

Jesus said,
“Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up.”

JOHN 2:19



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THIRD LENT
SUNDAY OF
MARCH 7, 2021

Lent Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and enter into the Gospel of John. The story of Jesus driving out the money changers happens during Holy Week in the Synoptic Gospel, but early in Jesus’ ministry in John’s gospel.

At the time of Jesus the temple had become in some sense a place of commodification. Oxen, sheep, and doves were sold to be sacrificed. It wasn’t enough for one to bring one’s own animals. They had to pass an inspection, and were “pre-certified,” so to speak, guaranteed to be without blemish and therefore worthy of sacrifice. Of course, there might have been a markup for the quality assurance. For a nice price you could buy a worthy sacrifice. How quickly and easily does religion seem to fall into a trap of commodification? Similar things have happened in our own church history.

The challenge of commodification of religion is not limited to Jesus’ day, or the annals of church history. Commodification of God’s grace happens today too. The unholy alliance of money and the access to religion that it buys were scandalous then, and should be scandalous today. Jesus responds to this scandal as the scripture foretold (Ps69:9). He is zealous, passionate for his Father’s house, which has been turned into a bazaar.

Those with the vested interest in the status quo are upset. But Jesus replies with his parabolic riddle speech “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” Of course, he is referring to the temple of his own body. But the stakeholders do not see the deeper meaning of his speech. They see only literal realities and they know that the temple took nearly half a century to build. To them, Jesus must have seemed a wild-eyed zealot, off his rocker and half-baked. He was dangerous, a threat to business and religious interest, and would have to be stopped.

But for Jesus, the temple is holy, not worthy of profanation, neither the Father’s house nor Jesus’ own self. The example Jesus gives us today demands consideration. We must recoil at every instance of commodification religion, or a selling of God’s grace. God’s presence is not to be bartered; it is not a commodity, God’s grace is given freely.

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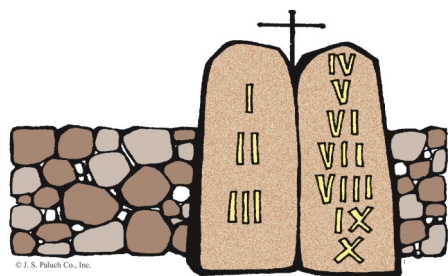


Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed:

**Addison Borka
Braeden McGill
Haleigh Damlow
Nolan Prokosch
Rebecca German
Montana Swaja
Theodore Kadlec
Axel Vos
Allyson Kopesky**

**Tori Kosters
Adrianna Czech
Wendy Peterson
Jonathan Evenson
Mariah Root
Mason Jozwick
Erin Tews
Ashlee Koelln**

**Emily Chatfield
Eric Melberg
Morgan Dean
Samuel Rensch
Charles Jenum
Noah Tague
Brady Knorr
Benjamin Wehseler**



I, the LORD, am your God . . .
 You shall not have other gods be-
 sides me. — *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sun: Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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St. Boniface Catholic Church
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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

| DATE/TIME | LOCATION | INTENTION |
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| <i>Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5am on Monday and concludes at 5pm on Friday.</i> | | |
| MONDAY, March 8 5pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | ++George & Jeanette Horesji |
| TUESDAY, March 9 7am, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Judith Blazinski |
| WEDNESDAY, March 10 5pm, Mass/Stations | St. Anastasia | +Elaine McRaith |
| THURSDAY, March 11 9am, Mass | St. Anastasia | ++Richard & Joann Fisher |
| FRIDAY, March 12 7am, Mass 5pm, Mass/Stations | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia | |
| SATURDAY, March 13 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass/Confirmation 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface | John & Seenie Jilek |
| SUNDAY, March 14 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia | +Meinrad Weichmann For Our Faith Community |

Calendar

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| MONDAY, March 8 6:30pm, Grief Group | St. Anastasia | hospitality area |
| WEDNESDAY, March 10 1pm, 5pm "SEARCH" (Station/Mass) 7pm, Youth Group | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia | church youth room |
| THURSDAY, March 11 1pm, "SEARCH" 1pm, St A's Finance Council | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia | Rummage Sale 8am-6pm hospitality area parish office |
| FRIDAY, March 12 6am, That Man Is You 6pm, Mass/Stations/"SEARCH" | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia | Rummage Sale 8am-4pm Bag Day hospitality area church |
| SATURDAY, March 13 4:30pm, Confirmation 7pm, "SEARCH" | St. Anastasia St Boniface | church in-person, hall |
| SUNDAY, March 14 2pm, Reconciliation | St. Anastasia | |
| MONDAY, March 15 Noon, Common Cup Reps. 6:30pm, Grief Group | St. Anastasia St. Anastasia | hospitality area hospitality area |

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

Parish & Community Events

Valentine's Market Update

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| Quilt raffle | \$82 | CCW donation | \$2,000 |
| Gift sales | \$1,271 | Silent Auction | \$822 |
| Kucera sales | \$2,000 | Private donations | \$3,000 |
| St A's School | \$304 | after sale donations | \$219 |

Total donations: \$9,698

Thanks to everyone who made this possible! Thanks to the KCs who set up and took down all the tables. Thanks to the vendors who took a chance on their sales due to Covid and came anyway. There were lotza smiles in the gym as so many were happy to be buying beautiful, unique gifts! Thanks to all who donated to the gift sales and the Silent Auction! Thanks to Diane Bauermann who hand quilts and donates the prettiest quilts each year! Thanks to Gerald Kucera who donated all of proceeds this year to the LEAST since he is not taking a group to San Lucas this summer. And many thanks to Rose Jonas, Lori Dalberg, Janice Miner and Mary Holtz who helped me run it and keep it all organized. God is Good! Thanks to everyone for all their prayers.

Cathie Wallyn



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.

Sacramental Celebrations



Baptismal Congratulations to:

Leonardo Isaiah Rabago

Son of Jessica

Catalena Elena-Mariposa Nino

&

Yesenia Ariela Nino

Daughters of Brenda Rabago

Katherine Tanata

Daughter of Anthony & Maria

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



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.

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.

KC Fish & Shrimp Fry

The KC of Bird Island host their drive thru Fish & Shrimp Fry, March 26, 4-7pm or until gone. \$10 per take out. St Mary's Church parking lot. All are invited.

Faith Formation

FEAST OF FAITH

Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE GOOD NEWS

Total Allegiance

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the

Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 entry-way. 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!

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.

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.

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. 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!



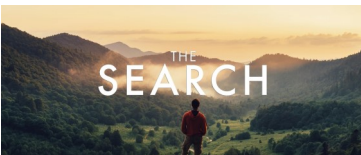
Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



March 12, 6 a.m. That Man Is You: Week 23 - The Wild Goose

The Holy Spirit and Hard Work! For us

Catholics, it's both! There is a great mystery here between the gift of grace within us and the human effort we put forth. We can't rely upon just one or the other or we quickly fall into error. The grace of God and the virtues of man work in unison together. We have to rely upon His grace and we have to do everything with-in our efforts. This week and next we will once again hear from Fr. Dave Pivonka. The fire and breath of the Holy Spirit, Life in the Spirit. How the Holy Spirit brings life to our dry bones and animates all that we do Invite a friend! See you there!



Our Lenten Program for 2021

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.

Episode 5: Who is Jesus? The most beautiful part of this story is this we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.



March 8, 6:30 p.m. Lessons of Grief: Part 1.

You need help to face the days ahead, to take steps forward, to do your grief work, and to remain steady as you go. This session introduces several practical lessons that will help. 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.** 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

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 1, 2021

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| Contribution Budget 2020-2021 | \$800,000 |
| February 28 Contributions | \$13,805 |
| Total Contributions YTD | \$546,107 |
| Total Budget YTD | \$538,462 |
| Average weekly given in 2020-21 | \$15,603 |
| Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget | \$15,385 |
| Average weekly needed for remaining 17 weeks to make budget | \$14,935 |

Capital Campaign

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| Pledges Received | \$1,500,36000 |
| Contributions Received | \$572,830.00 |

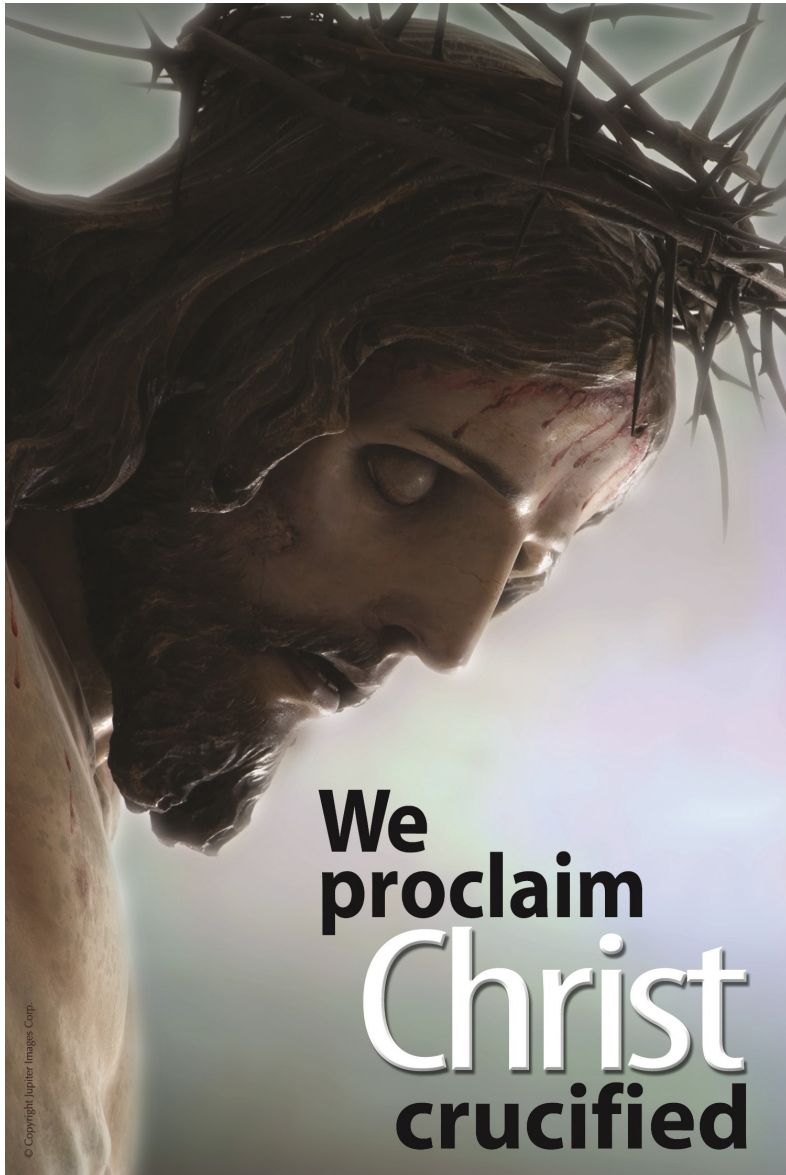
DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

| <u>St A's</u> | | Parish |
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| Goal | Total rec'd | Portion |
| \$50,517 | \$32,239 | \$7,248 |

| <u>St B's</u> | | |
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| \$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, 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
proclaim
Christ
crucified**

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

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| STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey | <i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> 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 | <i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> 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

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| Religious Education & Youth Ministry | | |
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| St. Anastasia Cemetery | 1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 | |
| Mike Schall, Manager | 320-583-7199 | mgschall@mediacombb.net |
| St. Boniface Cemetery | 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.