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JEREMIAH 31:33

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Lent This Fifth Sunday of Lent is the Sunday preceding Palm Sunday. We share a sense of impending doom. But we are also reminded of the necessity of death for something to bear fruit. If the seed stays on the top of the ground, it will never bear fruit. But once “dead” and planted in the ground, the seed produces. The paschal mystery is presented for us in a simple, agrarian, even scientifically outdated, images.

Do we allow ourselves to die to our own desires, wants, and agenda? From today’s gospel reading, it seems Jesus was not quite ready for this moment. But the arrival of the Greeks was a clarion signal that the end was near. Even for Jesus there was no fighting this eternal purpose. This was the reason he came into the world. His example of letting go serves as a model for us. We are not the masters of our own fate. We are not in ultimate control of our own destiny. The illusion that we are somehow planning our own destiny is simply that, an illusion. There are greater forces at work. We are called to discern those forces so we can recognize them when they face us. For Jesus it was the request from two Greeks. What are the signs that encourage us to let go of our own desires and submit to something greater? When we die to ourselves we will see fruit that bears eternal life.

The annual Passover feast is about to begin; many Jews have arrived in Jerusalem for the festival. Meanwhile Jesus’ conflict with the Jewish establishment has escalated to a dangerous level. The events that will lead to Jesus’ condemnation and death are now in motion. Jesus obediently accepts his fate and is prepared for the outcome.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Weekend Mass

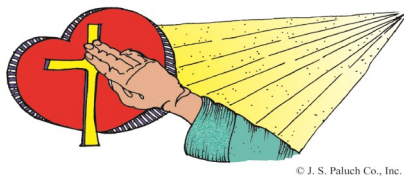
Thursday of the Lord’s Supper: 5pm - St. Boniface & 7 pm - St. Anastasia

Good Friday: 3 pm - St. Anastasia, 5 pm - St. Anastasia, & 7 pm - St. Boniface

Easter Vigil (Saturday): 8:30 pm - St. Anastasia

Easter Sunday: 7 am - St. Anastasia, 9 am - St. Boniface, & 11 am - St. Anastasia

FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT
MARCH 21, 2021



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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— *Jeremiah 31:33*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn
8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-
56; Jn 8:31-42

Thu: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb
10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-
42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn
11:45-56

Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
(procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-
20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 —
15:47 [15:1-39]



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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, March 22		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory and Limbo
TUESDAY, March 23		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Rita Stevens
WEDNESDAY, March 24		
5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia	
THURSDAY, March 25		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
FRIDAY, March 26		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia	
SATURDAY, March 27		
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	
6pm, Confessions	St. Boniface	
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	
SUNDAY, March 28		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Eckstein Family +Robin Young
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Elizabeth (Betty) Tauer
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Faith Community

Calendar

MONDAY, March 22		
6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, March 24		
1pm, 5pm "SEARCH" (Station/Mass)	St. Anastasia	church
7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, March 25		
1pm, "SEARCH"	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
6pm, Kindergarten Open House	St. Anastasia	kindergarten
FRIDAY, March 26		
6am, That Man Is You	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
5pm, Mass/Stations/"SEARCH"	St. Anastasia	church
SUNDAY, March 21		
9am, FF K-Gr 5	St. Anastasia	
6pm, EDGE/Symbolon	St. Anastasia	
MONDAY, March 22		
6:30pm, Grief Group	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, March 31		
1pm, 5pm "SEARCH" (Station/Mass)	St. Anastasia	church
7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Parish & Community Events



*Developing the hearts and
minds of students since 1954.*

Kindergarten Open House Dates

Tuesday, March 16, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 25, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join Us for Kindergarten Open House!

Half Off Kindergarten Tuition for 2021-22

Join us to learn more about St. Anastasia Catholic School and meet Mrs. Johnson (the Kindergarten teacher) and Mrs. Jodzio (the principal). Both Kindergarten open houses are come-and-go as your schedule allows, but we ask that you RSVP so that we can monitor numbers and allow for social distancing. All COVID protocols, including face coverings, will be required. Virtual or individual meetings with Mrs. Johnson are available upon request. For more information, and to RSVP, visit stanastasia.net/admissions or call the school office at 320-587-2490.

Give Us This Day

For a number of years we have had a group subscription to the monthly Give Us this Day. Our contract with Liturgical Press, the company publishing the magazine, is about to run out. We have decided to not continue the group subscription. It has become more difficult for folks to pick up their copies at the office. The company itself is encouraging people to go to online subscriptions to save on printing and postage costs. The publication is still available—on line and in the traditional print version—to any interested individual. Information pertaining to individual subscriptions is available in the current copy of the booklet or on line at litpress.org



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.

Sacramental Celebrations

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*Jaxson Young



St A's Children's Choir

Children in grades 2-6 are invited to join the St. Anastasia Children's Choir for the 2021 spring session.

Practices will be weekly on Wednesdays, April 14-May 19, from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Anastasia Church. We will conclude our six week session by singing at Mass on Sunday, May 23. Sign-up is online at stanastasia.net/get-involved/spring-childrens-choir. For more information, contact Ms. Beth Hauth at beth.hauth@stanastasia.net. We are also in need of an adult volunteer to assist Ms. Hauth during choir practice. Experience playing an instrument or interest in signing is a plus!

Blue Tooth Hearing Aid App

William 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. Additionally, listening assisted aids may be found by the audio/visual booth in the entrance of the church.

St Anastasia Cemetery Notice

All Christmas wreaths and decorations must be removed from gravesites before April 15. After that date all Christmas decorations will be removed by cemetery staff. Questions? Refer to your cemetery guide book or call Mike Schall, Cemetery Manager. Thank you.

Faith Formation

FEAST OF FAITH The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. “The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New,” we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. “Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture” (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel’s vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: “The word of the Lord.” The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, “Thanks be to God.”

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THE GOOD NEWS The New Covenant

Today’s first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah

says that the new covenant will be written on the people’s hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community’s tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one’s heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today’s second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

Youth Ministry

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!

Social Concerns

Rice Bowls

As part of our traditional Lenten practices we will be collecting for Operation Rice Bowl. 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.

March Is Food Share Month

Every March Minnesotans make a special effort to help stock local food shelves. Many corporate and state sponsored organizations will match local donations, giving food shelves a real boost in their supplies. You can drop off any donations at the McLeod County Foodshelf or in St A’s hospitality area. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection plate, but please mark it clearly “Food Shelf.” Canned items (vegetables, meats, fruits, beans, soups, etc) baking goods, pastas, cereals, rice, boxed meals—all are welcome donations. Personal care items (toothpaste, detergents, soaps, etc) are also welcome!



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Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



March 26, 6 a.m. That Man Is You: Week 25 - Grace Perfects Nature

The "Man on Fire" from Modesto, CA is back this

week! John Sablan will help guide us on a topic that is near and dear to his heart...the relationship between grace and nature.

Men have to actively cooperate with God's grace through a daily grind of hard work and self denial. The more we choose the good, the easier it becomes. Over time, the daily grind of sacrifice becomes more easy and joyful. When things become more easy and joyful, they are by definition becoming virtues within us and we experience a new freedom. We begin to break the chains of bondage!

Being a TMJ4 participant for many years, John will revisit our friend from the Old Testament, King David, but uncover a new aspect of his story.

We are getting close to the end. Let us finish strong! See you there!



Our Lenten Program for 2021

Episode 6: Am I Saved?

What Jesus did for us through his life, death and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. He did this for each one of us. Personally. But some might feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal, he came to enter into our messy human condition. To fix us from within. To transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous the love of God really is. We don't deserve God's love, but that's the amazing reality of God's mercy. This relationship with God isn't all about our love for Him. It's about His love for us that changes our lives forever.

Episode 7: Why a Church?

How do I access this man who lived 2000 years ago? How do I live this call of love? We uniquely encounter the love of God in His Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church. It's out of touch. It's full of bad people. It's just too boring. Maybe when we say "The Church" we mean a little more. The church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. It's the place we were meant to encounter His grace that prepares us for every step of life. The God that is love knows how we're made – material and spiritual – we need tangible ways to live our faith.



March 22, 6:30 p.m. Lessons of Grief: Heaven.

Since your loved one's death, you've probably started thinking more about heaven, what it's like, and what happens when a person dies. Knowing the truth about heaven is a source of great hope. Join us!

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.** Call the school office at 320-587-2490 for more information.



Now Enrolling Kindergarten - Grade 6

Half Off Kindergarten Tuition for 2021-22

Episode 7: Why a Church? (continued)

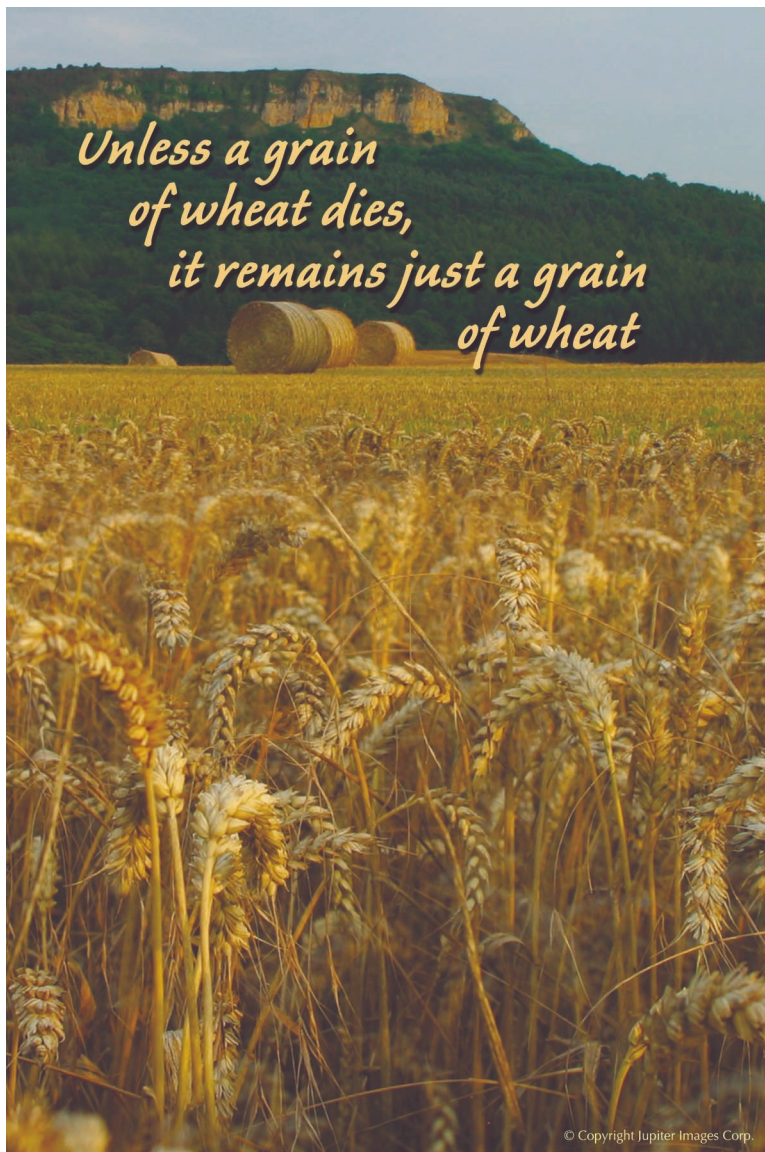
We can't be spiritual but not religious. This is where we'll find ultimate happiness in life. This is where the God that has been seeking humanity, who wrote the deepest desires onto our human hearts, encounters us. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He is the answer. The answers to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in His Church.

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 Teri Niemeyer Betty Gunderson Darlene Artmann Terry Bisbee Sheryl Mose Marilyn Reinarts 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:
March 15, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
February 28 Contributions	\$11,213
Total Contributions YTD	\$570,790
Total Budget YTD	\$569,231
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,427
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 15 weeks to make budget	\$15,281

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,501,059.00
Contributions Received	\$574,030.00

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>		Parish
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$50,517	\$38,627	\$7,725

<u>St B's</u>		
\$3,999	\$3,425	\$685

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, 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.

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

STA Administrative Council

Chair: Jim Fahey

usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
March 16, 7pm St Anastasia parish office

STB Administrative Council

Chair: Mark Maiers

TBA, 9am St Boniface church basement

Cemetery Committee

Chair: Jeff Lehn

April 8, 3pm St Anastasia parish office

School Advisory Committee

Chair: Jason Jennissen

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month
March 2, 7pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Chair: Gina Jennissen

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, 10am St Anastasia hosp. kitchen

STB Council of Catholic Women

TBA, 6pm St Boniface basement

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Mark Maiers

March 3, 8pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

TBA, 5pm St Anastasia hosp. kitchen

Area Faith Community Staff

Fr. Paul Wolf, Pastor

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St. Anastasia Parish Staff

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320-587-6507

Meghan Laffen, Development Director

320-587-6507

Beth Hauth, Music Co-Ordinator

Merriane Miller, Bookkeeper

Donna Conrad, Secretary

Kevin Scott, Facility Manager

320-583-0807 (cell)

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Millie Navara, Administration

320-562-2463

Merri Schaufler, Contributions

320-562-2245

St. Anastasia School

Betty Jodzio, Principal

320-587-2490

Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary

320-587-2490

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Michelle Nies, Director

320-587-4760

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320-234-6129

Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface

320-833-6020

Jake Burmis, YM Director

320-587-6507

St. Anastasia Cemetery

Mike Schall, Manager

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320-583-7199

St. Boniface Cemetery

Richard Navara, Manager

1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7

320-562-2128

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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.