

Be vigilant
at all times
and pray
that you have
the strength
to escape the
tribulations
that are
imminent
and to stand
before the
Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

Advent

November 28, 2021

First
Sunday of



The Last Judgement, from The Small Passion
Albrecht Dürer (German, 1471-1528), c. 1510
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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On this first Sunday of the church year, many of us will gaze on the single flame that is burning in the Advent wreath. It seems so small and insignificant against the background of the world events, and even our own lives. Often, we are so physically and mentally exhausted at the end of the year that we may be skeptical about this tiny, flickering flame and the illumination it can offer us. But as we enter this season, the church encourages us to have hope in the promises of God that can so easily flicker in and out of our consciousness. At first hearing, Luke's gospel may seem to be proclaiming a message of fear and doom; its truth, however, is different. Christ, in his second coming as the glorious Son of Man, will liberate the cosmos and all humanity from fear and menace.

Many people in our world commit themselves to what has not yet happened and to long-range hopes: medical research, ecologist, astrophysicists, and many others looking for a brighter tomorrow. We accept these long-range forecasts with hope, yet we may feel uncomfortable with, and even dismissive of, the emphasis on the future at the beginning of Advent.

When we take our first plunge into this season, we seem to be caught in a liturgical riptide that drags us away from the comparatively safe and familiar shore of the present into the uncharted end of human history and reflection on the second, and as yet unrealized, coming of Christ.

Advent challenges us to let our hopes reach beyond cozy domesticity to the huge and human hope of a new creation. We are called to be people awake and alert to the promises of God already revealed, grateful for what has been liberating for us as Jesus' disciples in the year just past, and confident in the gifts of God that are not yet come. Jesus proclaims to us in today's gospel the same good news he spoke to the bent-over woman. Touched by Jesus, the woman who for eighteen years had only looked at feet and dust was able to "stand up straight" and to see the Sabbath stars shining on his face. Today, we too are urged to lift up our heads and have faith that we will see our redemption drawing near in the Son of Man.

November

30 - Jimmy's Pizza Fundraiser for School

December

4/5 - Second Sunday of Advent - gym
5 - Penance Service 2pm - gym
7 - Immaculate Conception 5pm - A
8 - Immaculate Conception 7am - A,
9am - A, 5pm - A, 7pm - B
9 - School Christmas Program - gym
1:30 & 6:30pm
11 - Christmas Market (LEAST) - gym
11/12 - Third Sunday of Advent - gym
12 - Penance Service 2pm - gym
18/19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - gym
23-2: No School - Christmas Break

Christmas Season Masses (gym)

December

24: Christmas Eve 4pm - A, 6pm - A,
8pm - B, 10pm - A
25: Christmas Day 7am - A, 9am - A,
11am - A (no 4:30pm Mass this
evening at St. Anastasia)
26: Feast of the Holy Family 7:30m - A,
9am - B, 10:30am - A, 7:30 pm - A
31: Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary/
New Year's Eve 5pm - A & 7pm - B
1: Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary/
New Year's Day 9am - A (no 4:30pm
Mass at St. Anastasia this evening)
2: Feast of the Epiphany 7:30am - A,
9am - B, 10:30am - A, 7:30pm - A



I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in
the land. — *Jeremiah 33:15*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tue: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thu: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME **LOCATION** **INTENTION**

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

MONDAY, November 29

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia

TUESDAY, November 30

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Fr Casimer Cypher

WEDNESDAY, December 1

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia Michael VanOverbeke

THURSDAY, December 2

9am, Mass St. Anastasia +Francis Reinowski

FRIDAY, December 3

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Mary Ludowese

SATURDAY, December 4

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia
4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia

SUNDAY, December 5

7:30am, Mass
9:00am, Mass
10:30am, Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

St. Anastasia The Al Krebsbach family
St. Boniface + Jerry (Jerome) Ewert, Jr.
St. Anastasia For the hearts & minds of
expectant fathers and mothers
Our Faith Community

7:30pm, Mass

St. Anastasia

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, November 29

6:30pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia hospitality area

TUESDAY, November 30

Jimmy's Pizza Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, December 1

6:30pm, RE grades 6-11 St. Anastasia
6:30pm, Adult Ed "Sanctuary" St. Anastasia day chapel
7pm, Youth Nite/open gym St. Anastasia gym
7:30pm, Knight of Columbus St. Anastasia cafeteria

FRIDAY, December 3

6am, TMIY St. Anastasia hospitality area

SUNDAY, December 5

9am, RE grades 1-5 St. Anastasia
10am, Atrium St. Anastasia
2pm, Penance Service St. Anastasia gym

MONDAY, December 6

6:30pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia hospitality area

TUESDAY, December 7

6:30pm, Education Advisory Committee St. Anastasia hospitality area

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, December 7-8

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation

5pm-A (7th), 7am-A, 9am-A, 5pm-A, 7pm Confession offered before and after Mass-

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



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

THANK YOU for all your generosity!

It takes a Community to serve the Community! Because of the holiday schedule at our printers' we are not able to have details of the dinner in this bulletin. But we will give you an update in the next bulletin.

Job Opening

Full-time hire is being sought to take on the following duties: Assist the pastor in the management of all parish programs, census, and records. Assist in the preparation of the weekly bulletin, mass announcements, liturgical ministry schedules, and mass schedule. Process, post and provide reports and statements regarding contributions and receivable accounts. Maintain sacramental records. Manage computerized programs. Coordinate opportunities for parishioners to participate in addressing social concerns—Common Cup Ministry, collections, fundraisers, etc. Interested parties please contact the office for a full job description. Interviews will take place the week of November 29-December 3. Hire: January 3, 2022.



Baptismal Celebration

Wade Patrick Wurzbarger
son of Austin & Breanna

will be celebrating his baptism. As a parish community we extend our blessings and warm welcome to Wade and his parents!

Year End Giving

We ask that you have any contributions you want credited to 2021 be at the parish office no later than January 2, 2022. This will help us get out the annual contribution statements in a timely fashion. As always, your ongoing support of our parish efforts is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of the church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward your parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure—ministries that are vital to our diocesan church—as well as our own parish projects.



Flower Memorials

If you would like to enhance the environment of St Boniface or St Anastasia by donating a flower, lights, candles, or other decorative materials, please put your contribution in an enveloped marked "Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket at either church. Please include the name(s) of the loved ones you wish to have remembered at this special time.

8th Annual Christmas Market



Our annual LEAST fundraiser will be held Saturday, Dec 11, 9am-1pm, in the gym. (Parking in north lot) This year it features a delicious breakfast (eggs, sausage, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, fruit, beverages) a HUGE bake sale, quilt raffle, a wide variety of unique vendors providing gifts for all ages and a FREE photo with Santa!

Profits from this event goes to support a program providing meals, community and support for the elderly poor of San Lucas Mission (Guatemala)

BASICS in Concert

Brothers & Sisters in Christ Singers will be in concert, 3pm, Dec 5 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. Free will donation lunch served until 6pm. Proceeds support the BASICS music ministry.

Faith Formation

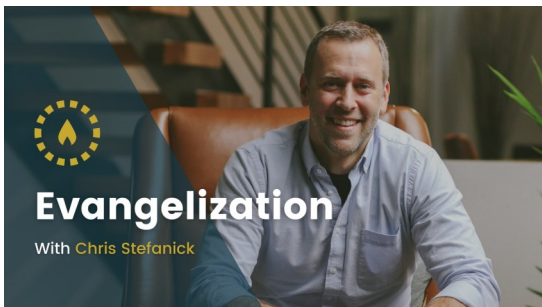
ADULT FORMATION

GriefShare.

Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.



That Man Is You. Fridays 6 AM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.



Evangelization with Chris Stefanick. We are all on a mission. Pope Paul VI famously said, "the Church exists to evangelize" - that is, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples. Let renowned speaker, writer, and expert Chris Stefanick teach you his tried and true methods of spreading the Gospel, that is, evangelization. We will email you (if we have your email) the session to be watched and invite you to a Facebook round table of discussion.

Important Adoration Message

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. A day we pause and give thanks for all the blessing in our life. Adoration. What a perfect place and time to be face to face with the One that provides all that we have. To Him give praise and thanks.

Regular hours are 6am Monday through Friday noon. 24/5

Thanksgiving closing at 5pm Tuesday Nov.23rd resumes Monday Nov.29th at 6am

Christmas break

Closing on Thursday Dec. 23rd at noon and reopening on Jan 3rd at 6am

Watchful Confidence

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,

the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming,

so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?



St. Francis Xavier

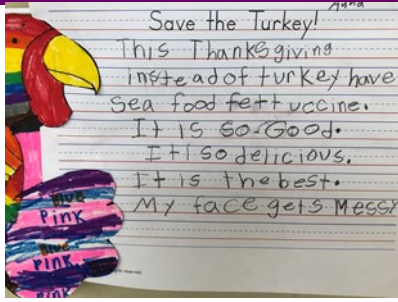
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Francis Xavier was an illustrious Basque Roman Catholic Missionary who also co-founded the 'Society of Jesus'.

It is thought that Xavier converted around 30,000 people to Christianity. Francis Xavier is considered one of the greatest missionaries for the Roman Catholic church since Saint Paul.

He was canonized by Pope Gregory XV on 12 March 1622.

St A's School Views



Thanksgiving is my favorite time of the year. It is a time when we can slow down before the hustle and bustle of the holidays and just enjoy the 4f's; faith, family, friends and food. We are a bountiful community that opens our hearts and arms to make sure those who need have a place to go, food to eat, and company to keep. Our Religious Education/Confirmation group is making that happen with a delicious meal taking place here on



Thanksgiving Day. As I walked past the preschool room this morning, students were learning the phrase, "Please pass the turkey." What a beautiful time. The halls of St. Anastasia are filled with images of Thanksgiving from preschool to 5th grade. If you get an opportunity to walk through halls, take time to enjoy the artwork and stories students have displayed. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day. *Mrs. Jodzio*



Jimmy's Pizza Fundraiser:

Enjoy at night off in the kitchen after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend AND support our St. Anastasia Catholic School by eating pizza! Jimmy's Pizza of Hutchinson will donate a generous portion of all purchases made on **Tuesday, November 30**. This includes all dine-in, carry-out, delivery, and gift card purchases. What a

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation has generously offered St. Anastasia School & Kids Depot the opportunity for a \$25,000 Challenge Grant! Our school has been tasked with raising \$25,000 in new or extended (giving more than their largest previous gift) donations, and the Foundation will match it! We will be using these funds to improve our playground and create a more excellent learning experience for all of our students here at St. Anastasia! We've seen our community and school do amazing things and know that we can count on you as we work together to meet this goal! The deadline to make a donation for this grant is December 30th, 2021! For more information on donating or to learn more about this incredible opportunity, please visit: <https://www.stanastasia.net/playground-grant-challenge/>

BEST BUY RICHARD SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION

PRESENTED TO ST. ANASTASIA SCHOOL

A CHALLENGE MATCHING GRANT!

BE A PART OF THE CHALLENGE!

Grant Guidelines:

Must be a new donor to St. Anastasia School
OR
A previous donor whose donation exceeds their largest previous donation to St. Anastasia

Deadline to Donate: 12/30/21

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Maureen Reiner Barb Olson Jenny Trettin Al
Cotter Delores Beich Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl Delores
Muetzel Gloria Pohlmann Betty Gunderson Darlene Artmann
Terry Bisbee Marilyn Reinarts Cristy Wallstrom Roseanne Genz
Logan Erpelding Veronica Jacobs Special Intention



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. For a clear path in our troubled times.

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.



As we enter the holiday season, our greatest wish for you is to experience the joy of giving. But we know sometimes all of the tasks that come at this time of year can pile up - making our gift wrapping and check writing less joyful and more arduous. Instead of waiting, consider tackling one to-do on your long holiday prep list early. Here are four facts about holiday giving:

1. **Nonprofits need your donations before year-end, but they don't necessarily need them at the end of the year.** A gift in November is no less effective than one in late December. In fact, with the busyness of processing last-minute donations, an early gift might be the best gift.
2. **You get the same tax benefits for the year whether you make a gift in October or December.** Why not ease the burden your financial advisors and stockbrokers feel at the end of the year by giving before the rush? You'll be less stressed, too.
3. **The market doesn't perform according to calendar dates.** Why should your giving? For **appreciated assets**, the best time to give them is when you believe they've appreciated and can maximize your charitable giving. Don't let December 31st make that decision.
4. **There's no need to wait until you receive your year-end bonus or sell appreciated stock to get the ball rolling on a donor advised fund.** You can start the paperwork to establish a fund now. Then, transfer your gift into the fund when you're ready, and start recommending grants!
5. **Thank you for your Gift. Please consider a Gift to St. Anastasia in your Estate.**

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Nov 7 Contributions \$13,225.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received \$1,505,332

Contributions Received \$804,288

Fund balance \$336,587.29

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

Nov 7 \$761.13

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

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

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 schedule call 320-484-7126.

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> Dec 21, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	Dec 14, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	Jan 13, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Jason Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> Dec 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	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Mark Maiers	Dec 8, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Dec 1, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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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

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