just as intense and raw as it is right now. Some people call that being stuck in grief. This session offers preventative measures you can take to ensure that you don't get stuck and that you're grieving in a way that leads to healing. Join us. Bring a friend.

## School News

At St. Anastasia Catholic school, we believe each child is unique. We aim to meet spiritual, academic, emotional, physical and aesthetic needs by educating the whole student in a Christian environment. We would love for you to be a part of our St. Anastasia school family! **Enrollment for new students in all grades is open at [stanastasia.net/admissions](http://stanastasia.net/admissions).** Call the school office at 320-587-2490 for more information.



### Now Enrolling Kindergarten - Grade 6

*Half Off Kindergarten Tuition for 2021-22*

## CCW News

### CCW Rummage Sale

The ladies of the CCW will be holding their Spring Rummage Sale March 11-12, 8am—6pm on Thursday, 8am-4pm on Friday. 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 –Give them a chance to take it home!

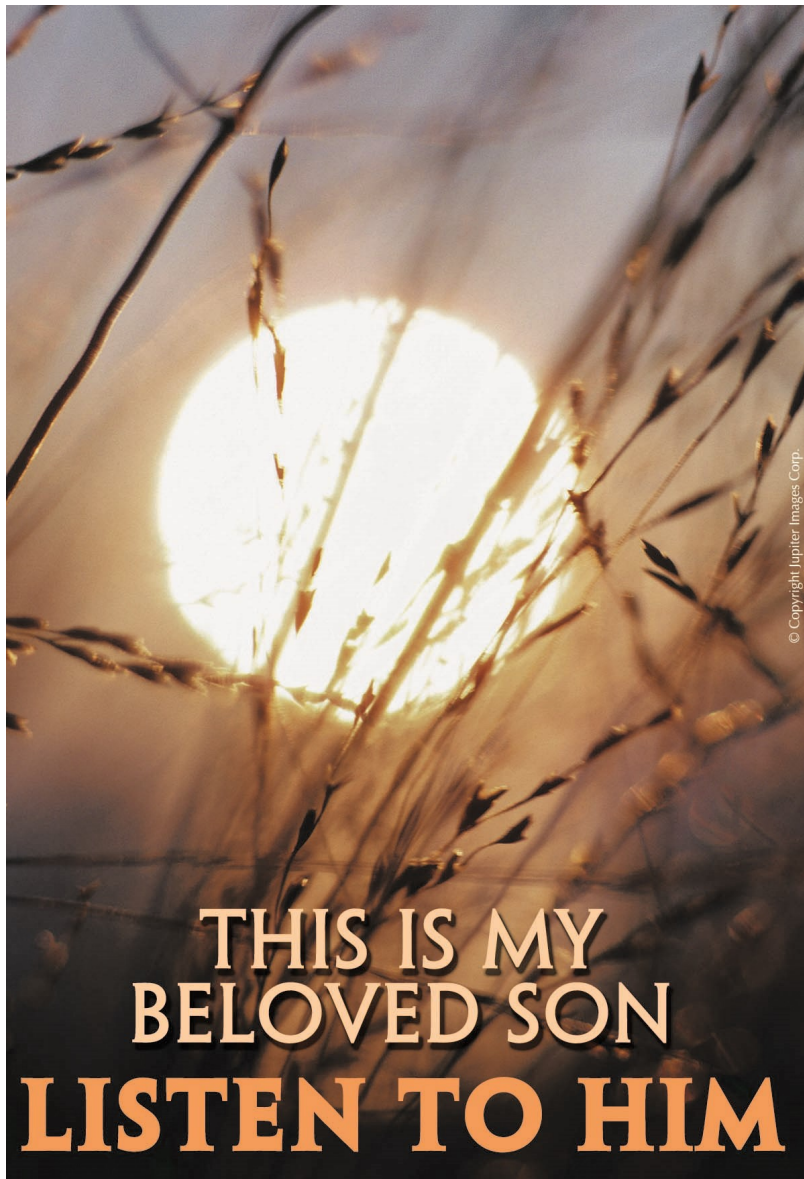


## Please Keep In Your Prayers

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 Eugene Havelka



*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:  
February 20-21, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
February 14 Contributions	\$12,305
Total Contributions YTD	\$532,302
Total Budget YTD	\$523,077
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,656
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 19 weeks to make budget	\$14,872

### 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> March 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	April 8, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>School Advisory Committee</b> Chair: Jason Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> March 2, 7pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jennissen	TBA, 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>	TBA, 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>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.