



AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord; my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

The Canticle of Mary, Luke's gospel reading for today, can be difficult for those of us in "developed" countries to hear with its emphasis on overturning the privileged order. Many, if not most, of us benefit from the systems that give us in developed countries the best of the world's goods and services. On a global scale, we are counted among the rich. In fact, we may have more in common with the ancient Romans, who were also the beneficiaries of the economic order they established, than with the early Christian disciples.

Mary proclaims a profound reversal of fortune. The rulers are thrown down from their thrones and the lowly are lifted up. The rich are sent away empty while the hungry receive their fill. Mary sounds like she was quite a preacher! Is there any wonder where Jesus received his sense of justice and identification with those who were on the bottom rungs of society? These messages were imbibed by the young Jesus and we hear their echo in his own preaching as an adult.

The worldly standards do not apply with God. An upheaval is about to take place. For to God, the lowly will be raised and the hungry will be filled. Not only that, but the rulers and the rich will be cast down. Simply raising the downtrodden is not enough. Those with power will be reduced. With such a message it's no wonder Jesus was executed. Once we start talking about money and privilege, those with a vested interest in the status quo will do anything to maintain it.

These words of Mary's canticle are a warning shot across the bow. For those heretofore shut out of privilege, these words are hope that God has heard their cry. This message sets the stage for Jesus' own ministry, and ultimately ours.

Mary's words are a powerful reminder to us that those who enjoy the riches of the earth, who sit in positions of power, will be overthrown. The riches are not "ours" and power is not "for us." Instead, all is God's and will be shared with all. Gaming the system, hoarding, talking, controlling, will all be disrupted. This is the good news, and this is what Mary, the first disciple, proclaimed. Perhaps for this reason she is honored above others and was assumed into heaven. May our worldview be like hers in recognizing that God's priorities are not the world's. Living Liturgy, pp. 192-193

School starts shortly, a few tips for this transition:

1. *Set up a back-to-school routine. Create structure about going back with a school routine. You could include:*

- *what needs to be done each day for school like getting up, eating breakfast, dressing*
- *what help does your child need from you to get ready?*
- *what they can do on their own? (Establish these together).*

2. *Talk about going back to school. Most children deal with some level of stress or anxiety about school. They have insight into their school experiences, so find out what worries them by asking directly.*

3. *Help create a sense of school belonging. A sense of belonging at school can affect academic success and student well-being. Parents can facilitate positive attitudes about school by setting an encouraging tone when talking about it. Encourage questions children and teens may have about the next term. What will be the same? What will be different?*



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

Readings for the Week

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tue: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thu: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME LOCATION INTENTION

Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Friday.

MONDAY, August 16 *Due to Mass in the gym/school and afternoon/evening activities with children and a need for security and safety with doors locked, week day Masses will be at 7 am until we return to the Church. Please enter through the main front school doors.*

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Virgil Vacek

TUESDAY, August 17

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +George & Irene Herbert & Leroy

WEDNESDAY, August 18

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +John E Clasen & Family

THURSDAY, August 19

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Dan Holy

FRIDAY, August 20

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Dolores Shimanski

SATURDAY, August 21

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia
4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Ginny Hoffmann
+Dolores Shimanski
++Alvin & Helen Mickolich

SUNDAY, August 22

7:30am, Mass St. Anastasia +Ray Urban
9:00am, Mass St. Boniface +Jerry Ewert Jr
10:30am, Mass St. Anastasia
7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For Our Parish Community

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

TUESDAY, August 17

7pm, St A's Administrative Council St. Anastasia hospitality area

WEDNESDAY, August 18

7pm, Youth Nite St. Anastasia

TUESDAY, August 24

6:30pm, Fall Festival mtg. St. Anastasia cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, August 25

6-7pm, St a's School Open House St. Anastasia
7pm, Youth Nite St. Anastasia

THURSDAY, August 26

10am, Card Ministry St. Anastasia hospitality kitchen

SATURDAY, August 28

2pm, Suhr/Loftus wedding



The Roman Catholic Area Faith Community of St. Anastasia & St. Boniface

From the Diocesan Administrator

Last Sunday we celebrated the closing Mass at the Church of St. Gregory the Great. The auction for the parish church, social hall, rectory and vacant lot is scheduled for Sunday, August 15. I ask you to keep the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great in your prayers as we celebrate their closing Mass in their 80th year as a parish. We welcome them to Catholic churches in the area. Of note, St. Gregory the Great is the 32nd parish to close since the Diocese of New Ulm was erected in 1957. To date we have 60 parishes, 5 merged parishes and 3 oratories.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is preparing for a new level, which would include grades 1 and 2. Could you help us in the following areas:

- Paint figures. We would give you the figures and the model for painting.

- Build a small 'sacristy'. The template/

dimensions would be given to you for a simple cabinet for our model altar items.

- Build a small wooden outline of a priest: dimensions given.

- Build small simple vestment hangers, dimensions given. (We are 'downsizing' the atrium and need help making these smaller).

Any questions or offers to assist, please contact Jennifer Eckstein via the office (320.587.6507) or email at religioused@stanastasia.net

St A's Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee has possible openings for one or two members. The Committee meets quarterly to discuss issues and make suggestions for the improvement of the cemetery.

If you have an interest, please contact the parish office of Mick Schall, Cemetery Manager. New terms would start at the beginning of 2022.

CCW Rummage Sale

The Fall CCW Rummage Sale is tentatively schedule for Oct 21/22, depending on the construction schedule. We will keep you updated!

Family Help Needed

A family in our parish community is 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 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! And—please—keep this young family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Job Openings

Administrative Assistant: St Anastasia Catholic Community seeks a full time Administrative Assistant with duties including bookkeeping, Human Resource, and general office duties. Prior experience in "best practice" accounting procedures, data entry, computer adaptability, personnel procedures, and working as a team member are required Please send resume and letter of interest to pwolf@stanastasia.net.

St Anastasia School seeks a full time elementary teacher with a focus on music for the 2021/22 school year. This position includes additional instructional classroom responsibilities. Also seeking substitute teachers on an as needed basis. Please send resume and letter of interest to principal@stanastasia.net

Fall Festival Donations

We SO appreciate all the donations made for the Fall Festival. Normally we use the hospitality area to collect those donations (books, plants, soda , etc) during August. This year—because of the construction—we won't be able to do that. Please keep everything at home until the weekend before the Fall Festival. Beginning that weekend we will have a drop off area assigned. Again, thank you for your ongoing support of the Festival!

Paint With Friends at the Fall Festival

We have teamed up with the Paint Factory to offer a "take home" painting activity. You can choose to pick up your kit on the evening of Sat. Sept 11 and take it home, or gather a group of friends and paint together at the Festival after enjoying a hamburger from the KC stand. Order your kits online at www.stanastasia.net/fallfestival by Aug 31.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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The Destiny Of All Mortal Flesh

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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Meals on Wheels

The Hutchinson Area Meals on Wheels program delivering meals out of Hutchinson Hospital is in need of volunteer drivers. It takes about one hour and each driver is only asked to deliver meals once per month. If you can help, please call Dee Powell at 587-6067. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



School Supply Collection

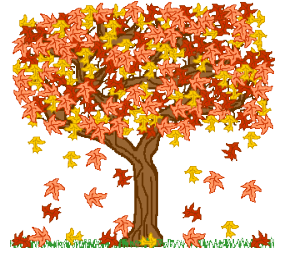
Common cup Ministry is coordinating a School Supply drive to help students in need begin the school year with all the necessary supplies for their grade. St A's is asked to contribute 20 backpacks, 50 #2 pencils (24 ct packages) 100 large pink eraser and 35 Prang water colors. Please drop off your donation in the Common Cup Tub in the entry way. Thank you for your generosity! We will collect thru August 6.



The queen stands
at your right hand



*Join us at the
St. Anastasia Fall Festival!*



Saturday, September 11

4:30 PM Mass

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM KC's Hamburger Supper, Live Music

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Country Store, Books & Plants Sale, Bake Sale

6:00 PM Group Painting Activity (Must pre-order kit online from the Paint Factory).
Please see our website for details or call the parish office.

Sunday, September 12

10:30 AM Polka Mass

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Car Show

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Chicken Dinner & KC Hamburger Lunch

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Kids' Activities & Games, Live Music, Bounce Houses, Country Store, Books & Plants Sale, Bake Sale

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM Bingo



Chicken dinner take-out and delivery available. Call Donna at the Parish Office at 587-6507 to order.

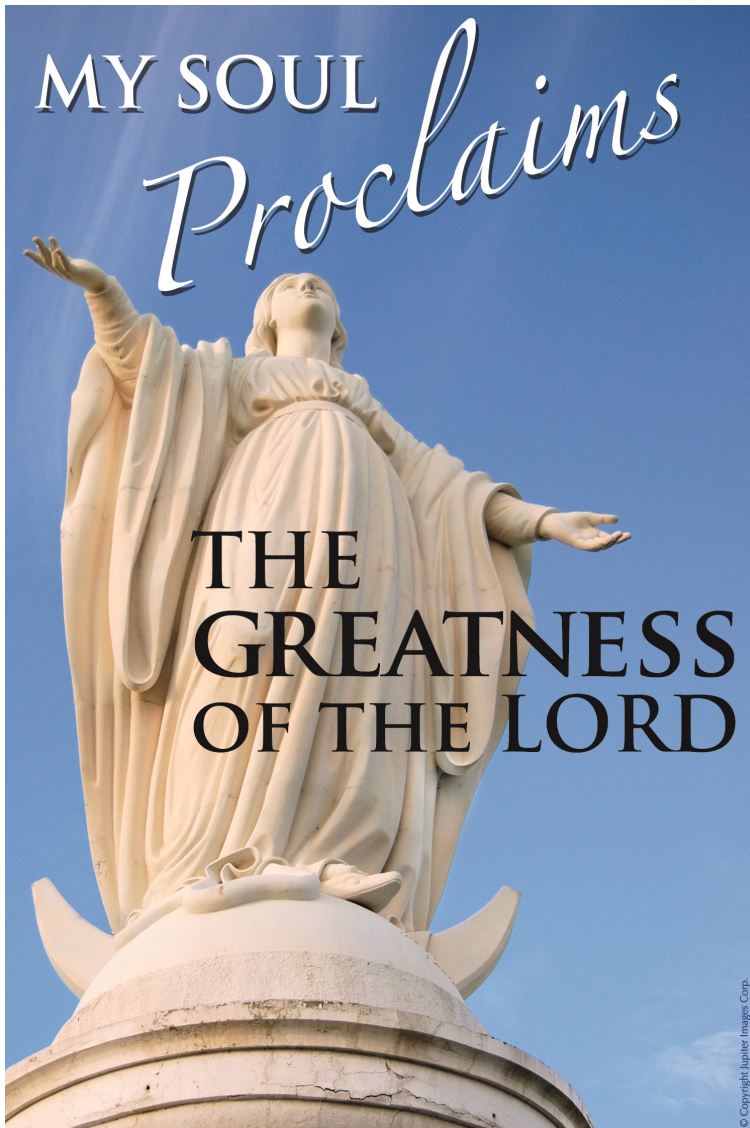
Please note that due to construction in the church, the exact location of each of the above events is TBD. Please check the bulletin, website or Facebook page for the latest information.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this event a success! There are many positions that need to be filled. Sign up after Mass or email Fr. Paul Wolf at pwolf@st-anastasia.net if you can help out.

Margie Navara Maureen Reiner Barb Olson Jenny Trettin Al Cotter Delores Beich Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl Delores Muetzel Gloria Pohlmann 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 Larry Richmond Sharon Nistler



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.



St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
August 9, 2021

Contribution Budget 2021-2022	\$847,550
Aug 8 Contributions	\$12,451
Total Contributions YTD	\$77,648
Total Budget YTD	\$32,598
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$12,941
Average weekly needed during 2021-22 to make budget	\$16,299
Average weekly needed for remaining 46 weeks to make budget	\$16,737

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received	\$1,505,332
Contributions Received	\$683,048
Fund balance	\$501,693.72

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish
Goal	Total rec'd Portion
\$50,517	\$54,595 \$10,522.36

St B's

\$3,999	\$4,425	\$885
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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

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

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council

Chair: Jim Fahey

usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Aug 18, 7pm

St Anastasia parish office

STB Administrative Council

Chair: Mark Maiers

TBA, 9am

St Boniface

church basement

Cemetery Committee

Chair: Jeff Lehn

TBA, 3pm

St Anastasia

parish office

School Advisory Committee

Chair: Jason Jennissen

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month

Sept 7, 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

Sept 9, 10am

St Anastasia

hosp. kitchen

STB Council of Catholic Women

TBA, 6pm

St Boniface

basement

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Mark Maiers

August 4, 7:30pm

St Anastasia

cafeteria

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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.