



RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27

Today we return to the Gospel of Mark after a five week trip through John . In some ways Mark may seem to be familiar territory after the theological digression through the bread of life discourse. There are some explanatory notes in the gospel today that seem intended for a non-Jewish audience. Mark tells us about some Jewish practices of the time that would have been unfamiliar to the readers of his gospel. For this reason among others the audience would have been sizable, if not majority, Gentile. So quickly (a few decades) after Jesus' death and resurrection the gospel message moved beyond the Jewish soil where it first took root, and grew among Gentiles.

With this gospel reading it is as though we are listening in to one side of a family feud. We hear the early Christians' take on their elder sibling's faith. Not surprisingly, the Christians were critical of Jewish practices, claiming they missed the point. But it would be a misreading to see this only as a history lesson. The practices criticized in this gospel are perilously close to those of any religious person. There is a strong temptation to believe that we, by our actions and good deeds, make ourselves worthy of God. It can be easy to focus on the externals of religious practice and miss the point of religion. It can be easy to focus on ritual washing, or any ritual, and miss the deeper, more meaningful action that the ritual points to. All of the focus on the external ritual can cause us to forget that this is a celebration of God.

The early Christians criticized those who would misplace the emphasis on the externals. Their admonitions not for their theological opponents only. It's also for us.

Why is it easy to think that if we "do it right" all will be well? In fact we all have had experience with so much time and energy going into presentation, preparation, details, etc, that we are left missing the mark. We have probably seen this happen at holiday gatherings, birthday parties and more. But it can also happen in one's day-to-day routine. Things need to be fixed, addressed, or made better. Our attention on these details, important as they may seem, can pull us away from real human beings seeking relationship. Being present, without distraction, to those around us is often a more profound gift than any other external.

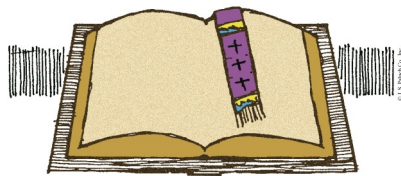
Rather than focus on externals, this gospel reminds us to take a few moments to examine what really matters. Once we do that, we can place our focus there. This may cause us to reprioritize our thoughts and actions, but that is precisely the point.

WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wed: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thu: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Fri: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Sat: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, August 30	<i>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.</i>	
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Mary Ludowese
TUESDAY, August 31		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Gary Endres
WEDNESDAY, September 1		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Lisa Schreiner
THURSDAY, September 2		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Michael van Overbeke
FRIDAY, September 3		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	In Thanksgiving
SATURDAY, September 4		
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Alvin & Margaret Schlueter, Rose Mary Dudek +Marie Nadle
SUNDAY, September 5		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Michael Wegscheid Members of the Krebsbach Family
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	++Melvin & Alyce Klinkner
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	For the Hearts & Minds of Expectant Mothers & Fathers
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Parish Community

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

MONDAY, August 30	First Day of School Year!	
WEDNESDAY, September 1		
7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
7:30pm, KCs	St. Anastasia	cafeteria
TUESDAY, September 7		
7pm, St A's School Advisory Comm.	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, September 8		
7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, September 9		
Noon, St A's Finance Council	St. Anastasia	parish office
SEPTEMBER 11/12	St A's Fall Festival!	



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

Knights of Columbus

Today is a historic day for the Knights of Columbus and for the Catholic Church. It is the first feast day of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

This is a day of celebration, reflection and prayer. The Church has chosen Aug 13 to honor our Founder because it falls one day after the anniversary of his birth and one day before the anniversary of his death, when he entered eternal life. During the 38 years in between, Father McGivney answered God's call to defend the family and the faith, most notably by founding the Knights of Columbus. In the words of our Supreme Convention theme, which were drawn from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on St Joseph, our Founder truly embodied "creative courage" in service to God—and his example should inspire us all to live boldly in faith.

We will have a payer service, in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney's feat day on Sept 1, 6:30pm, in the church at St Anastasia. We would like to invite our parish community to join us in prayer.

St John's Nights of Columbus, Council 4797

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 or Mike Schall, Cemetery Manger. New terms would start at the beginning of 2022.

Festival Dinner Delivery

There will be meal delivery available at the Fall Festival ! If you would like your meal delivered, please call the parish office no later that 4:30pm, Friday, Sept 10. Thank you for your cooperation!

Wedding
Congratulations to:

**Valerie Suhr
&
Ryan Loftus**



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: fruits, vegetables, houseplants, perennials, cut flowers, dried grasses, garden tools, vases, ice cream buckets, bird house, bird feed, etc.

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

What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ’s command to “do this.” The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord’s disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

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Doers of the Word

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience

rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

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Saint Gregory the Great

Pope Gregory I (540 – 604), commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great, was the bishop of Rome from 3 September 590 to his death. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, to convert the Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity. Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. Pope Gregory was well known for his alms to the poor. It was said that he was the best student of grammar, logic, and dialectic in the city of Rome. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, teachers and students.

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.

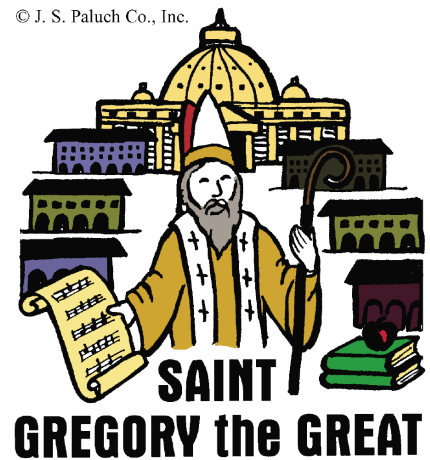


School Supply Collection

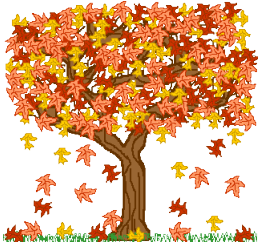
Thank you for your generosity in donating to our School Supply collection.

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!

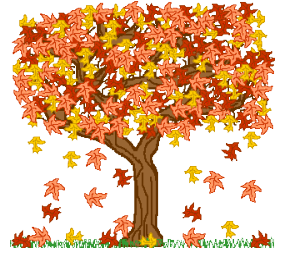
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**SAINT
GREGORY the GREAT**



*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.

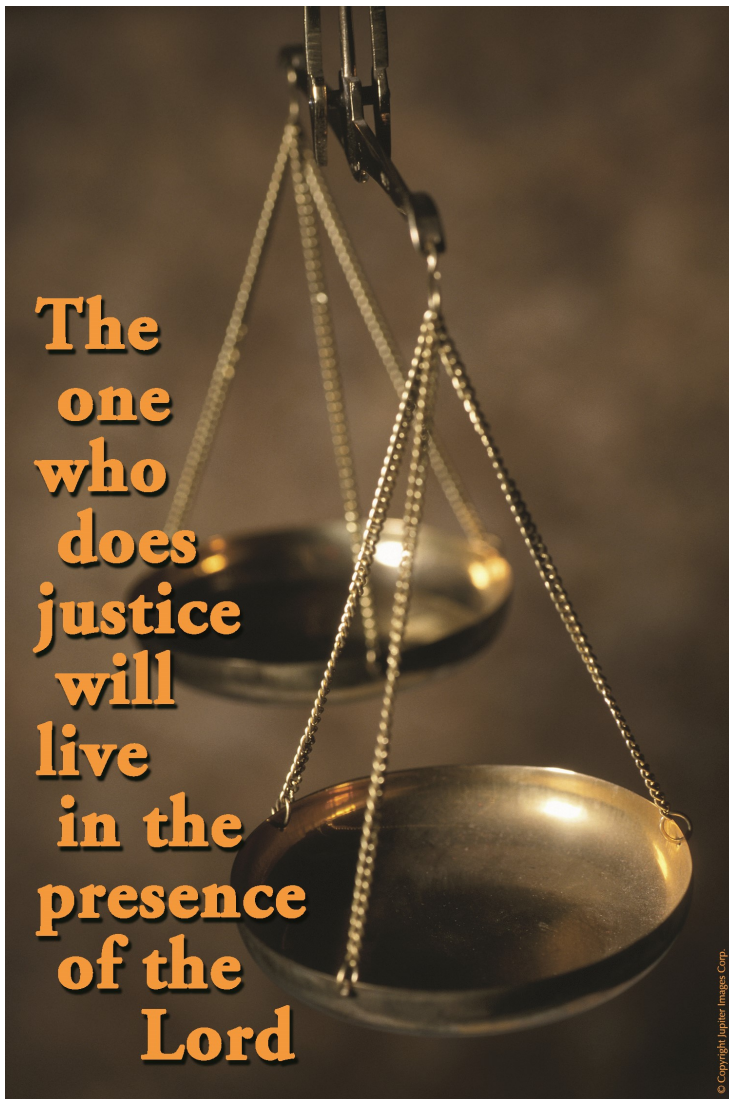
We are in need of volunteers to help make this event a success! There are many positions that need to be filled. Sign up after Mass or email Fr. Paul Wolf at pwolf@st-anastasia.net, if you can help out.

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 Keitha Bomstad Janice Kay Bogenrief, Brenda Popp, Zella Thode Special Intention Heidi Jagne Cristy Wallstrom Roseanne Genz Larry Richmond



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.



St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
August 23, 2021

Contribution Budget 2021-2022	\$847,550
Aug 22 Contributions	\$10,337
Total Contributions YTD	\$99,814
Total Budget YTD	\$32,598
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$12,477
Average weekly needed during 2021-22 to make budget	\$16,299
Average weekly needed for remaining 44 weeks to make budget	\$16,994

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received	\$1,505,332
Contributions Received	\$683,048
Fund balance	\$512,232

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	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> 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	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> 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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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
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St. Boniface Cemetery		
Richard Navara, Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 320-562-2128	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.