



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

SEPTEMBER

5
2021

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen odd behavior from someone you knew, or rather, thought you knew? People can surprise us sometimes with their actions. Today we hear a frankly odd miracle story that occurs only in the Gospel of Mark. Can we image Jesus putting his fingers in another person's ear? Or Jesus spitting and touching the person's tongue, groaning in a foreign language? Even so, that's precisely what the gospel tells us happened. And the Aramaic term preserved in the Greek New Testament, *Ephphatha* is in the imperative singular form and clearly means, "Be opened!"

Perhaps we are not surprised to hear that in the early centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection many thought of him as a magician. Even in the Acts of the Apostles, when the disciples heal in Jesus' name, Simon Magus offers them money so he can do the same. On some early Christian sarcophagi (burial chambers) Jesus is at times portrayed with a magic wand. We might excuse some of the crowds for thinking that Jesus had magic powers as seems some later Christians did too! But Jesus was not a magician. His mighty deeds were ushering in the kingdom of God. His actions were being done "by the finger of God" rather than by a magic wand. Jesus was more than a wonder worker, though he definitely worked wonders.

The mighty deed of Jesus were about restoration, healing, and wholeness. Those on the margins, those outcasts, and those who were relegated to a kind of second-class citizenship on account of physical ailments were healed, made whole, and thereby restored to the community.

And as so often happens in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus orders those he heals not to tell anyone about it, but to no avail. Something so astonishing could not be kept under wraps. Almost like children, the more he told them not to, the more they proclaimed it. That is true evangelization zeal!

We might not witness such dramatic deeds as the deaf hearing, or the mute speaking, but we witness God's activity in the world on a daily basis. We can participate in the activity of Jesus by bringing in the excluded, reaching out to those on the margins, and empathizing with those who have less. Each time we go outside of ourselves to deal with the needs of another person, we are acting as an "other Christ" or an *alter Christus*. Figuratively, and even literally, we can help to give voice to the voiceless, and assist those who cannot hear to hear. The voiceless might not be a mute, but instead the marginalized without access to the microphone of public debate. Those who cannot hear might not be deaf, but those who are figuratively deaf to the injustice in our world. As another Christ, it is our duty as baptized Christians to enact God's kingdom on earth. Today we are given a model for doing that. When we do so, our behavior might be thought of as odd but it is nevertheless our calling and our vocation. *Living Liturgy* (pp. 206-207)

St. Anastasia Fall Festival

September 11 & 12

All Are Welcome!!

Come and Enjoy





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The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

Readings for the Week

Mon: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11,

Tue: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

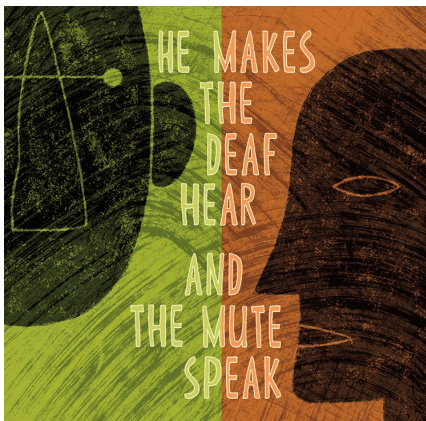
Wed: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thu: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sun: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



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55385

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, September 6 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Virgil Vacek
TUESDAY, September 7 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, September 8 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Donald Ludewig
THURSDAY, September 9 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
FRIDAY, September 10 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Sam & Delores Shimanski
SATURDAY, September 11 <i>Fall Festival</i> 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Greg Jodzio
SUNDAY, September 12 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Rita Behler ++Jerome SR & Evelyn Ewert Michael van Overbeke For Our Parish Community

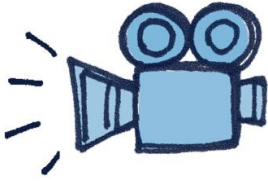
Calendar of Events

MONDAY, April 6 School, Kids' Depot, parish office closed today.		
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
FRIDAY, September 10 6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
SEPTEMBER 11/12 St A's Fall Festival! Hope to See YOU there!		
MONDAU, September 13 6:30pm, Grief Share	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, September 15 7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
FRIDAY, September 17 11am, Marian McGee Funeral	St. Anastasia	
TUESDAY, September 21 7pm, St A's Admin. Council	St. Anastasia	hospitality area

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

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!



Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in recognition of Labor Day. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, September 7. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

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.

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.

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

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

BRING IT ON! All donations can now be brought to the hospitality area. Thank you for your cooperation!

Country Store

Looking for: fruits, vegetables, houseplants, perennials, cut flowers, dried grasses, garden tools, vases, ice cream buckets, bird houses, flower pots, bird feed, et.

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!

Rosary Repair

If you have a damaged rosary in need of some TLC please bring it to the Fall Festival on Saturday or Sunday. Charlene will be there to do repairs for you.

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!

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 begins September 10 at 6 AM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.

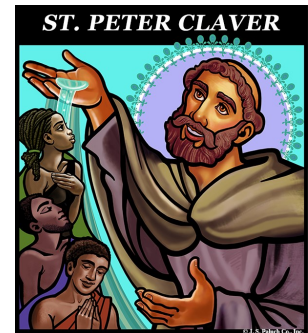


The Messiah Foretold

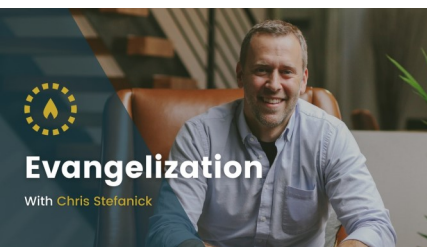
Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when

we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.



Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest & missionary who, due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves & seafarers. During his 40 years of ministry it is estimated he baptized around 300,000 people (in groups of 10) and heard the confessions of over 5,000 slaves per year. He is considered a heroic example of what should be the Christian praxis of love and of the exercise of human rights



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.



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.



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@stanastasia.net if you can help out.

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

We're off to a great start! Prayer and pledge at the pole Monday morning and then a blessing for students from Father Paul.



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.

Upcoming activities: Marathon for Non-Public Schools is October 1.

Don't forget: Scrip is for sale after all weekend masses and at the parish office during regular business hours. Questions? Give us a call! Thanks for your support of this program.

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 30, 2021

Contribution Budget 2021-2022	\$847,550
Aug 29 Contributions	\$9,276
Total Contributions YTD	\$109,090
Total Budget YTD	\$32,598
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$12,121
Average weekly needed during 2021-22 to make budget	\$16,299
Average weekly needed for remaining 43 weeks to make budget	\$17,173

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received	\$1,505,332
Contributions Received	\$683,048
Fund balance	\$514,268

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

Our Refuge in Our Time of Need

Lord my God, in you I take refuge; rescue me.
- Psalm 7:2

Almighty God and source of life, we cry to you in our distress and beg you to show your kindness to those who are suffering from the destruction of Hurricane Ida.

We pray for those who have died, that they may be at peace with you forever; and for their loved ones who are grieving, that they may be comforted in their loss by your presence in those who care for them.

We pray for those who have suffered injury, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, and ask you to heal them.

We pray for those who have lost their homes, whose families are separated and scattered, that you may shelter them.

We ask you to strengthen us in our own time of need and to give us the courage to reach out to help others who are also in need.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who calmed the stormy sea. Amen.

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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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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.