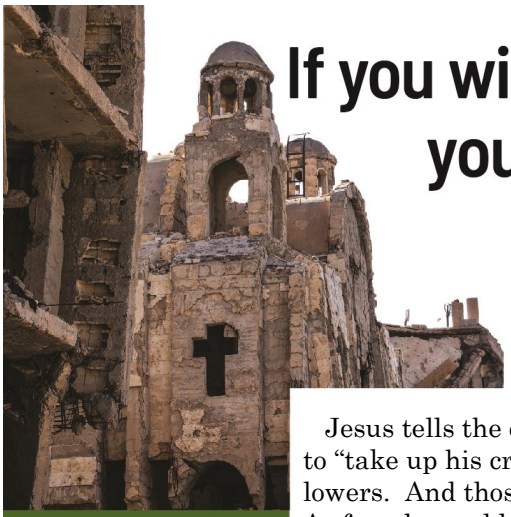

If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

Jesus tells the crowds and his disciples that to be one of his followers one must be ready to "take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus does not need admirers. But he does want followers. And those followers might get hurt. In fact, they are told to take up their cross. As founder and leader of this movement, Jesus foretells his own suffering and death. This met with incredulity on Peter's part so much so that he rebukes Jesus! True to his form, Peter's rebuking of Jesus comes on the heels of his confession that Jesus is the Christ. It seems Peter misunderstood the implication of his own confession. Our own understanding of who Jesus is, and what he is to do, may not conform to the reality of who and what he is to do.

This story of "Peter's confession" forms the centerpiece of the Gospel of Mark. Not only is it in the literal center of the gospel (chapter 8 of 16 chapters) but it is the narrative center as well. We the readers learned in Mark 1:1 that this is the gospel of Jesus *Christ*, the Son of God. Now in chapter 8, for the first time in the gospel, a human being (Peter) recognizes Jesus for who he is, the Christ. Not until the death of Jesus will another human being (the centurion) recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

Nowhere in the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, does it say that the Messiah would die, much less even suffer. This is likely why Peter rebukes Jesus after Jesus says he will suffer and die. Peter thinks Jesus has it all wrong: the Christ is not going to suffer, but will rule triumphantly. Jesus, however knows otherwise. Jesus can only be the Christ, the Son of God, by suffering and dying on the cross. His disciples are called not to be mere admirers, but to take up their crosses and follow him.

It's so much more convenient and easy to be an admirer of Jesus rather than a follower. But Jesus is not calling admirers. He wants those who will take up their own cross in following him. Our crosses will be those burdens we carry by doing justice, as Jesus did. We will bear our crosses when we tend to the sick, shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, and more. The Corporal Works of Mercy. Performing these acts of mercy takes us outside our ourselves. It places others' needs ahead of our own. We die to self so that others might live. Following Jesus is not about convenience, easy living, or mere admiration. We only need o see the image of the cross to be reminded of that. As Jesus had his cross, we have ours. To be his disciples, we are to take it up and carry it. *Living Liturgy pp210-211*

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

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St. Anastasia Fall Festival – September 11 & 12 – All Are Welcome!!

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord GOD is my help
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tue: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

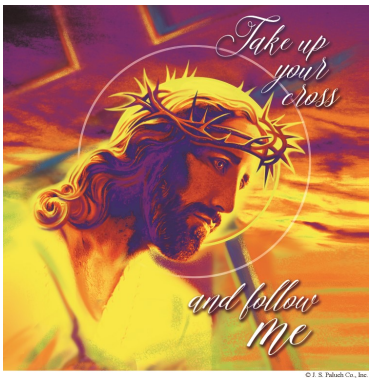
Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27

Thu: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;



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Hutchinson, MN 55350
Office Hours: M-F, 8am-4:30pm
Phone: 320-587-6507
Emergencies: 507-829-0965

St. Boniface Catholic Church
551 Main Street, Stewart, MN 55385

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION

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

MONDAY, September 13		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Myron Seifert
TUESDAY, September 14		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Truent Berge
WEDNESDAY, September 15		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Greg Jodzio, +Clint Glesener
THURSDAY, September 16		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Robert Schmid
FRIDAY, September 17		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Michael van Overbeke
SATURDAY, September 18		
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Don Guggemos, Sr Patti McNelly, Josilyn Morical
SUNDAY, September 19		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Eckstein Family
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+Marie Sprenger
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Chuck Nielsen, +Cindy Farenbaugh
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Edward Vasko

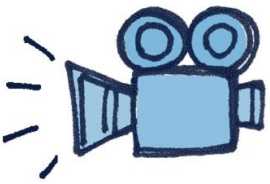
Calendar of Events

MONDAY, April 13		
6:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, September 15		
7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
FRIDAY, September 17		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
MONDAY, September 20		
6:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
TUESDAY, September 21		
7pm, Administration Council	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, September 22		
7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
THURSDAY, September 23		
10am, Card Ministry	St. Anastasia	parish office
FRIDAY, September 24		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
SATURDAY, September 25		
2pm, Wedding: Jennifer Schommer & Taylor Hohler	St. Anastasia	gym

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

Community News

Thank You a Thousand Times



Dan Dooley has been video taping weekend Mass and delivering them to our local cable access station for 28 years! Thanks to his efforts we have been able— since long before live streaming became possible— to enjoy mass from home. Dan is stepping down from behind the camera to pursue other interests. Please join our staff in thanking him for his years of dedicated service!

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.

Cemetery Decorations

The decoration policy at St. Anastasia Cemetery permits flowers on graves from May 1 until Oct 15. Wreaths are permitted on graves from Nov 1 until Jan 15. **Please remember to remove all flowers & flower stands in a timely fashion.** If flower stands freeze into the ground and we need access to dig a grave, the stands will be cut off at ground level.

Chicken Pie Supper

The Hector United Methodist Church invites you to join them for a Chicken Pie Supper, Sept 15, serving 4pm-8pm. Driveup/Takeout Only. Free will donation. Chicken & biscuits, real mashed potatoes, homemade baked beans, coleslaw and desert

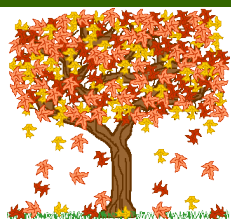
Baptismal Congratulations to:

Eli Paul Swanson

Son of

Alex & Emily

St A's Fall Festival



THANK YOU—to everyone who has worked so hard to make this year's Fall Festival a success! A special thanks to all our guests and visitors for joining us on our special day!

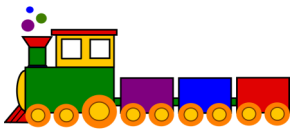
It will take a few weeks to get all the financial results finalized but we will get the information to you as soon as we can! Thanks for your patience.

St. Anastasia School

Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

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 to set up a tour.

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 a few openings for the 2021-22 school year in our day care/latch key and preschool programs! If you'd like to learn more, call Michelle at 320-587-4760.

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.

Faith Formation

ADULT FORMATION

GriefShare. It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Our 13 week session begins September 13 at 6:30 PM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.

That Man Is You. (TMIY) That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Our 13 week session began September 10 at 6 AM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.

Its All About Control

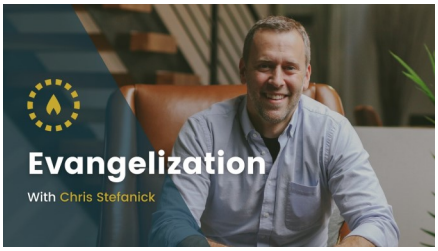
From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

FEAST OF FAITH

Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.



Evangelization with Chris Stefanick. We are all on a mission. Do you know what it is? Have you planned the goals and oriented your life to achieve it? Pope Paul VI famously said, "the Church exists to evangelize" - that is, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples.

Spreading the Gospel and inviting others into a relationship with Christ is not just the priest's job; it is the responsibility of all baptized Catholics. What does that look like in our modern world? How do we do it effectively? Let renowned speaker, writer, and expert Chris Stefanick teach you his tried and true methods of spreading the Gospel, that is, evangelization. In his three hour course, Chris breaks down the why, the how, and the what of effective ministry to help Catholics of all backgrounds fulfill the Church's mission.

Our sessions begin the week of September 13. We will email you (if we have your email) the session to be watched and invite you to a Facebook round table of discussion on the topic of the week, Fridays at 4:30 PM.

Religious Education

Are you ready to **Put Out Into The Deep** for 2021-2022 Faith Formation?!?!
We have some exciting news for the future of Faith Formation at St. Anastasia!

Class times:
Ages 3 to 5 with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 2 options, both limited to 10 children: Sundays 10:00 am to 11:00 am (then brought into Mass) or Tuesdays 9:45 am to 11:00 am
Grades 1-5: Sundays 9:00 to 10:15 am (more information to follow regarding the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist).
Grades 6 to 11: Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Class Guides are needed and we will meet prior to classes starting.
Classes begin Sunday October 3rd and Wednesday October 6th .

The Big News:
Confirmation this March 5th: 9th to 11th grades
Confirmation fall 2022: current 8th graders
That's right, we are moving Confirmation preparation to 7th & 8th grades and seeking to bring the Spirit more fully into our youth in the fall of their 9th grade year!
Parent Meeting for 6-11th grade students: Wednesday October 6th

Registration forms will be found at the Parish Fall Festival, on a table in the back of the gym and on our website.
Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of the parish as a Class Guide or Assistant this year!
Questions/comments can be sent to either Jen Eckstein at religioused@stanastasia.net or Jake Burmis at youthmin@stanastasia.net

Social Concerns

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 News

Kids are back and enjoying the first weeks of school.

Marathon kick off was on Thursday, September 1st.

Students will be out and about asking for donations.

It has been wonderful to see students reconnecting, making new friends and welcoming our new families.

Our garden has been fruitful. We had a watermelon win 1st prize at the McLeod County Fair!

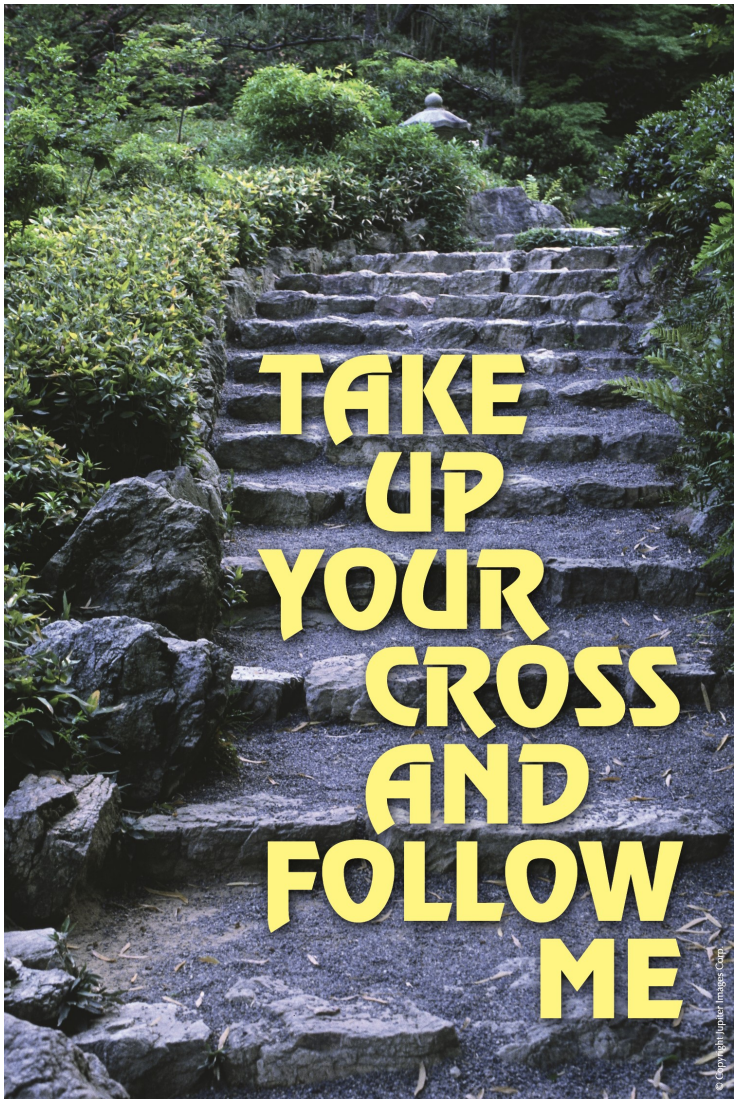
Meet Aria Strauss, our new specialist teacher.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

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 Logan Erpelding

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.



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
September 6, 2021

Contribution Budget 2021-2022	$847,550
Sept 5 Contributions	$14,586
Total Contributions YTD	$123,676
Total Budget YTD	$32,598
Average weekly given in 2020-21	$13,742
Average weekly needed during 2021-22 to make budget	$16,299
Average weekly needed for remaining 42 weeks to make budget	$17,235

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received	$1,505,332
Contributions Received	$683,048
Fund balance	$517,497.37

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

St A's		Parish
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
$50,517	$54,595	$10,522.36
St B's		
$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 if 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	*usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month*		
Chair: Jim Fahey	Sept 21, 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	*usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month*		
Chair: Jason Jennissen	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
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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Kevin Scott, Facility Manager	320-583-0807 (cell)	
St. Boniface Staff		
Millie Navara, Administration	320-562-2463	mmnavara@embarqmail.com
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Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490	secretary@stanastasia.net
Kids' Depot Daycare & Preschool		
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Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
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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
St. Anastasia Cemetery	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery	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.