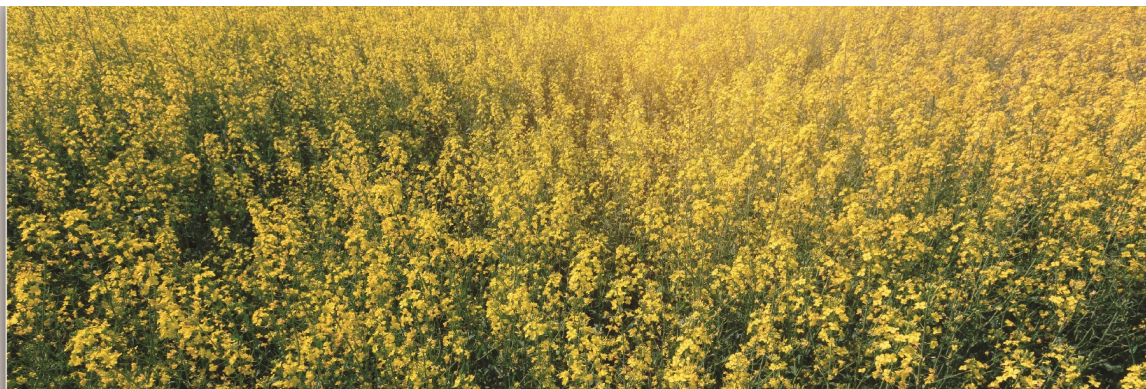


The kingdom of  
God is like  
a mustard seed  
that is the smallest  
of all the seeds.  
But once it is sown,  
it springs up  
and becomes the  
largest of plants.

MARK 4:31-32



Parables are a genre that seem to be relegated to the gospels; not many people speak in parables today. But Jesus, this was a routine way of teaching. Jesus' parables have many messages and people have differing interpretations of them. Some parables are ambiguous, others enigmatic. Our first parable today falls into the first category. The "seed growing secretly" has been interpreted in many ways. We are familiar with the gospel image of seed being scattered wherein the seed represents God's word. But today's gospel tells a different story. God's kingdom is likened to a man scattering seed upon the ground, and the seed grows without the man knowing how. But when the grain is ripe, the man comes with the sickle. The parable of the mustard seed is more familiar to us. Here too God's kingdom is likened to something, the mustard seed. The parable refers to it as the smallest seed of all, but it produces the greatest of all shrubs. This parable is more self-evident, the growth of the kingdom.

We are told that Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, but he explained them to his disciples privately. Jesus states: "The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that 'they may look and see but not perceive and be forgiven.'" (Mark 4:11-12) It may seem strange that Jesus would not want those on the outside to be converted and forgive. But like other Markan passages, this tells a great deal about the community for whom Mark wrote, and its sense of being persecuted. They were chosen to live in a relationship with him and one another. Those on the outside understood the word, but not the hidden meaning of the parables.

*Living Liturgy, pp.154.*

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



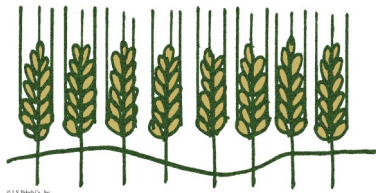
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***Home Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer at 6:30 pm***

***I am looking for host families, couples, or individuals to sponsor a home Mass and social time to follow. We will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass followed by a potluck lunch. Hosts are asked to provide a table for an altar, a place to put dishes for potluck, and a beverage (lemonade/water). Individuals in the neighborhood or parish are asked to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, and utensils for eating. No agenda, just prayer and social!***



## The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

They that are planted in  
the house of the LORD shall flourish  
in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

### Readings for the Week

**Mon:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4;  
Mt 5:38-42

**Tue:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt  
5:43-48

**Wed:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thu:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8;  
Mt 6:7-15

**Fri:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt  
6:19-23

**Sat:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt  
6:24-34

**Sun:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-  
31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



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55385

## This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Wednesday.</i>		
<b>MONDAY, June 14</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	
<b>TUESDAY, June 15</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 16</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Dan Holy
<b>THURSDAY, June 17</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Virgil Vacek
<b>FRIDAY, June 18</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
<b>SATURDAY, June 19</b> 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
<b>SUNDAY, June 20</b> 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Leander Notch, +Stephen Tauer +Donald Ludewig, +RJ McGraw For Our Parish Community

## Calendar

<b>TUESDAY, June 15</b> 7pm, St A's Admin. Council	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 16</b> 6:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	youth room
<b>FRIDAY, June 18</b> 3pm Wedding: Aimee Koelln & Adam Wegscheid		
<b>SUNDAY, June 20</b> Father's Day		
<b>TUESDAY, June 22</b> Youth Fundraiser 6:30pm, fall festival meeting	Jimmy's Pizza St. Anastasia	
<b>WEDNESDAY June 23</b> Daily Mass/Sky Zone (Edina)/Perkins <i>Subject to change: availability, drivers, and # of sign-up</i>		
<b>THURSDAY, June 24</b> 10am, Card Ministry	St. Anastasia	hospitality kitchen
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 30</b> 7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room



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



## Community Events

It's never too late (or too early) to look at St. Anastasia School to see if it would be a good fit for your child(ren) and family. You are always welcome to come and take a look around the school and classrooms. Email Principal Betty Jodzio at [principal@stanastasia.net](mailto:principal@stanastasia.net) to set up a tour. <https://www.stanastasia.net/elementary-school/> (link preview includes a picture of this year's K class)

### Kids' Depot

At Kids' Depot, we strive to develop an active curiosity about the world in which the child lives and to encourage an enthusiasm for learning while stimulating creativity and integrating Christian values. We have openings for the 2021-22 school year! If you'd like to learn more, call Michelle at 320-587-4760.



We've been having fun this week meeting new friends and building a friendship with St. Joseph at Vacation Bible School! Activities have included waking St Joseph, walking across the Mediterranean Sea and finding Jesus in our temple. Not to mention games, singing & Freezees! We'd also like to extend a big thank you to our volunteers who have been helping make this week a success!

### Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who helped with, or donated to, the recent Tootsie Roll Drive at St Boniface and St Anastasia. Thanks to you we raised \$1,056 dollars for local organizations providing services to those with developmental challenges. A special shout out to St Boniface who exceeded all their goals!

### 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.

### Family Help Needed

A family in our parish community is in need of some assistance. Mom in this family (mom, dad & three elementary aged children) is undergoing medical treatments that have left her unable to prepare meals for her family. If you can prepare a meal or two, drop it off at the parish office. We will keep everything refrigerated. A staff volunteer will deliver it to the family. Anything that can be kept refrigerated (or frozen) for a few days, heated and served will be greatly appreciated! If you can't help this week, perhaps next week (or the week after) it will be possible. And—please—keep this young family in your prayers at this difficult time. Thank you so much!

### St Boniface Cemetery Notice

A reminder in accordance with our cemetery policy, please remove any free-standing items not attached to the grave stone including plants, flowers and other decorative memorabilia which were placed in memory of loved ones for Memorial Day, by Monday, June 14 (within two weeks of the holiday). If you visit the cemetery and do not find your items by the gravesite, please know with the high winds recently, many decorations were blown off, but items that were recovered have been placed within the center cross area. Decorations not picked up by June 14 will be removed.

## Congratulations

Congratulations and blessings for

Jude Robert Robles

son of Jonathan and Gina Robles

who was baptized this weekend. May he grow in the strength of his faith, the love of his family and the support of our community!



### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that “the altar is Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table “on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes”; but it is also the place for a festive meal: “a table at which the Church’s children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for “body”) over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

### God’s Time

We either pay attention to or ignore “clock time” as we play in the summer sun and note the earth’s tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supper-time and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of “saving time,” that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

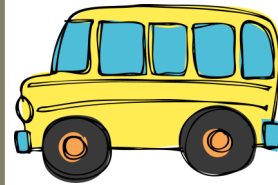
This Sunday’s readings alert us to the reality and the import of God’s time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the “harvest” time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

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### 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!



### 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.

### Water Carnival Float Help Needed

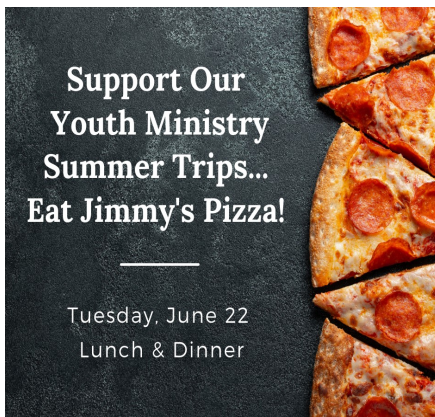
Birthright of Hutchinson is sponsoring a float in the annual Water Carnival Parade (June 20). They are in need of some children to ride the float and toss out candy treats. Please call Diane Jankowski at 612-227-6506 if you can help. Thanks!



## Youth Activities

### Jimmy's Pizza Fundraiser

Delicious pizza AND supporting a good cause... now that's a win-win! Jimmy's Pizza is supporting our Youth Ministry summer trips by donating 10% of all sales on Tuesday, June 22 (including dine-in, take-out and delivery for both lunch and dinner!) So, mark your calendars and plan on enjoying awesome food from Jimmy's this coming Tuesday. Take a look at their full menu here: <https://www.jimmypizzahutch.com/view-menu.html> \*tag @jimmypizzaofhutchinson in post



### Youth Group Kickoff - June 16

Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to join us this Wednesday, June 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Anastasia for fun, fellowship, kickball, a bonfire & smores. All are welcome, so invite a friend to come with you! The summer Youth Group schedule can be found at [stanastasia.net/st-anastasia-church/faith-formation-a-t-st-anastasia-church/catholic-community-faith-night/](http://stanastasia.net/st-anastasia-church/faith-formation-a-t-st-anastasia-church/catholic-community-faith-night/) Questions? Contact Jake at [youth-min@stanastasia.net](mailto:youth-min@stanastasia.net).



### Steubenville

Our high school students are getting excited for Steubenville in July! This weekend-long conference gives students the opportunity to learn from knowledgeable speakers, worship with live music, attend daily mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, experience a powerful adoration time, and so much more. Please pray for our students and chaperones that they may grow in their relationship with Jesus during this conference.



### June 23rd - Jump, jump, jump around!

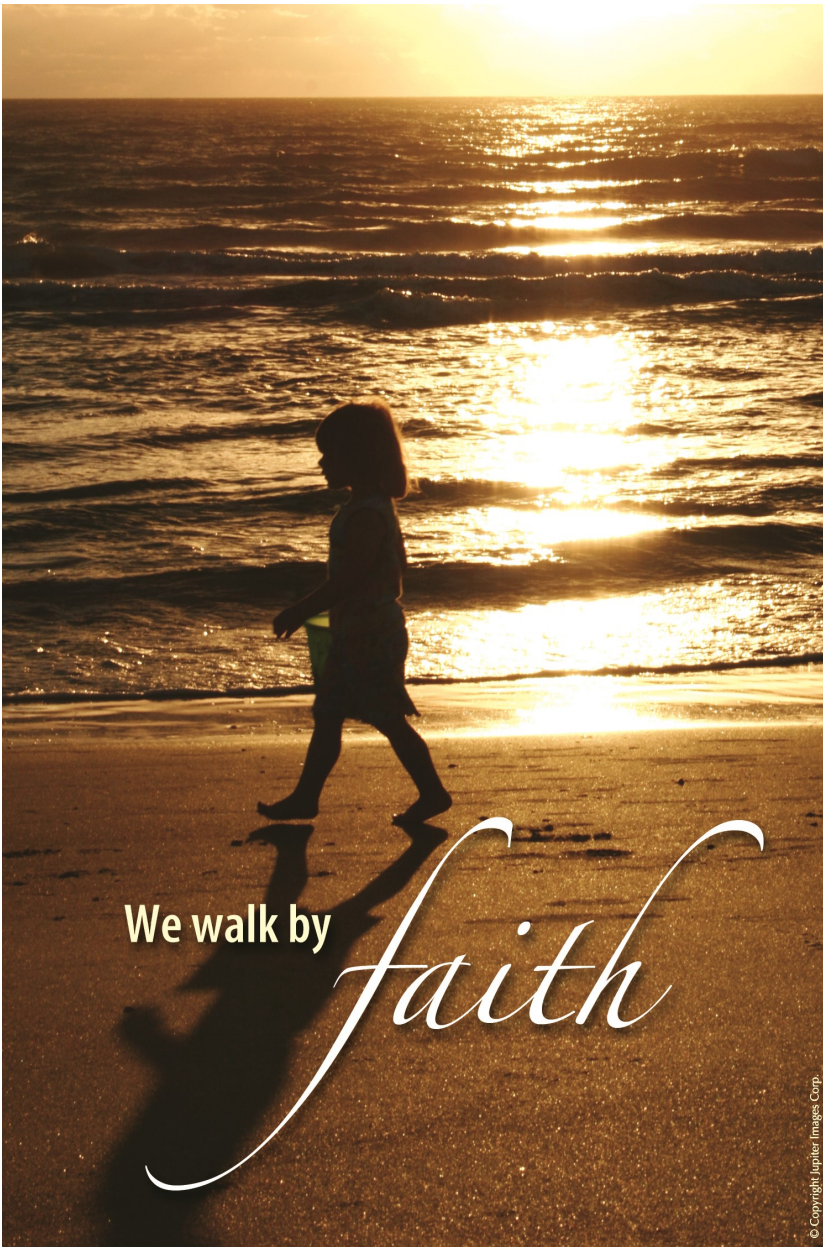
This Wednesday, our youth ministry group will be attending daily mass and then heading to SkyZone in Edina. If you want to join in on the next fun activity, take a look at the summer schedule here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0844a4ad2ea6ff2-2021>.



## 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 Sr Carmen Sonnek Teri Niemeyer Betty Gunderson Darlene Artmann Terry Bisbee Sheryl Mose Marilyn Reinarts Jerome Stoll Keitha Bomstad Janice Kay Bogenrief, Brenda Popp, Zella Thode Special Intention Heidi Jagne Cristy Wallstrom Roseanne Genz Melvin Klinkner Wayne Scott Larry Richmond

*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:  
June 6, 2021

Contribution Budget 2020-2021	\$800,000
June 6 Contributions	\$14,286
Total Contributions YTD	\$740,121
Total Budget YTD	\$738,462
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$15,419
Average weekly needed during 2020-21 to make budget	\$15,385
Average weekly needed for remaining 3 weeks to make budget	\$14,970

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,504,840.00
Contributions Received	\$660,400

### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish
Goal	Total rec'd Portion
\$50,517	\$46,970 \$9,394

<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.

### 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

<b>STA Administrative Council</b> Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> June 17, 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 Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> June 8, 7pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jennissen	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	July 7, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
<b>Knights of Columbus Squires</b>	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

## Area Faith Community Staff

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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.