

The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

“Family” today has many cultural and moral connotations and challenges for Christians. The “Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph” may seem to exist on another planet or, at least, be light years away from twenty-first-century relevance. It is a challenge to live in mutual respect and love: for parents to honor the dignity of their children, and children to respect the dignity of their parents, each one bound to the other in that love that God has lavished upon us.

Our understanding of what we usually call “the finding in the temple” has often been sabotaged by artistic depictions of a precocious child Jesus, haloed and white-clad, lecturing the religious teachers. Yet if we are attentive to the text, Jesus is described as first listening to the temple teachers before asking questions at what was a customary festival and Sabbath question-and-answer session. “Searching” and “finding” are important gospel themes in Luke.

Any parent can appreciate Mary and Joseph’s desperate search for and relief at finding Jesus, but there is another search, another finding that is of central importance. It hangs painfully on Jesus’ response to his mother’s question, “Son, why have you done this to us?” The first words of Jesus in Luke’s gospel are his response: “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” - the affairs that will take Jesus through a life of obedience, through another Passover of pain, another three-day loss in the tomb and into his new and risen life.

For Mary and Joseph, as for all parents, there is the pain of allowing this child his independence, his identity, loving him, not possessing him, of punishing him, but not fully understanding him. Surely a sword passes also through Joseph’s heart as, in response to Mary’s words about “your father and I,” and as if gently contradicting her, Jesus refers to “my Father.” For us, as for Joseph, commitment to gospel priorities will always cause some pain. Parents know this is a special and poignant way. For now, the “passive” of the adolescent Jesus is a theological sign of what is to come.

After this, Jesus returns to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and is obedient to them. In the verse preceding this gospel, Luke has written of Jesus’ growth in human and divine wisdom after his presentation in the temple. The last verse of this temple incident with which Luke ends his narrative of Jesus’ childhood is again a comment that it was in this human family that such growth continued. An aspect of doing his Father’s will was his openness to be graced by the precious relationships of his family at Nazareth. Children and parents in every age and culture are meant to be grace for one another.

This gospel signifies the moment of Jesus going from being Mary’s miracle baby to a self-reflective adult. The entirety of his childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood is covered in a few short sentences. What we know of Jesus’ upbringing is contained in the words that he “was obedient to his parents” and “advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” We are invited to wonder at the notion that Jesus’ upbringing was probably fairly normal for a boy of his place and time. Whatever personal relationship Jesus may have developed with his Father in heaven, while here on earth, he was raised by a young mother and a father who likely built furniture for a living. He grew up a religious minority in an occupied territory. The lack of information given us by the gospels is, in fact, information. Jesus was a child, then a teenager, then a twenty something and when he began his public ministry, he still lived with his mom. (*Living Liturgy*, pp. 30-31)



The Holy Family

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. — *1 John 3:2a*

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tue: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thu: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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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, December 27 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Tim Scully
TUESDAY, December 28 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Robert Schmid, ++Dick & Bev Popp
WEDNESDAY, December 29 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Edward Karl
THURSDAY, December 30 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Millie Prieve
FRIDAY, December 31 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
FRIDAY, December 31 5pm, Mass 7pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface	Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God/ New Years Eve +Virgil Vacek ++Herbert & Margaret Schiroo
SATURDAY, January 1 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God/ New Years Eve ++Jason Waldner & Gary Gilman
SUNDAY, January 2 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Feast of the Epiphany +Leander Notch +Roger Mumm For Our Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 3	School resumes	
TUESDAY, January 4 6:30pm Education Advisory Committee	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
WEDNESDAY, January 5 6:30pm, RE grades 6-11 7:30pm, Youth Nite/open gym	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
FRIDAY, January 7 6am That Man Is You	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
SUNDAY, January 9 9am, RE grades 1-5 10am, Atrium	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
MONDAY, January 10 GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
WEDNESDAY, January 12 6:30pm, RE grades 6-11 7:30pm, Youth Nite/open gym	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
THURSDAY, January 13 Finance Council	St. Anastasia	Parish Office

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

Community News

Christmas Market Update

\$. 687 KC breakfast
\$. 184 Quilt raffle
\$. 360 vendors
\$. 1141 bake sale
\$. 1770 gift sales
\$. 2655 donations
Grand total =\$6797!!!!



Quilt Raffle Winners

Anita Esser, Jan Sebesta and Steve Pollei

Many, many thanks for all of your prayers and financial support to the LEAST who live in poverty in San Lucas, Guatemala!

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious breakfast! Special thanks to Linda Evenson who set up the cafeteria! Special thanks to Lori Dahlberg and Roselyn Jonas Who organized the bake sale! Special thanks to Diane Baumann for making the beautiful quilt! Katie and Cathie Wallyn

Baptismal Celebration



This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Sylvie Marie Blom, daughter of Max & Emily, and welcome her to our family of faith. May the Lord bless her today and everyday!

Catholic Podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz

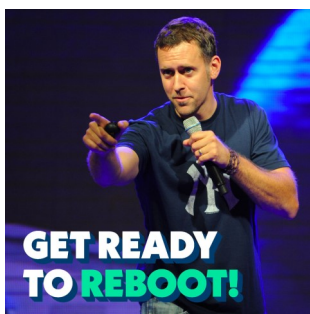
Takes Listeners Through the Entire Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz featuring Jeff Cavins. This Bible in a Year brings it all together. — Ignacio G. I have never in my life have gotten so far in the Bible as I am with this podcast. I actually plan on repeating again next year. I love Bible in a Year. Such a blessing! —Vanessa W. All Devices - listen now on all major podcast platforms and YouTube by simply searching "The Bible in a Year."



Start Listening!
iPhone/iPad - scan this QR code to listen now on Apple Podcasts

Crow River Habitat for Humanity

CRHH is beginning a a new build and is in need of additional volunteers. The recipient is a long time Glencoe resident and veteran. Build 28 is located at 1507 Baldwin Ave N. We are actively seeking group or individual volunteers to help with the build and meals. Those interested in supporting our mission can go to: SignUpGenius.com to volunteer.



REBOOT! is a high-energy, 2 ½ hour renewal event led by world renowned speaker and TV host Chris Stefanick that is designed to bring a brand new energy and vitality to your life. The event has two parts: (1) It begins with an inspirational, high-energy unpacking of the genius of the heart of the Gospel, revealing its power and real beauty. The experience is fresh and compelling, and is like hearing the Gospel for the first time all over again! People commonly say: "THAT reminded me – all over again – why I ever even wanted to be a Christian, to be a Catholic!" There is a lot of laughter, and there are some real tears.

And, (2) It finishes strong with real-life, practical, "can-do" ways of applying the genius of the Gospel in everyday life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more: there is no part of a person's life that will be left untouched.

At St A's: April 20, 7-9pm, cost \$39 per person. Group rate \$30 per person with order of at least 4.



ADULT FORMATION

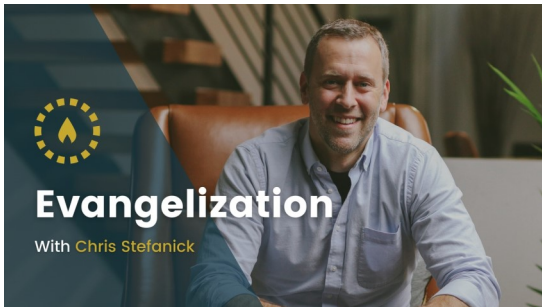
GriefShare.

New set of 13 sessions begin January 10, Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.



That Man Is You. New set of 13 sessions begin January 7, Fridays 6 AM in the Hos-

pitality 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.

Family Life

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-fleshment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example .



Adoration Moment

"More is gained in one hour from

God's good things than in a whole lifetime from our own."

St John of the Cross

Feast Day: Dec 14

Hours: Mon, 6am—Fri, noon

Adoration Hotline: 320-484-7126.

Prayer of the Week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

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:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

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The child grew to maturity



and was filled with wisdom

St A's Flower Memorials



St A's Christmas Flower Memorials have been donated in the name of:

Kresbach family; Herman Griep family; Nick & Erma Troska; Gerry & Jan Urban; David Troska; Paul Troska; Robert Schmid; Elmer & Myrtle Dressel; Clarence & Ilene Servaty; Roger Lhotka; Clifford Moldestad family; Denny Drazkowski; Sonny Farenbaugh; Clint Glesener; Mary Farenbaugh; Cindy Farenbaugh; Rob Farenbaugh; William Quast; Rosella Quast; Steve Quast; Andy Bogatzki; Cleo Karl; Ed Karl; Bruce Karl; Christopher Karl; Joshua Schultz; Brynn Engstrom; Ralph Krebsbach; Henry & Helen Dusoski; Kristin Bjerkelund Brown; Alan Hagen; Karen Wimsatt; Peter Wimsatt; Farenbaugh family; Veronica Caswell; Elroy Buesgens; Kathleen Ferrara; Matthew Beussman; Arlette & Doug Dahlberg; Mary & Howard Hady; Sr Lucille Hass; Marian & Tom McGee; Jean & Myron Seifert; George Olson; Gary Dahlberg; Bishop John McRaith; Loretta Kulberg; Margie Navara; Craig Dauer; Bill & Birdie Lehn; Steven Swenson; Leonard & Dolores Lewandowski; Ricky Roskammer, Dick Roskammer; Nick Troska; Erma Troska; Melvin Schmeling; Loretta Schmeling; Sharon Dusoski; Henry Dusoski; Helen Dusoski; Jim & Agnes DeMeyer; Sr Cathan Culhane; Sr IdaMarie Primus; James Baker; Ken & Agnes Conrad; George & Clara Erpelding; Carl & Florence Christensen; Joe Ritchey; Alex Doering, Fritz Schiro; Ed & Helen Nowak; Tim & Ila Macik family members; Harry & Florence May; Gib & Nea Hammer, Arlene Loveld; Roman Haas; Sebesta family members.



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 Bruce Bjerkelund Jenny Lhotka Sheldon Nies

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 & St. Boniface

During the holiday season our bulletin publisher gives us very advanced printing deadlines. This makes having accurate, timely financial updates impossible. We will do an update to the finance numbers after the New Year when the schedule returns to normal and we can give you a more accurate picture of the finances for St Boniface and St Anastasia.

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!

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.

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	Jan 11, 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> Jan 4 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	Jan 5, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Jan 5, 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

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.

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Any questions, contact:

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Thank you.