

By this is  
my Father glorified,  
that you  
bear much fruit  
and become  
my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2008, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD. All rights reserved. Photo: Thom\_morris/Adobe Stock.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

Grapes native to Europe, Sangiovese, for example, one of the primary grapes that is used for Chianti, are excellent for producing wine. There are stories of nineteenth century Italian immigrants coming to California with their grapevine cuttings, so they would be able to plant their own native grapes in this New World and have wine. These grapevine cuttings were precious reminders of the land, culture, and people that immigrants left behind and these cuttings, properly transplanted, cared for, and pruned, would provide life and happiness in this, the New World. And it turned out that California's climate, Napa Valley in particular, was ideal for growing grapes that would produce some of the world's finest wine.



We can image something of this when Jesus says that he is the Vine. In typical Johannine fashion, we have here no parable about the kingdom of God being like a vineyard. For the Fourth Gospel, Jesus *is* the Vine! He goes a step further to say that the Father is the vine grower.

Jesus reminds us of the vine grower's role. Not only does the vine grower ensure its viability, but he prunes branches to produce fruit, and cuts away those that do not produce any fruit. In a stark vision of the end time, Jesus takes yet another step to say that those branches that have been cut away will be thrown into the fire to be burned. Such apocalyptic images are rare in this gospel, though they appear more frequently in Matthew. As vine grower, the Father tends his precious vine much like the immigrant bringing native cuttings to the New World. Once transplanted, the real work begins.

Where are we in the metaphor? We are the branches, fully aware that no branch can produce fruit on its own. We must remain attached to the vine to bear fruit. So as not to be lopped off, we remain in Jesus.

His agrarian image is ancient, but easily applicable and comprehended. Anyone with experience in gardening or observing nature grasps the symbolism here. The metaphor is simple yet subline, and seems to be evidence of a good teacher. *Living Liturgy, p. 118*



During the Month of May,  
the Rosary will be prayed  
Twenty minutes before the weekend  
Masses.

Come and join asking the  
intercession of Our Lady  
before our God.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

## Readings for the Week

**Mon:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5;

Jn 14:6-14

**Tue:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab,  
21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5;

Jn 15:1-8

**Thu:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10;

Jn 15:9-11

**Fri:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;

Jn 15:12-17

**Sat:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5;

Jn 15:18-21

**Sun:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48;

Ps 98:1-4;



**St. Anastasia Catholic Church**  
460 Lake St SW  
Hutchinson, MN 55350  
Office Hours: M-F, 8am-4:30pm  
Phone: 320-587-6507  
Emergencies: 507-829-0965

**St. Boniface Catholic Church**  
551 Main Street, Stewart, MN 55385  
Phone: 320-562-2344

## 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>		
<b>MONDAY, May 3</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Virgil Vacek
<b>TUESDAY, May 4</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory & Limbo
<b>WEDNESDAY, May 5</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Michael Vanover eke
<b>THURSDAY, May 6</b> 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+John E. Classen & family
<b>FRIDAY, May 7</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Jack Lindenberg
<b>SATURDAY, May 8</b> 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	++Alvin & Margaret Schlueter +Rose Mary Dudek +Rob Firebaugh
	6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface St. Boniface
<b>SUNDAY, May 9</b> 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Jeanette Horse +Ann Lewandowski +Joyce Bergman
	7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia +Ruth Moen +Agnes DE Meyer

## Calendar

<b>TUESDAY, May 4</b> 7pm, School Advisory committee	St. Anastasia	
<b>WEDNESDAY, May 5</b> 2 hour late start at St A's School 7pm, Youth Group 7:30pm, KCs	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	youth room cafeteria
<b>WEDNESDAY, May 12</b> 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
<b>THURSDAY, May 13</b> noon, St A Finance Council	St. Anastasia	parish office
<b>SATURDAY, May 15</b> 9am, cleaning/planting project 2pm, Miereing/Feibelkorn Wedding	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
<b>SUNDAY, May 16</b> 10:30am, St A's Baccalaureate 12:30pm, Piano Recital	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	church

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

## Parish & Community Events

### 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. SCRIP is available for Menards, Wal Mart, Ace Hardware, Amazon and other suppliers of spring necessities. Buying SCRIP is like buying a gift card—you always get your full dollar's value on the card. And St A's gets a small rebate directly from the company. If you shop on line you don't have to worry about any personal information being compromised.



AND a portion of the profits generated by your purchases go to cover the cost of tuition for any student you designate participating in St A's School, Faith Formation or Kids Depot programs. If you do not designate a particular student, that share of the profits goes into the Education Fund to support on going education programs at St A's.

SCRIP is available in the parish office during regular business hours and after weekend masses. If you like, we can set you up with a regular order (weekly, e/o week, monthly—you choose). It can be a direct withdrawal from your account if you prefer. Questions? Call Jody at the parish office at 587-6507.

We do have Best Buy SCRIP on hand if you are ordering on line or going out of town for your electronic needs.

## Congratulations



Congratulations and many blessings for Reuben and Linda Schutz who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless them through many more happy years together!

### Spring Cleaning

Its time for the annual spring cleaning of the church, 8am-noon, May 8. We'll be cleaning the day chapel, church, bride's room, hall, bathroom, entryway, etc. The more the merrier— everyone is invited to join in. Questions? Call Lisa Becker 320-493-1058.

### Renovations and Capital Campaign Update

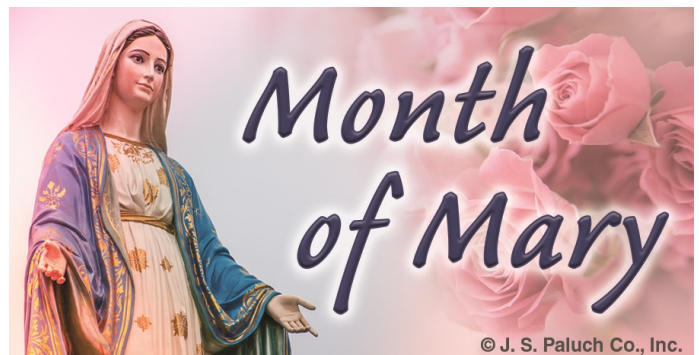
We have completed a phase of renovations to our church with the addition of the audio/visual system. We are continuing to fine tune our understanding of the equipment and train volunteers into how to best use the equipment. The cost of this phase was \$ 150,000. Thank you for your support to these improves.

The building committee is now looking at a second phase that will include the renovation of the sanctuary (altar area). We are looking at leveling off the sanctuary platform, adding a ramp for people to get into the sanctuary, and lightening the colors of the sanctuary. Second, we will also be looking at a light reduction material for the windows, to lessen the intense sunlight on the interior of the church. Third, we will also be studying the additional use of acoustical material to help the audio concerns for the building. And last, we will be looking at enhancing the lighting of the church with addition lamps, upgrading wiring, and replacing the dimming panel. Estimated costs: \$ 500,000.00 Thank you for your ongoing support of our renovations.

### Driving Away Hunger

Driving Away Hunger is designed to reduce transportation and mobility issues associated with food access in our communities. The Mobile Outreach vehicle is stocked with shelf stable pantry items, fresh produce, frozen proteins, grains and dairy products. Stop & Shop the bus at no cost to you!

Please bring bags and cart to carry food. Full grocery distributions are available up to 2 times per month per household. For more information—including scheduled stops and sites—please call 320 -864-2088.



**FEAST OF FAITH**

**The Homily**

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God’s word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God’s word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**BEARING FRUIT**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our par-

ish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

VBS

**DISCOVER ST. JOSEPH VBS!**

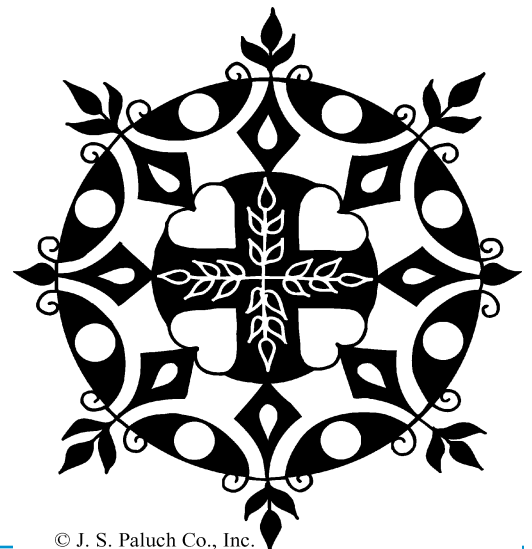
In the year of St. Joseph, we will discover him through rallies, wacky games, small group time, team challenges and more! Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm to 7 pm. We welcome kids 4 years old and up. Please pray for beautiful weather as we are planning to be outside this week! \$30 per families. Registration form on the website & in the entryway  
**VBS Volunteers** are needed to make the week a success! Please contact Jen @ [religioused@stanastasia.net](mailto:religioused@stanastasia.net) to volunteer. We need Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers to help guide the younger students and parents too.

**Summer Feeding Program**

Common Cup Ministry has begun planning this year’s Summer Feeding program. They are seeking volunteers to help pack and/or pass out free breakfasts and lunches two days a week. The dates are: June 9-August 13, closed July 5-9. Mondays and Wednesdays at Rotary Park, 11am-noon, Hutchinson Middle School 11:15am-12:15pm. Volunteers needed for: packing meals 9-11am, distributing meals 9-11am-noon or 11:15am-12:15pm, packing & distributing meals 9am-noon or 9am-12:15pm. If interested, please contact Jen Wicklund at 320-583-9929 or [jenwicklund@gmail.com](mailto:jenwicklund@gmail.com)

**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 [glencoe@mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org](mailto:glencoe@mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org) Make an impact in your community!



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

# God's Word for Children

God is like a mighty vine, and we are like the branches that can grow from it and produce fruit! This means that we can serve God in wonderful ways when we rely on God's help and strength. Look at the number on each leaf. Draw that amount of fruit onto that branch. Keep this as a chart, coloring in a piece of fruit each time you do something for the Lord!

© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. • 800-566-6150 • Year B • Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures excerpted from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1970. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, D.C. and are used by permission of the copyright owner. All rights reserved. No part of the New American Bible may be reproduced in any form without permission in writing from the copyright owner.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

A man named Saul changed his name to Paul when he became a follower of Jesus. Notice how the two names rhyme. To finish this story about Paul, choose three sets of rhyming words to put in the blanks.

The followers of Jesus,  
Saul used to \_\_\_\_\_.  
But Jesus appeared  
and set him \_\_\_\_\_.  
In Jerusalem it was  
Jesus' message Paul \_\_\_\_\_.  
The way he spoke  
was very \_\_\_\_\_.  
Some wanted to kill Paul,  
so he left \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
To build up the church  
of God \_\_\_\_\_!

told  
bold

love  
above

there  
everywhere

hate  
straight

late  
gate

## Pastor Al®



"You're extremely generous, Joseph, but you should only donate eyeglasses you aren't using anymore."

© 2003 WLP, a division of J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## 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 said, "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me ..."

Y	N	O	T
O	O	H	I
U	D	N	N
	C	A	G

Y \_\_\_\_\_

" \_\_\_\_\_"

Answer: *nothing you can do without me*

© 2021 International Puzzle Features

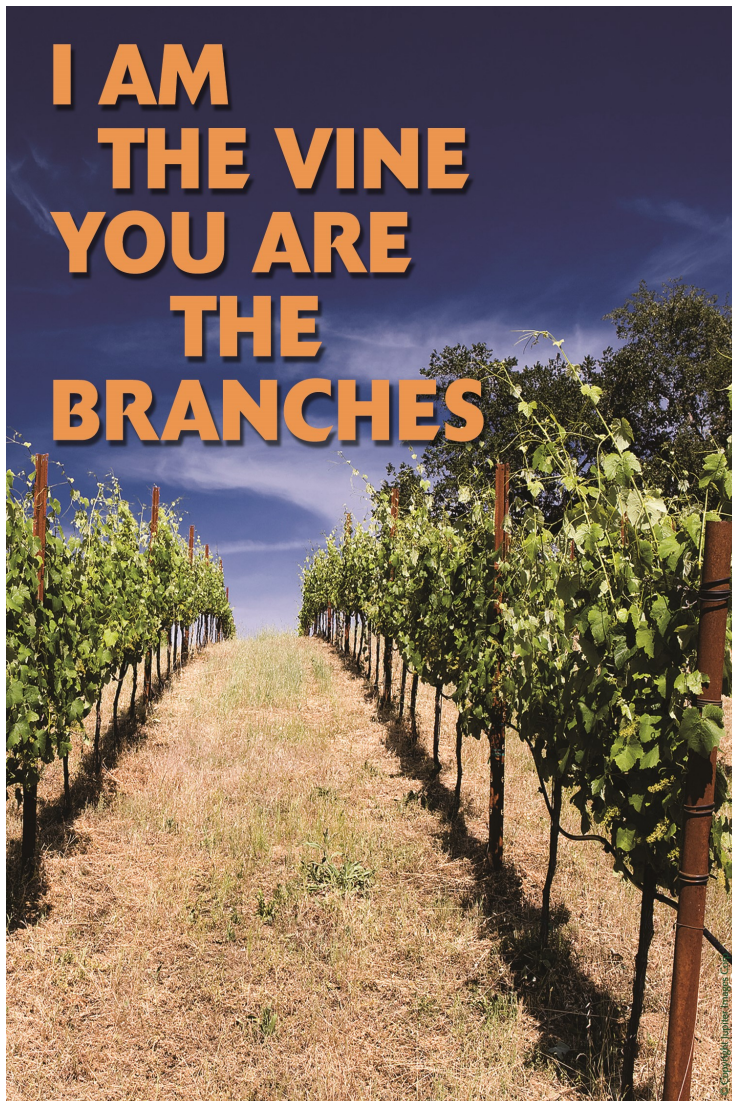
Excerpt from the NAB © 2010, 1991, 1970, CCD

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

*Nicole Glesener Sandy Jerabek Margie Navara Maureen Reiner Barb Olson Jenny Trettin Al Cotter Delores Beich Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl 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 Colleen Carlson Jerome Stoll Norbert Mohs Keitha Bomstad Amanda Kotila Connie Ericson Janice Kay Bogenrief Breda Popp Zella Thode*

*For the deceased: Corey Thode*

*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:  
April 26, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
April 25 Contributions	\$7,414
Total Contributions YTD	\$656,000
Total Budget YTD	\$661,538
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,256
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 9 weeks to make budget	\$16,000

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,501,059.88

Contributions Received \$623,690.68

### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>		Parish
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$50,517	\$45,928	\$9,186

<u>St B's</u>		
\$3,999	\$4,425	\$885

### 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.

### Apologies

Our accounting/contribution program recently went through a system wide upgrade (their idea, not ours) and left us with some major issues to reconcile. It has taken us some time—and we are still tweaking a few small things—but we now have current contribution data. Thanks for your ongoing patience.

## 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> May 18, 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	July 8, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>School Advisory Committee</b> Chair: Jason Jenise	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> May 4, 7pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jenise	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	May 5, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
<b>Knights of Columbus Squires</b>	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

## Area Faith Community Staff

Fr. Paul Wolf, Pastor	507-829-0965 (cell)	pwolf@stanastasia.net
<b>St. Anastasia Parish Staff</b>	320-587-6507	
Diane Pedersen, Business Manager		parishadmin@stanastasia.net
Meghan Laffan, Development Director	320-587-6507	development@stanastasia.net
Marianne Miller, Bookkeeper		mmiller@stanastasia.net
Donna Conrad, Secretary		dconrad@stanastasia.net
Kevin Scott, Facility Manager	320-583-0807 (cell)	
<b>St. Boniface Staff</b>		
Millie Navara, Administration	320-562-2463	mmnavara@embarqmail.com
Merri Schaeffler, Contributions	320-562-2245	
<b>St. Anastasia School</b>		
Betty Jodzio, Principal	320-587-2490	principal@stanastasia.net
Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490	secretary@stanastasia.net
<b>Kids' Depot Daycare &amp; Preschool</b>		
Michelle Niles, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net
<b>Religious Education &amp; Youth Ministry</b>		
Jennifer Eckstein, RE Dir, St Anastasia	320-234-6129	religioused@stanastasia.net
Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
<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.