



August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is the fifth and final Sunday of our reading from John 6, the second longest chapter in the New Testament (Luke 1 is the longest). In addition we missed last week's (20th Sunday of Ordinary Time) reading of the "Bread of Life Discourse" due to the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. The Church gives us five Sundays with this chapter precisely because of its profound Eucharistic theology. What began with the multiplication of the loaves ends with nearly all of his disciples abandoning him and returning to their former way of life precisely because of this "hard" saying, the consumption of Jesus' very flesh and blood.

Jesus then asks the Twelve if they too will leave. We have the impression that if they had chosen to leave, Jesus would simply have started anew. He was not going to change his teaching to attract the crowds. Instead, he would teach what he knew to be true, for his words were Spirit and life. Jesus knows that nobody can come to him, can believe in him, unless it is granted by the Father. Faith is a gift! All the arguments, discussions, proofs, demonstrations, blog posts, and talks cannot guarantee faith. It is a gift given not by us, but by God.

How do the Twelve respond when Jesus asks whether they too might leave? Simon Peter answers with a question of his own: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...you are the Holy One of God." Thus we have in John's gospel Peter's "confession" that comes as the culmination of this profound chapter in which we have the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus' walking on water, and the bread of life discourse. After witnessing such deeds and speech Simon Peter speaks for all disciples, "To whom shall we go?" Jesus' words are everlasting life. To leave Jesus is in many senses to leave life itself. For Simon Peter, then, there is no other place or person to whom he might go. He is not returning to his former way of life. He has been introduced to something more, eternal life from the Word of God come down from heaven. For the one who has faith, in the face of such revelation there is no other choice.

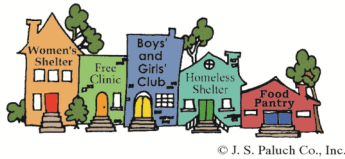
Peter's response can be our own when faced with the overwhelming mystery of the gift of faith in the one sent from God. Yet, we should be humble with respect to this mystery, for the gift is not given to all, but only to those whom the Father grants it. In light of this it is good to be patient with those who do not share our faith. And when another comes to faith we can be assured that it is not because of our wondrous evangelization, our dedication to a particular program, or our having memorized specific Scripture verses. God grants faith to those to whom he will. *Living Liturgy p. 198.*

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. What needs to be done each day for school: getting up, eating breakfast, dressing; what help does your child need from you? what they can do on their own?
2. Talk about going back to school. Most children deal with some level of stress or anxiety about school. Talk to them about 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? different?

Master, to whom shall we go?
**You have the words
of eternal life.**

John 6:68



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As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tue: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

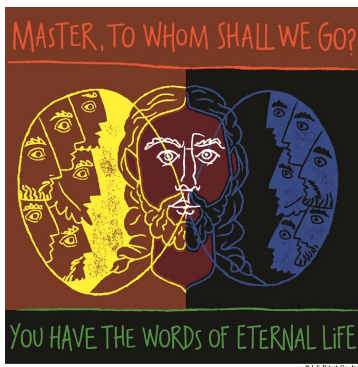
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
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Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Friday.

MONDAY, August 23 *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	
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TUESDAY, August 24

7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Michael van Overbeke
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WEDNESDAY, August 25

7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Melvin Klinkner
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THURSDAY, August 26

7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory & Limbo
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FRIDAY, August 27

7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
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SATURDAY, August 28

3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Chuck Nielsen ++Chuck McLagan, James Hartl

SUNDAY, August 29

7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Eckstein Family
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	Dan & Frances Swedzinski
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Parish Community

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

TUESDAY, August 24

6:30pm, Fall Festival mtg.	St. Anastasia	cafeteria
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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
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SATURDAY, August 28

2pm, Suhr/Loftus wedding	St. Anastasia	gym
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MONDAY, August 30

First Day of School Year!

WEDNESDAY, September 1

7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
7:30pm, KCs	St. Anastasia	cafeteria

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



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.

St A's Fall Festival

Volunteers Needed!

Many volunteers are needed to make the Fall Festival a success!~ Help is needed with set up, tear down, kids' games, the chicken dinner and more. There are volunteer sheets outside of the school gym. Or sign up online at stanastasia.net/fall-festival Please, grab a friend and sign up for a shift! Thank You!

Entertainment at the Festival!

There will be live music, Bingo, kids' entertainment, shopping, great food and a new painting activity 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 for the KC stand. Order your kits online at stanastasia.net/fall-festival by Aug 31. All materials needed and step by step instruction are included.

Donation Collecting Begins Sept 4 & 5

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.

Country Store

Looking for: vases, ice cream buckets, fresh produce (potatoes, tomatoes, apples, etc), houseplants, dish towels, dried flowers, perennials, annuals and all those other Country Store goodies!

Other Donations

Donations for the chicken dinner and kids' games are appreciated. We are in need of cakes for the cake walk, 2 liter bottles of pop, tubs of ground coffee, butter, fruit pies & more! Sig up sheets can be found outside of the school gym. Or sign up online at stanastasia.net/fall-festival Thank You!

Got Your Raffle Tickets?

Make sure to pick up your raffle tickets outside of the school gym. The raffle is our biggest fundraiser. Great cash prizes are up for grabs!



FEAST OF FAITH Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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Decisions

There is an axiom that states, “Not to decide is to decide.” This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the

moral questions raised by our nation’s involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won’t be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God’s word: Take the risk. Decide!

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Saint Monica

Saint Monica (c. 332 – 387) was an early African Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo.. She is remembered and honored in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.

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

Thank you for your generosity in donating to our School Supply collection.

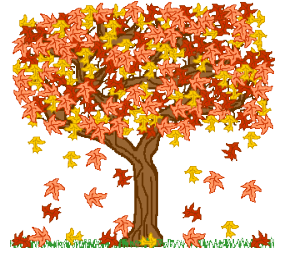
Thanks to you McLeod County students will go to school this year well supplied and ready to learn! Their teachers and their parents are deeply appreciative of your willingness to help our young people. Thank you!



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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 Dar-
lene Artmann Terry Bisbee Sheryl Mose Marilyn Reinarts Je-
rome Stoll Keitha Bomstad Janice Kay Bogenrief, Brenda Popp,
Zella Thode Special Intention Heidi Jagne Cristy Wallstrom Roseanne
Genz Larry Richmond Sharon Nistler



Names will be listed for one month, if you would like to continue your pray request after that
time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.

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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St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
August 16, 2021

Contribution Budget 2021-2022	\$847,550
Aug 15 Contributions	\$11,830
Total Contributions YTD	\$89,477
Total Budget YTD	\$32,598
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$12,782
Average weekly needed during 2021-22 to make budget	\$16,299
Average weekly needed for remaining 45 weeks to make budget	\$16,846

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received	\$1,505,332
Contributions Received	\$683,048
Fund balance	\$512,146.53

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

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

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

Area Faith Community Staff

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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.