



**Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me
but the One who sent me.**

Mark 9:37

The disciples are examples for us in so many ways, but today their example might not be what we expected. Here not only do they misunderstand Jesus but they are afraid to ask him any questions. They are arguing amongst themselves. So Jesus turns the table and questions them. He wants them to tell him what they were arguing about. This almost sounds like a family squabble among the children where the parent has to step in and put a foot down. Perhaps like petulant children called on the carpet, the disciples remain silent. They do not have an answer for Jesus.

In this the way the disciples really act? Are these the saints we revere? Are their actions worthy of emulation? The disciples serve as an example for us in that despite their misunderstanding, their arguments, even their petty jealousies about who would be the greatest, they continued to follow Jesus. Jesus does not expect perfection. The disciples clearly show that! Jesus accepts people for who they are and where they are. He asks that they follow him.

Jesus then teaches the Twelve about leadership and being counted as the first. The leader is to be the servant. This upends ancient ideas and certainly modern thinking about being “number one.” Power, riches, and authority are often used to amass more. But for Christians it is to be different. For those who desire to be first, the greatest, the best, they are to be the last, the least, the servant of all.

Jesus places a child, one who has virtually no power or authority, in their midst. A child cannot return in like manner the kindness shown to it. The relationship with a child is one where we provide for and care for the child without expectation of return. Parents pour out hearts (and wallets) for their children. Christian discipleship is likened to that relationship. Rather than doing political favors for those who can (and do) repay in kind, we are invited to accept the child and all the self-giving on our part that entails. This, rather than clawing one's way to the top, is the true marker of Christian love and service. (Living Liturgy, p. 214)

Twenty-fifth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

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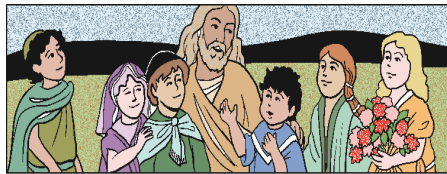


Start Dates:

Group Leaders: September 19 & 26 or September 22 & 29

Students: Sunday, October 3rd or Wednesday October 6

***Link for Online Registration, Program, and Class Calendars:
www.stanasasia.net***



The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

Readings for the Week

Mon: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tue: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sun: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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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 20

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, September 21

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Wayne Scott

WEDNESDAY, September 22

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Dan Holy

THURSDAY, September 23

9am, Mass St. Anastasia +Ray Urban

FRIDAY, September 24

7am, Mass St. Anastasia + Brynn Engstrom
+ Henry Endres

SATURDAY, September 25

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia In Thanksgiving
+Greg Newcomb

4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia

SUNDAY, September 26

7:30am, Mass St. Anastasia John Clasen family
9:00am, Mass St. Boniface +Dick & Marie Richards
10:30am, Mass St. Anastasia ++Bill & Lucille Dufresne
7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Birdie Lehn

Calendar of Events

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

MONDAY, April 27

6:30pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia hospitality area

WEDNESDAY, September 29

7pm, Youth Nite St. Anastasia youth room

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

Community News

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 Manager. 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.

Baptismal Congratulations to:



Reuben Vincent Miller
son of
Reuben and Christine

SCRIP

Just a reminder: SCRIP is available for sale after weekend masses and during regular business hours at the St A's parish office.

SCRIP allows you to purchase gift cards for hundreds of local/national merchants. You always receive a card for the full value of your purchase. In addition the parish receives a small rebate from each of the vendors. The proceeds go to support the educational programs of St A's. The profit you generate can be applied to the tuition of any student you choose or to the Education Fund.

Gift cards are now available for Marshall's in \$25 and \$100 denominations.

Gift cards are particularly useful for on line ordering. None of your personal information is required to use them.

St A's Fall Festival

Thank You!

—to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Fall Festival a success!



RAFFLE WINNERS

(because you always want to know that first!)

\$100 winners: Steven Bakkum, Dean Gauer, Cynthia Johnson, Janice Miner, Angie Miller

\$200 Winners: Roger DeMeyer, Barb Olson, Sheryl Miller, Rhonda Kramer

\$300 Winners: John Sawyer, Judy Read, Jen Pollei

\$500 Winners: Genevieve Schmit, Lynn Nelson

\$1,000 Winner: Cheryl Muellerleile

We had great weather, great volunteers, great entertainment and great fun—a lot to be happy about! We are still receiving some Fall Festival funds and are still waiting for some Fall Festival bills, but we hope to have some solid numbers in the next week or two. Right now, early returns look like we will also be happy about the financial report!

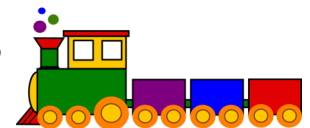


St. Anastasia School

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.



ADULT FORMATION

GriefShare.

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare. Grief-



Share 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

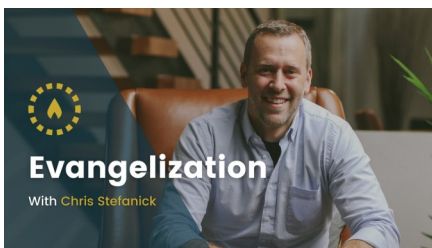
From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life,"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

Marathon Magic!



The Marathon for Non-public Schools is October 1st! This is the largest school fundraiser and we need your help! Our goal is \$50,000.

What is the Marathon and why do we do it?

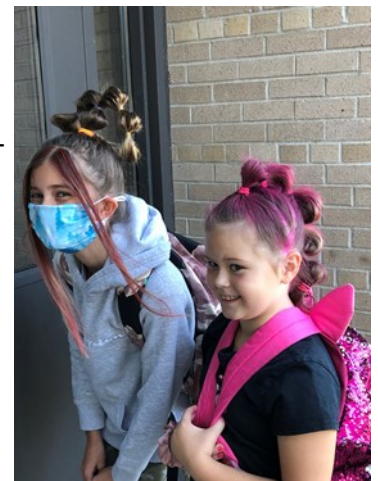
The Marathon for nonpublic education is for our school. Every cent of every dollar donated goes direct-

ly to funding the operations of our school and to provide the best education for our students.

We do this to keep tuition and others costs to families as low as possible.

Many of our donations for the Marathon come from businesses in town that have or had children at St. Anastasia school.

Students receive incentives for every \$1,000 they bring in. This week they hit the \$1,000 mark! Their incentive was Wacky Hair Day which took place on Tuesday.



We appreciate you and all you do for the continued success of our school!

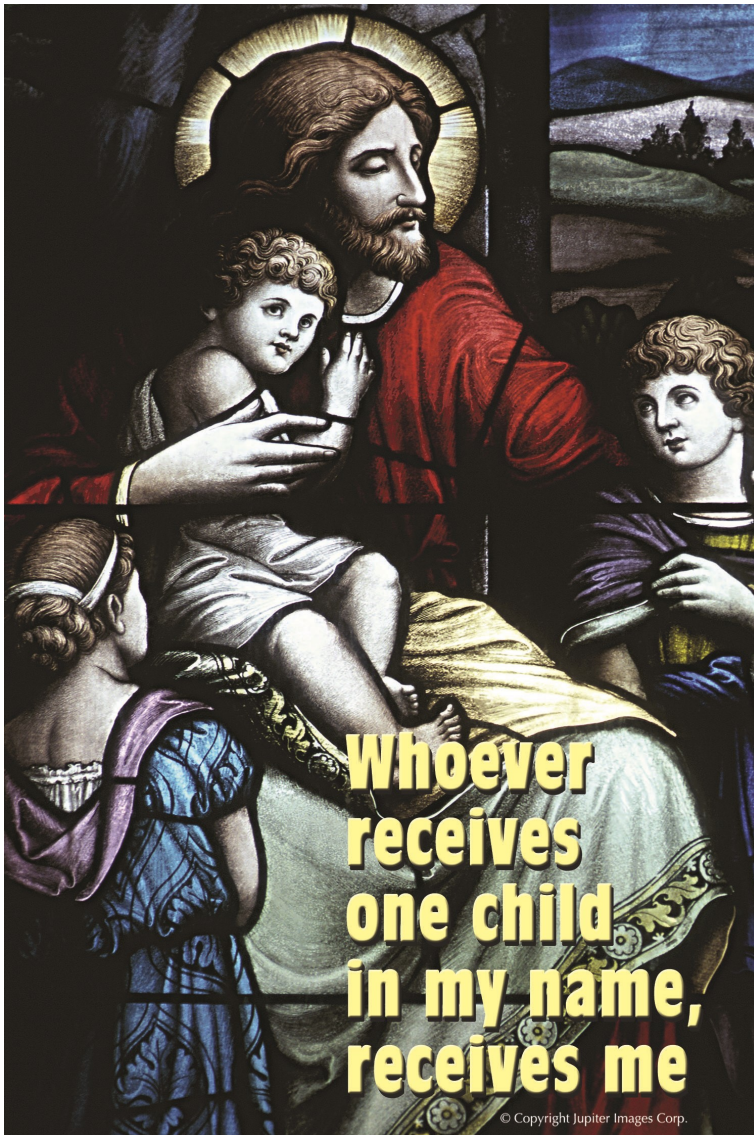
To get information about business sponsorships or individual donations please contact the school: Betty Jodzio, Principal.

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.



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Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Sept 12 Contributions \$14,5520

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received \$1,505,332

Contributions Received \$683,048

Fund balance \$518, 699.37

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish	
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$50,517	\$54,595	\$10,2.36

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 our church ID of 78.

St. Boniface

Sept 12 Contributions \$644.00

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal	Total rec'd	Parish Portion
\$3,999	\$4,425	\$885

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> 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 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
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

Area Faith Community Staff

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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		
Mike Schall, Manager	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery		
Richard Navara, Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 320-562-2128	rnavara@embarqmail.com

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