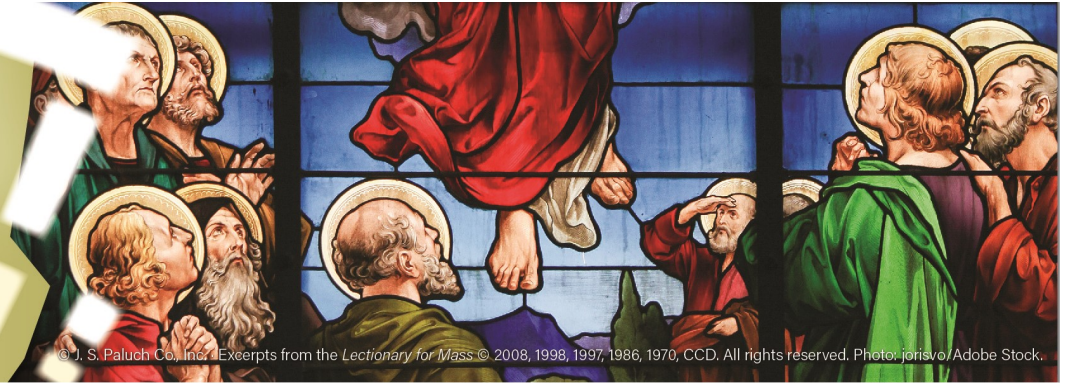


Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way.

ACTS 1:11



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

Jesus' ascension is both an ending and a beginning. The resurrection appearances of Jesus are at an end; his revelations of the kingdom of God is complete; the promise of the Messiah is fulfilled. Now begins the work of his disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed. It is not a promising start. Like any beginning transitions in life, it is a moment of great uncertainty, confusion, and apprehension. Christ places his church in the hands of a company of illiterate fishermen and otherwise unremarkable people—and yet, what began with those followers of Jesus has grown and flourished through the centuries to this parish family of ours the church Jesus leaves to them is not rooted in buildings or wealth or systems of theology but in faith nurtured in the human heart, a faith centered in wisdom and trust that is empowering and liberating, a faith that gives us the strength and freedom to be authentic witnesses of the risen One, who present among us.

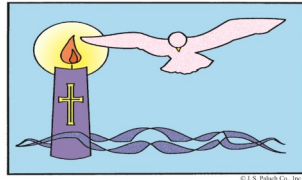
On the mount of the ascension, Jesus calls us to be his “witnesses,” to tell others about the good that God has worked in the Easter mystery. Jesus asks us to be witnesses of God's presence in our midst, to be agents of Hope, to be prophets of compassion and peace. We who have heard the story of Jesus and beheld his presence in the reconciling love we have experienced in our own lives are now called to bring that love into the lives of others and into the lives we share as families, as the church, as humankind. We are called to continue Jesus' work to teach, to witness, and to heal in our small corners of the world to hand on the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and his Gospel of love and compassion. *Living Liturgy*, p. 128

Why do some places celebrate Ascension on Thursday while others move it to the following Sunday? The Acts of the Apostles gives us the tradition of placing the Ascension forty days after Christ's resurrection. This is how we get the tradition of Ascension Thursday, or the fortieth day after Easter. So how did we get an option for Ascension Sunday? The Code of Canon Law, canon 1246.1, lists the holy days of obligation, including Ascension. In 1246.2, conferences of bishops are given permission to omit certain days from this universal list or transfer their observance to a Sunday. In 1999, the US bishops allowed individual provinces (we are part of the province of Minnesota, South and North Dakota) to decide whether Ascension should be moved from Thursday to the following Sunday.



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.



The Ascension of the Lord

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed
you to go and bear fruit.— *John 15:16*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

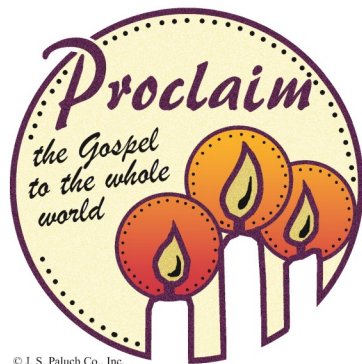
Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sun: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39



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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, May 17 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++George & Jeanette Horesji
TUESDAY, May 18 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Judy Blazinski
WEDNESDAY, May 19 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory and in Limbo
THURSDAY, May 20 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Gerald & Alan Piehl
FRIDAY, May 21 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Rosemary Kritsch
SATURDAY, May 22 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	+Robert Schmid
SUNDAY, May 23 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Lex Altemus Delores Muetzel For Our Parish Community

Calendar

SUNDAY, May 16 10:30am, St A's Baccalaureate 12:30pm, Piano Recital	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	church
TUESDAY, May 18 7pm, St A's Admin Council	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, May 19 4pm, T & C Annual meeting 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	hospitality area youth room
WEDNESDAY, May 26 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, May 27 10am, Card Ministry 1pm, Kindergarten Graduation	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	hospitality area hospitality area
TUESDAY, June 1 St A's 6th Grade Graduation 7pm, School Advisory committee	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, June 2 Last Day of School Year for St A's 7pm, Youth Group 7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	youth room cafeteria

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

Congratulations Class of 2021!

*The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:
The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.*

Hadley Achman

Alex Berg

Grace Borka

Anna Byron

Elizabeth (Ellie) Campbell

Ethan Carter

Ryo Coates

Cade Corrow

Maggie Eckhart

Lauryn Erpelding

Jayda Goldschmidt

Paige Gregor

Nicholaus Hauer

Courtney Huiras

Hannah Ladwig

Tristin Lang

Megan Lipke

Cameron Longie

Jack Ludowese

Brady Miller

Toby Mohs

Alia Muellerleile

Tristin Nelsen

Cole Nelson

Andrew (Gus) Peller

Chloe Peterson

Wendy Peterson

Destiny Root

McKenna Rosenau

Daniel (DJ) Scheele

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Ma Victoria Garcia

Caden Nathan Homan

Joseph Krippner

Megan Ruth Lipke

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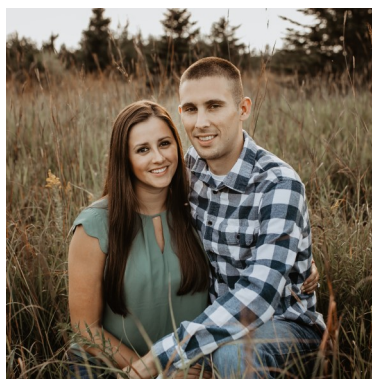


Mass Schedule Change

As of May 30, The weekend Mass at St Boniface, Stewart, will move to 9am on Sundays. Please make a note of this important change. Thank you!

Wedding Congratulations
to:

*Karli Meierding &
Andrew Fiebelkorn*



Renovations and Capital Campaign Update

We have completed a phase of renovations to our church with the addition of the audio/visual system. The building committee is now looking at a second phase that will include the renovation of the sanctuary (altar area). Second, we will also be looking at a light reduction material for the windows. 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 additional lamps. Estimated costs: \$ 500,000.00 Thank you for your ongoing support of our renovations.



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FEAST OF FAITH

The General Intercessions

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus’ resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different

dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples’ Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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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 7th to Thursday June 10th 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 to volunteer. We need Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers to help guide the younger students and parents too.

St A’s Tithing Program

St A’s Tithing Program is now accepting requests for tithes. Request forms are available in the parish office or online at www.stanastasia.net under the “Area News” tab. Funds are to be requested by a parishioner who is involved in the program funds are being requested for, and the request form needs to be submitted by the deadline, which is **June 4**.

The Parish Tithing Fund exists to serve the financial, emotional and spiritual need of St A’s & the surrounding community by providing economic support to programs, which address such needs, and to demonstrate giving back to God from our first fruits.

LSS Meals

Offering delicious healthy meal options throughout McLeod County for those 65+ and/or homebound. We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals plus a safety check. Youth groups, families, retired folks with a little extra time—all are welcome. For more info contact April Hulke 1-320-587-6029 Your help will be gratefully appreciated!



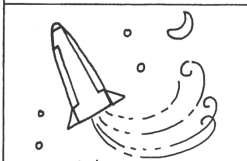

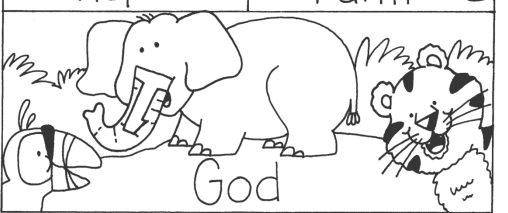
VBS Volunteers Meeting Sunday May 23rd at 9 am in the hospitality area. This meeting will help gather ideas as well as transmit and organize our efforts for VBS this summer, taking place June 7th -10th . Question? Contact Jen Ecktein:

religioused@stanastasia.net

God's Word for Children

Paul uses a certain number several times in his letter to the Ephesians (4:4-6). That number is hidden in each picture that goes with the word below it.

When you find each number, color it a dark color. Then read the phrases that tell what Paul says we all have.

 Body	 Spirit
 Hope	 Faith
 God	

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The Ascension of the Lord

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Look at all the letters in this house. Search in all directions, including forward and backward, to discover and circle ten places you can spread the gospel in your corner of the world!

Jesus Saves!

r	e	s	t	a	u	r	a	n	t	s	g	m
m	c	o	f	p	a	c	h	u	r	c	h	u
y	r	a	r	b	i	l	r	w	t	h	x	s
n	e	i	g	h	b	o	r	h	o	o	d	e
p	l	a	y	g	r	o	u	n	d	o	j	u
q	e	b	k	r	a	p	v	d	k	l	i	m
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Pastor Al



"Why do I welcome you to the parish with plastic fruit? The Gospel says 'Go and bear fruit that will remain.'"

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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 said to the Father, "As you sent me into the world, so I sent ..."

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E	M	T	W
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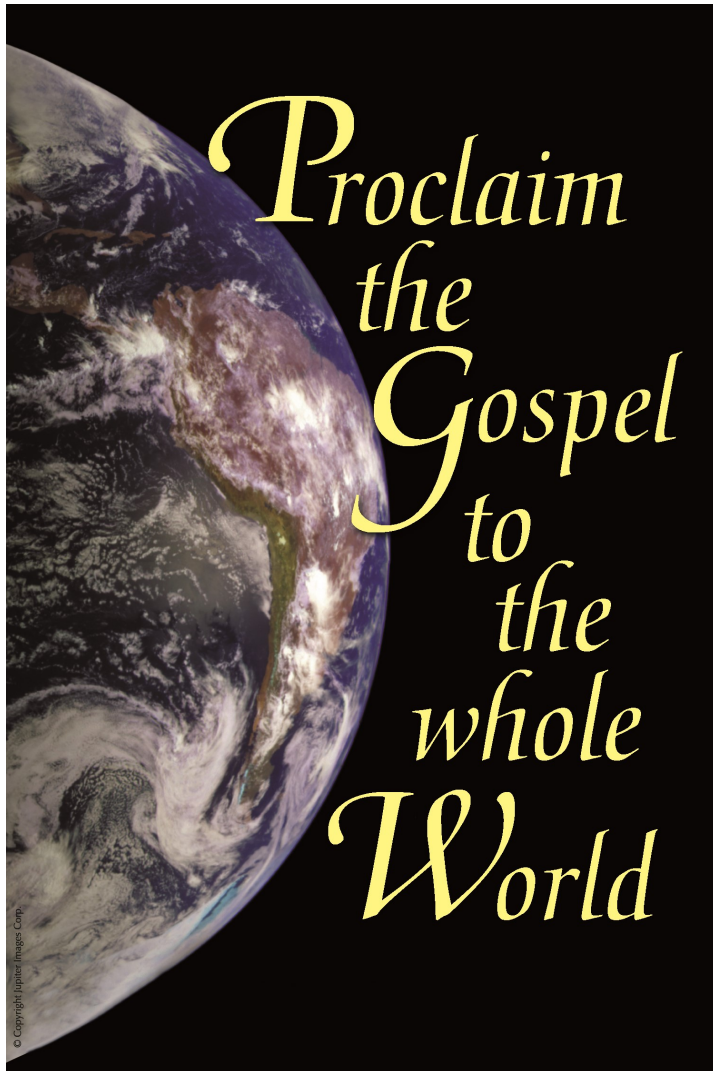
T _____ "

Answer: *them into the world*

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 Delores Muetzel Gloria Pohlmann Eric Haffley Wendy Stoll Sr Carmen Sonnek Teri Niemeyer Betty & Larry Gunderson Darlene Artmann Terry Bisbee Sheryl Mose Marilyn Reinarts Jerome Stoll Keitha Bomstad Amanda Kotila Connie Ericson Janice Kay Bogenrief, Brenda Popp, Zella Thode Special Intention Heidi Jagne Cristy Wallstrom Roseanne Genz

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:
May 9, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
May 9 Contributions	\$16,647
Total Contributions YTD	\$686,818
Total Budget YTD	\$692,308
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,263
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 8 weeks to make budget	\$16,169

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,504,840.00

Contributions Received \$640,626.00

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, 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	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> May 18, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	July 8, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Jason Jenise	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> May 4, 7pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jenise	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	May 5, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

Area Faith Community Staff

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Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490	secretary@stanastasia.net
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Michelle Niles, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net
Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
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
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

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