

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

JOHN 15:13



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

When we are young we learn a list of “dos” and don’ts.” Don’t cross the street without looking both ways. Do show respect for your elders. Don’t misbehave. Lend a hand in cleaning the dishes after a meal. The list is seemingly endless. Some grade school children learn the list well and follow all the rules. There is a comfort that can come from following the rules, doing what is expected, keeping the list. But there also comes a time when we grow out of childhood, internalize the purpose of the rules, and live as adults.

Even the Old Testament had a list, which today we refer to as the Ten Commandments. Here again, learning the list and following it is rather easy and straightforward. It’s literally a checklist as to how to be good and honorable in God’s sight.

But Jesus gives us a command in today’s gospel that supersedes all others. It is simply this: “love one another.” How much easier would it be to maintain a checklist, such as, going to church, celebrating the sacraments, fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But the command issued by Jesus is much more difficult. A command to love knows no bounds, knows no checklists. By this command Jesus invites us to an adult spirituality, no longer satisfied by keeping a list. We are not children who need to be told to help with cleaning up after dinner. We do this naturally out of love. And we likely do much more.

There is no box to check for “love.” Love does not count the cost or put a limit on what price is too high. Love can always do more. Love is based on a personal relationship with another that is not transactional but self-giving. As Jesus says in the gospel, his love for his friends reaches the point of laying down his own life for them. There is no boundary to what love calls us to do. And for that reason, we might prefer a list of dos and don’ts. But that is not what we receive from Jesus. We receive from him a command simple but demanding: “love one another.” *Living Liturgy*, p. 122.



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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a,
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-
2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thu: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph
1:17-23

Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8;
Jn 15:9-17

Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn
16:23b-28

Sun: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps
103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn
17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-
11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20



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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 10 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+++Amy, Rita, Joe Reiner
TUESDAY, May 11 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Don Guggemos Sr.
WEDNESDAY, May 12 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Dan Holy
THURSDAY, May 13 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Lisa Schreiner
FRIDAY, May 14 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Nick Helfert
SATURDAY, May 15 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions 6:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	+Larry Griep
SUNDAY, May 16 7:30am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Marian Braun +John E. Clasen & Family For Our Parish Community

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, May 12 7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, May 13 noon, St A Finance Council	St. Anastasia	parish office
SATURDAY, May 15 2pm, Miereing/Feibelkorn Wedding	St. Anastasia	
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

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

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!

Thank You!

Thank you to the Spring Cleaning Crew who refreshed and polished our church last weekend. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

Care Giver Support

It can be very difficult for those providing day to day care for a loved one to find support, useful services, or just take a break. Lutheran Social Services is providing some new on-line tools to help. You can use your own tablet/smart phone or borrow one of theirs. They can help you reduce stress, find free online support & discussion groups, solve problems, find resources, practice self care, provide family group mediation to help manage a challenging illness, situation or transition, as well as other services. For more information contact them at 1-800-488-4146, caregiver@lssmn.org or lssmn.org/caregiversupport

Totus Tuus Summer Program

St Pius X in Glencoe invites all students in grades 1-12 to join us for Totus Tuus program 9am-2:30pm, June 14-18. A team of 4 young adult missionaries from the diocese of New Ulm will be leading the program. For more info to www.stpiusxglencoe.org under the "Religious Education" tab or call Sue at 952-201-6802.

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 for these improvements.

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 additional 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.

Congratulations



This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Annelise Joy Churchill, daughter of Justin Churchill and Monica Lewandowski.

May she grow strong in her faith, surrounded by the love of her family, the support of our community and the enduring presence of her Lord.



Faith Formation

FEAST OF FAITH

The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a “rule of faith” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is “we,” but it is also “I.” In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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The Presence of the Holy Spirit

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—“the Holy Spirit ‘fell’ on them” (Acts 10:44)—is charac-

teristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this “baptism” is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John’s name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love 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 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.

Social Concerns

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

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 Make an impact in your community!

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:

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CATHOLIC CORNER

ALL OUR MOTHERS

Our country celebrates Mother's Day today. A particular flower is associated with Mother's Day—the carnation.

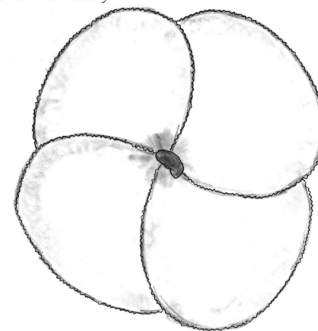
Anna Jarvis is the woman who had the idea for a day to honor mothers. Anna's mother died in 1905 after spending her life working to improve the lives of other people. Anna loved and admired her mother, so after her mother died, Anna worked to establish a day in her honor to honor all mothers. In May of 1907, Anna gave a talk at her church in Grafton, West Virginia, and handed out five hundred carnations to the mothers in attendance. The next year that church held a special Mother's Day service. By 1909, forty-six states held special services to honor mothers. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson officially designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. For 104 years people in the United States have continued to honor mothers on that day.

Anna Jarvis never wanted this day to be one for expensive presents, flowers, or candy. She wanted it to remain simple—a day to remember our mothers and stepmothers, living or dead, with our good thoughts and prayers. Anna declared the carnation the official flower of the day and the singular, "Mother's Day," as the correct spelling. She wanted attention to be paid to each mother individually.



How appropriate to celebrate Mother's Day during the Easter season! The day is a chance to honor our mothers and other women who are like mothers to us. We should also remember Mary, our heavenly mother. A mother's love reminds us of God's love, both of which give us life and help us grow.

Make some paper carnations like this one for your mother, stepmother, or other mother figure. Fill the petals with some words of your own and share them on this special day with the women you love and who love you.



Pastor Al®



"Your altar cloths are great, Ann Marie, but you can't sign them. I think you're developing an altar ego."

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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 his apostles,
"This I command you: ..."

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H	V	E	O
T	A	O	N
■	O	N	L

L _____ "

Answer: *love one another*

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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, Breda Popp, Zella Thode Special Intention

For the deceased: 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.



“It was not you who chose me,
 but I who chose you
 and appointed you
 to go and
 bear fruit
 that will remain,
 so that
 whatever
 you ask
 the Father
 in my name
 he may
 give you.”
 John 15:9-17



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Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
 May 3, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
April 25 Contributions	\$14,100
Total Contributions YTD	\$666,384
Total Budget YTD	\$676,923
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,145
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 8 weeks to make budget	\$16,702

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,501,059.88
Contributions Received	\$633,128.00

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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Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
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