



September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Any who give you a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.**

Mark 9:41

Today the disciples, in their continuing streak of misunderstanding, come to Jesus with some news. It's as though they are tattling, "We saw someone doing something in your name, but he's not of our group so we stopped him." Jesus responds with the equivalent of, "No one likes a tattletale." He then makes a claim that can be described as "big tent" Christianity, in saying that "whoever is not against us is for us." The double negative "not against" is significant, and seems to be a rather low bar. If simply not being against is the equivalent of being "for" there seems to be hope!

Yet, this rather low bar admonition is followed immediately by a stern and disturbing warning. Causing a little one to sin is worthy of death. What then follows are a series of prophetic hyperbole intended to make the point that the kingdom of God is worth any price. Lopping off a body part that causes one to sin is better than losing eternal life. The early church recognized these commands concerning self-maiming as hyperbole and did not take them literally. These are warnings to sever any relationship that causes sin. The kingdom of God is the ultimate prize worth any price.

We can be so eager to define who is in and who is outside of the group. We have heard it said, "If you're not with us, you're against us." This clear demarcation is intended, among other things, to rally the group, and to warn others against harming the group. But Jesus does not draw the lines so starkly. For him, "whoever is not against us is for us." That leaves a rather large group! For Jesus the group is expansive, and we should be too.

Rather than look for enemies, and seek to find those who are against us, Jesus tells his disciples essentially that by their actions you shall know them. If someone is not part of the group but is still performing the actions of the members of the group, that person is with us. The disciples' continuing streak of misunderstanding is met with Jesus' teaching them values contrary to their expectations once again. (Living Liturgy, p. 218)

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



The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul; the decree of the
LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom
to the simple.

— *Psalm 19:8*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tue: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wed : Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Thu: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Fri: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sun: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



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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, September 27 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Bruce Karl
TUESDAY, September 28 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Mary Ludowese
WEDNESDAY, September 29 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Ginny Hoffman
THURSDAY, September 30 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Tom Ruhlent
FRIDAY, October 1 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
SATURDAY, October 2 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Judy Reckow, +Michael Simon
SUNDAY, October 3 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Christopher Karl For the Hearts & Minds of Expectant Mothers & Fathers. For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, September 27 6:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, September 29 7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
FRIDAY, October 1 6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	church
SUNDAY, October 3 1pm, Pet Blessing	St. Anastasia	KC Shelter
MONDAY, October 4 6:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
TUESDAY, October 5 6:30pm, Education Advisory Committee	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, October 6 7pm, Youth Nite 7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	youth room cafeteria
FRIDAY, October 8 6am, TMIY		
SATURDAY, October 9 Sam Sjoberg/Morgan Ebert wedding	St. Anastasia	church

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

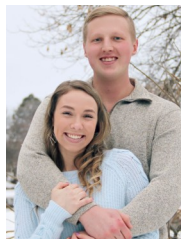


The decoration policy at St. Anastasia Cemetery permits flowers on graves from May 1 until Oct 15. Wreaths are permitted on graves from Nov 1 until Jan 15. **Please remember to remove all flowers & flower stands in a timely fashion.**

If flower stands freeze into the ground and we need access to dig a grave, the stands will be cut off at ground level.

Wedding Congratulations to:

**Jennifer Schommer
& Taylor Hohler**



Calling All Critters!



October 4 is the Feast of St Francis, the patron saint of animals, the environment and ecologists. In his honor there will be a simple Blessing of the Animals, October 3, 1pm, at the KC Shelter behind St A's.

Bring your cat, dog, lizard, bunny, bird, horse, goldfish, elephant or other appropriately leashed or contained critter. This is their special day! Oh, and the humans belonging to the animals are invited as well!

Common Cup Thrift Shop

The Common Cup Thrift Shop in Glencoe (712 11th St E) is newly reorganized and expanded. They have lots of clean gently used items household & clothing items and have room for more! You can shop or donate during their regular hours. All profits go to support Common Cup Ministry's programs servicing the needy of our community.

Box of Joy!

Last year (2020) Box of Joy delivered packages to 61,422 children! 724 parishes across our country participated in the collection. For most of these children it was their only Christmas present last year. Many of them shared their box with other family members, spreading the joy.

We will be collecting again this year. You may pick up boxes, packing directions, lists of most need/wanted items, etc. in the main entryway of St A's. All filled boxes can be returned to the same area.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry.



St A's Fall Festival

Thank You!

A special thank you from the coordinators of the Fall Festival Country Store to those who donated such wonderful items—the best ever!; our shoppers who were fun and generous; to Kevin and Fr Paul for helping us set up, take down and with the heavy lifting! You are all much appreciated!

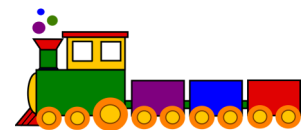


St. Anastasia School

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. 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.



FEAST OF FAITH The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence,

we await his coming in joyful hope.

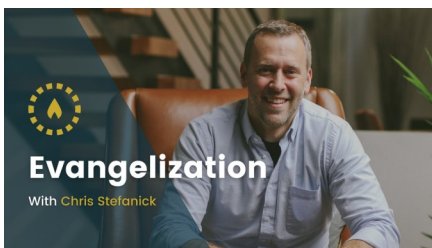
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Proclaim the Wonder of God

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalms 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

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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

Classes begin Sunday October 3rd and Wednesday October 6th.

*We are in need of Classroom Guides for the Youth for the year ahead. We have vacancies for the 3rd—8th grades. We will have a meeting on Wednesday, **Sept 29 at 6pm** in the hospitality area. Please share any questions or to volunteer with Jen Eckstein at religioused@stanastasia.net*

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 can be found on our website, for both a printable copy and now an online form. Visit www.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

Spirit Wear !



Spirit wear is here! We have St. Anastasia logo wear now available to purchase online through Hometown Sports. The logo says: "St. Anastasia Catholic Community". It is available for everyone. There are many items including some warm weather options. Shown below are just a few of the

items.

Check out the following link for more information and ordering options.

All items will be individually wrapped, delivered to the school office and available for pick up between 8am—4pm unless otherwise arranged.



To get to the store, go to the website www.hometownsportsandapparel.com. Once you are at the website, you will need to enter a store code (in the upper right corner of the web page) to get to the St. A's apparel store. The store code

is **StAA21**. After entering that into the rectangle the customer should now be directed to the online store. Enjoy!

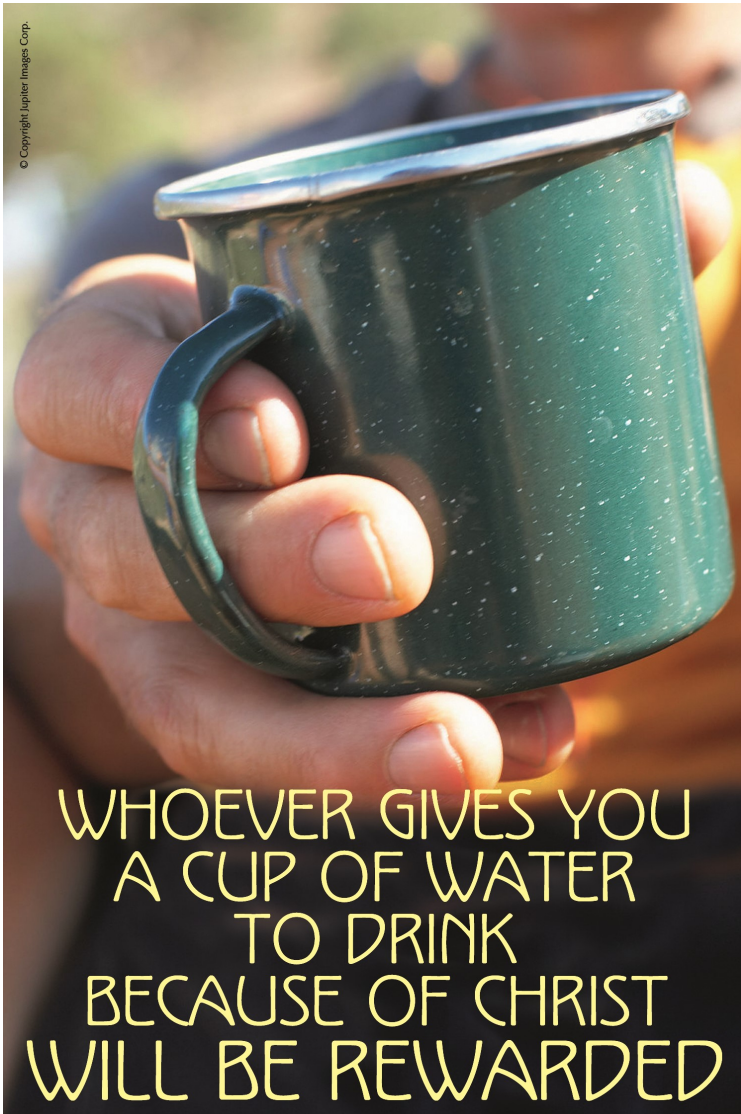


Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener 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 Mari-
lyn Reinarts Keitha Bomstad Janice Kay Bogenrief Brenda
Popp, Zella Thode Special Intention Heidi Jagne Cristy Wallstrom
Roseanne Genz 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.



WHOEVER GIVES YOU
A CUP OF WATER
TO DRINK
BECAUSE OF CHRIST
WILL BE REWARDED

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Sept 19 Contributions \$11,411

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received \$1,505,332

Contributions Received \$683,048

Fund balance \$523,429.57

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish	
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$50,517	\$54,595	\$10,236

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> Oct 19, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	Nov 8, 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> Oct 5, 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	Oct 6, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	TBA, 5pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

Area Faith Community Staff

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Donna Conrad, Secretary		dconrad@stanastasia.net
Kevin Scott, Facility Manager	320-583-0807 (cell)	
St. Boniface Staff		
Millie Navara, Administration	320-562-2463	mmnavara@embarqmail.com
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Kids' Depot Daycare & Preschool		
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Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
Jennifer Eckstein, RE Dir, St Anastasia	320-234-6129	religioused@stanastasia.net
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

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.