

“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

The Sundays of the Easter season are meant to be continuations of Easter Sunday, so the fifty days of Easter reflect the mystery of dying and rising that we celebrate in its fullness at the Triduum.

Have you ever heard news that seemed too good to be true? Perhaps the news was so good or unexpected, we needed “to see it to believe it.” There is a healthy skepticism we bring to the table. We don’t want to get our hopes up only to be disappointed. We want proof, demonstrable proof. This is precisely Thomas’ reaction on hearing the news about Jesus’ resurrection.

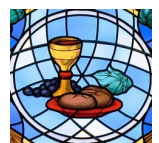
Though the disciples had been witness to the risen Lord on Easter Sunday evening, Thomas was absent, and so he functions as a disciple for all of us. In a sense we stand in the person of Thomas. We were not present that Easter Sunday evening. And perhaps, like Thomas we reply, “seeing is believing.”

The church gives us this reading on the Second Sunday of Easter, as that is when Thomas had his experience of the risen Lord. Though we are not given the opportunity to put out finger in the nail marks, we, like Thomas, may condition our belief on seeing.

The gift Jesus gives his disciples is “peace.” It is not a peace that the world gives, merely an absence of war. But the peace Jesus gives is a serenity in the face of life. The gift is a sense of calm knowing that Jesus is “my Lord and my God,” and that there is nothing in this life that can separate him from me. *Living Liturgy, p. 104*

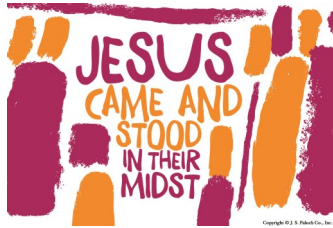


Congratulations to our 2nd graders who received Jesus in the Eucharist this Sunday at their First Communion! May they receive him often throughout their lives!



- * Leera Dahl * 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 * Delilah Wallyn *
- * Kaylyn Davis * Blade Retzlaff * Leonardo Rabago * Joslyn Kottke *
- * Sam Heitman * Littney Baysinger * Jaxson Young *





Second Sunday of Easter

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

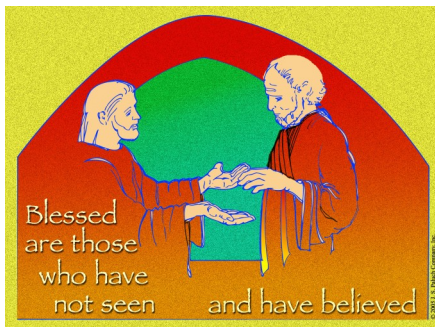
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Wednesday.</i>		
MONDAY, April 12 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in purgatory and limbo
TUESDAY, April 13 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	John E. Clasen & family
WEDNESDAY, April 14 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Virgil Vacek
THURSDAY, April 15 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Josilyn Morical
FRIDAY, April 16 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Dan Holy
SATURDAY, April 17 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	+Robin Young
SUNDAY, April 18 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, April 14 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
SATURDAY, April 17 5:30pm, Troska reception	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
SUNDAY, April 18 9am, Faith Formation K-5 (final) 6pm, EDGE/Confirmation (final)	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
TUESDAY, April 20 7pm, St A Admin. Council	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, April 21 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, April 22 10am, Card Ministry	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
SUNDAY, April 25 9am, Faith Formation K-5	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, April 28 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
TUESDAY, May 4 7pm, School Advisory Committee	St. Anastasia	youth room

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

Parish & Community Events

Flower Memorials



Funds for enhancing the Easter Environment of St A's have been donated in honor of:

Kristin Bjerkelund Brown; Daniel Holy; Dressel & Servaty families; Farenbaugh family; Ralph Krebsbach; Henry & Helen Dusoski; Joe & Amy Reiner; Wyllis, Loretta & Rita Reiner; George & Jeanette Jorejsi; Frank & Eleanor Mikolasek; Francis Mikolasek; Michael Murray, Clarence & Florence Christensen; George & Clara Erpelding; Joe Ritchey; Alex Doering; Phil, Agnes & Jim Egan; Bessie & Norm Stafford; Ed & Cleo Karl; Bruce & Christopher Karl; Joshua Schultz; Brynn Engstrom; Nick & Erma Troska; Paul Troska; Jan Urban; Robert Schmid; Gib & Nea Hammer; Harry & Florence may; Arlen Lovald; Gerald & Janice Urban; Bud & Helen Reinert; Harry Farenbaugh; Rita & Frank Stevens; Bill Schons; Steven Swenson; Larry Griep; Krebsbach family; Griep family; Ira & Helen Kenney; William, Rosella, Steve Quast; Andrew Bogatzki; Ken & Agnes Conrad; Sister Cathan Culhane; Sr Idamarie Primus, Sr Lucy Hass; James Baker; Arlette & Doug Dahlberg; Mary & Howard Hady; Loretta Kulberg; Pat Busch; Lois O'Fallon; Marian & Tom Magee; Mary & Jim Ludowese; Mike Olinger; Bill Olinger; Doug & Arlette Dahlberg; Nancy, Gary & Patty Dahlberg;

Spring SCRIP Reminder



As you start to look toward the spring clean up, yard work, flower planting, building projects, etc. remember that St a's SCRIP program has you covered. CSRIP is availa-

ble for Menards, Wal Mart, Ace Hardware, Amazon and a variety of other suppliers of spring necessities. Buying SCRIP is like buying a gift card—you always get your full dollar's value on the card. If you shop on line you don't have to worry about any personal information being compromised.

And after you finish the cleaning/planting/weeding/building projects you'll deserve a reward. SCRIP for DQ, JCP, Marshall's, Caribou, Starbucks, etc are all on hand to purchase that little something extra.

SCRIP is available in the parish office during regular business hours and after most weekend masses. Questions? Call the parish office at 587-6507.



Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday, April 11, 2021

- ✠ 2:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany of Trust, Confession will be offered.
- ✠ 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ✠ Additional resources:
 - www.3oclockhour.org
 - www.faithfitnessclub.org/mercy

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.

WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS

to Terry Dean, Lexi Kramer, Anthony Pearson, and Aimee Koelln who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Service. We pray for them and welcome them!

May we all grow deeper in our faith as we experience the wonderment of God's great love for us in the Paschal Mystery: Passion Death, and Resurrection these days of Holy Week.

CCW Rummage Sale

We made \$4089. Left overs were donated to the DAV, vases to Crow River Floral, items to the Hospital Thrift Store and to Goodwill. We also donated items to the school and the Day Care. Thank you all so much!

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 Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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Doubt

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To

this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are "proof that there is a God." We get so caught up in the story of "doubting Thomas" that we fail to notice that today's Gospel gives us John's account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas' disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as "God"—more remarkable.

Youth Ministry

Thank-you so much for the support we've received for our youth ministry trips! The envelopes from our board are just over 80% gone at this time. The board will remain up for ONE more weekend--with the last day being Sunday, April 18th. A huge thank-you, again, to all those who've aided us during this fundraiser. Envelopes can be turned in at any time at the office or in the collection basket. If anyone wants to help us get this last portion of our funds, please see the board before April 18th! Thank-you. -Jake Burmis

Social Concerns

Wheels of Mercy



Wheels of Mercy provides free bicycles to those without other means of transportation. If

you have a "road ready" adult bicycle sitting around your garage collecting spiders and dust, please drop it off at Christ the King Church offices and give it—and a needy neighbor—a new lease on life. If you have a kid's bike that is in good shape but just not needed, they'll find it a good home, however, it's adult bikes that are desperately needed. Thank you for your help!

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf

The Food Shelf is currently seeking applications for potential Board members. Duties include: providing financial oversight, ensuring MEFS has adequate resources, overseeing MEFS' programs and policies and helping advance MEFS' mission. For more information contact Lennie Albers, Executive Director at 320-864-2088 or glenceo@mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org Make an impact in your community!



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God's Word for Children

The community of believers wanted to share with one another. They sold their land and houses and gave the money to the apostles to share with those in need. We need to have sharing spirits, too! Look at the numbers on the doors of the houses. Then draw a line from each house to that same number of coin bags.

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Second Sunday of Easter

God never gives up on us! God loves us no matter what! Below is a phrase from Psalm 118 that helps us remember that we serve a merciful God. Fit each word into the crossword. A few letters have been written in to help you!

His mercy endures forever

Pastor Al



"If Santa Claus is really Saint Nicholas, then which saint is the Easter Bunny really?"

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Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has ...

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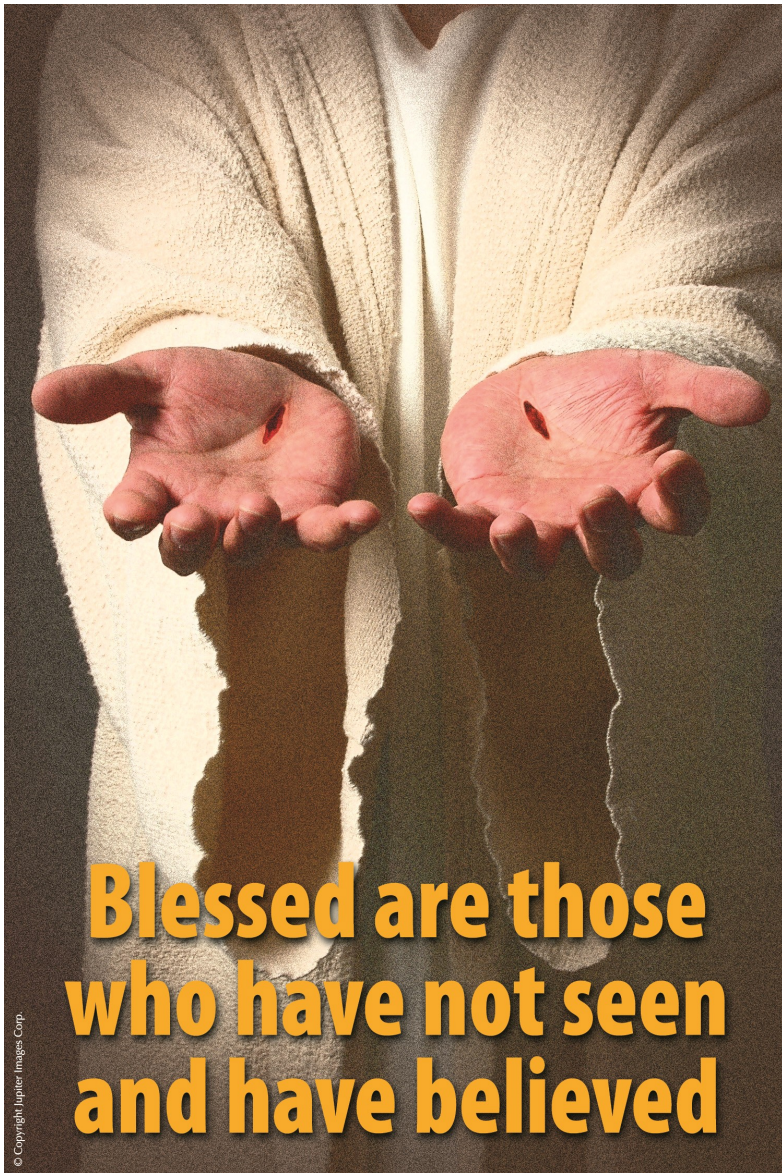
Answer: *sent me, so I could you*

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Please Keep In Your Prayers

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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.



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Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
March 29, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
February 28 Contributions	\$19,193
Total Contributions YTD	\$607,718
Total Budget YTD	\$600,000
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,583
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 17 weeks to make budget	\$14,791

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,501,059.88
Contributions Received	\$574,030.03

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

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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.

CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine

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	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> April 20, 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> April 6, 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	April 7, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

Area Faith Community Staff

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St. Anastasia Cemetery	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
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St. Boniface Cemetery	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
Richard Navara, Manager	320-562-2128	rnavara@embarqmail.com

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