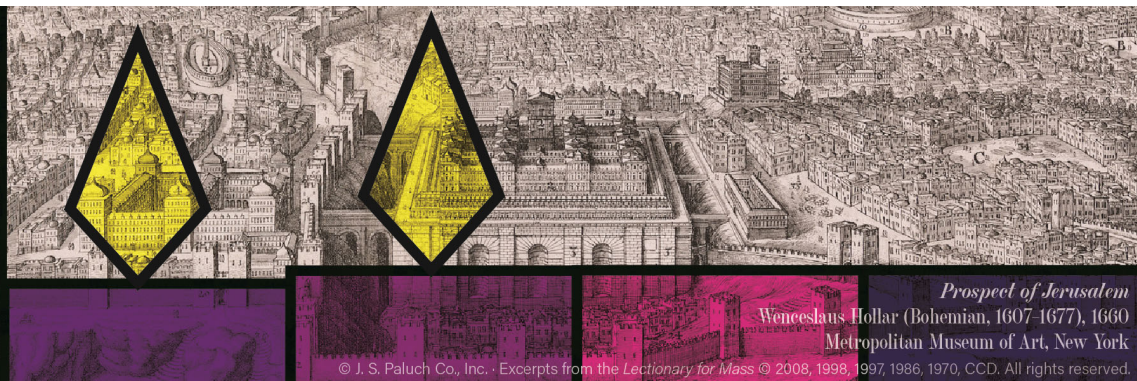


Up, Jerusalem!
stand upon
the heights;
look to the east
and see your
children
gathered from
the east and
the west
at the word
of the Holy One,
rejoicing that
they are
remembered
by God. *Baruch 5:5*



Prospect of Jerusalem

Wenceslaus Hollar (Bohemian, 1607-1677), 1660
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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Against a backdrop of geography, politics, and history, Luke ushers the adult John the Baptist onto the Jordan stage. John announces the advent of salvation and consolation to the people and proclaims that their hope for the dawn of messianic time is near. John's is the voice that, after four centuries of prophetic silence, heralds the coming of God's salvation not only for Israel, but to all humankind. In an insignificant and troublesome pocket of the Roman Empire, John starts to shout his message throughout the district around the Jordan River.



Son of the priest Zechariah though he may be, John dissociates himself from Jerusalem and the temple and chooses the place where Israel crossed over from the wilderness wandering into the Promised Land. John will call the people to make another crossing: from xile of unfaithfulness to God into the forgiveness of their sins. He proclaims a baptism of repentance, a conversion of heart (metanoia) that looks to future commitment and not merely regret for the past.

Advent is the season of the church year which asks us both personally and communally to level and straighten out whatever is an obstacle or danger on our journey to God. What are the "potholes" in our discipleship, those sins of omission? From what do we need to be converted if we are to make the way smooth for others who find it difficult to travel to God because of our intolerant or erratic behavior? Do we indulge in outbursts of destructive "road rage" toward our sisters and brothers as we all try to follow the way of the gospel? Have we a kingdom vision that can enable us to see around the twists and turns of personal tragedy or ecclesial failure and to recognize there an advent of Christ with us in the suffering, dying, and rising from these painful realities? (*Living Liturgy* p. 6)

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 7:30am - 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

Advent

December 5, 2021

*Second
Sunday of*



Second Sunday of Advent

God has commanded that every
lofty mountain be made low.

— *Baruch 5:7*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tue: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thu: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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55385

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME LOCATION INTENTION

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

MONDAY, December 6

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia

TUESDAY, December 7

7am, Mass St. Anastasia The Faithful Departed

5pm, Mass (Immaculate Conception - St. A's)

WEDNESDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

7am, Mass St. Anastasia

9am, Mass St. Anastasia - School Holly Goodstal

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Ron Jonas

7pm, Mass/Reconciliation St. Boniface

THURSDAY, December 9

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Ruth Wangen

FRIDAY, December 10

7am, Mass St. Anastasia

SATURDAY, December 11

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia

4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia

SUNDAY, December 12

7:30am, Mass

9:00am, Mass

10:30am, Mass

7:30pm, Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

St. Anastasia Meinrad Weichmann

St. Boniface

St. Anastasia Rita Behler

St. Anastasia Our Faith Community

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, December 5

9am, RE grades 1-5

10am, Atrium

2pm, Penance Service

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia

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 (Mass schedule above)

WEDNESDAY, December 8

6:30pm, RE grades 6-11

6:30pm, Adult Ed "Sanctuary"

7pm, Youth Nite/open gym

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia day chapel

St. Anastasia gym

THURSDAY, December 9

1:30 & 6:30 Christmas Program

St. Anastasia

gym

FRIDAY, December 10

6am, TMIY

St. Anastasia

hospitality area

SATURDAY, December 11

9an-1pm, Christmas Market (LEAST)

St. Anastasia

gym

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

Community News

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.



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)



St. Anastasia CCW is doing the Bake Sale at the Christmas Market on Dec. 11th. We need your delicious baked goods!! You can drop them off in the Hospitality area on Friday or bring them to the gym Saturday morning before 9 am. Please note what the item

is and if it has nuts in it. Thank you for your donation! We can use some help during the sale too. Lori Dahlberg

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.



Thank You!

The Confirmation students and their advisors want to thank you for all the food donations, financial donations and for the volunteers who took the time out of your busy Thanksgiving week to help with the Community Thanksgiving meal. We couldn't have done it all without the help from all of you! It truly took a community to serve the community!

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.

Box of Joy Update

Special thanks to everyone at St Boniface and St A's who participated in the Box of Joy program. Our region filled & sent 472 Boxes of Joy to their headquarters. A Merry Christmas for many!

Faith Formation

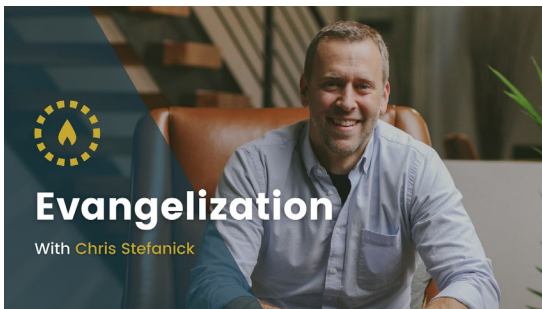
ADULT FORMATION

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

Start the New Year with a new joy—try an hour Adoration!

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

Christmas break

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

Please if you have any questions call the parish office or email parish office. Information also on the Adoration Hotline 320-484-7126

Watchful Confidence

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney



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Community Thanksgiving Dinner at St A's



Welcome to St Anastasia!



Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to create a wonderful Thanksgiving Day!

Let us give thanks for each other!



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 Bjerke-lund



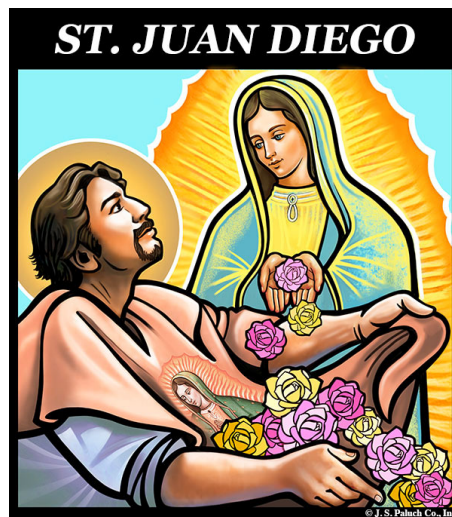
Names will be listed for one month, if you would like to continue your pray request after that time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.

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 28 Contributions \$16,221.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges Received \$1,505,332

Contributions Received \$973,839.20

Fund balance \$513,189.71

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 21 \$3068.51

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!

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

Area Faith Community Staff

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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
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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.

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Any questions, contact:

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Thank you.