



The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"
 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

The magi may be historically controversial, but there is no doubt about the way in which they thrill our imagination and make us wonder about their visit to the child. Wonder and excitement about journeying to Jesus are important for every Christian- king, or commoner. It is not from the Bible but from a legend recorded by the eighth-century saint and first English historian Bede the Venerable that we have numbered and named the magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar. The scholars rightly debate historical issues; as listeners we simply accept the narrative of the feast as story, but as story laden with symbols and rich in theological associations.

Guided by their natural and scientific wisdom, equipped with wealth and readiness to take risks, the magi discover that following a star and searching for the truth can lead one into a political minefield. It was a widespread belief that heavenly portents marked the birth of great leaders, and so they came to Jerusalem to look for a baby whom they described as the "newborn king of the Jews."

Panicking at the suggestion of any threat to his power, Herod gathers around him his "yes" men, those whom Matthew names as the same opponents of Jesus in the passion narrative, and inquires of them where the Messiah was to be born. The wisdom of the word of God in the Hebrew scripture is thus offered and accepted by the magi. They have the humility to know that they are not self-sufficient, that they need help on their search; and they have the discernment that sees through Herod's hypocritical and vicious suggestion that, when the magi have found the child, they return to tell Herod the whereabouts of the child so that he, too, can go and pay him homage.

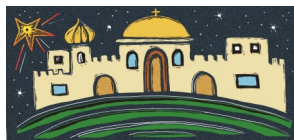
The most important gift we can offer Christ - the gift that is richer than any gold, frankincense, or myrrh - is, of course, the wealth of our love and the fragrant readiness of suffering that this will inevitably entail. In the gifts that the wise ones offer to the Christ Child, there is again the hint of the paschal mystery: the myrrh of embalming, the frankincense that fragrant the temple sacrifice and burned before the holy of holies, and the gold of precious value. The magi go home by another route when they realize that they are being manipulated by hypocrisy and jealous power seeking. It is, Matthew suggests, often the strangers and outsiders who reveal to us, as individuals and as nations, how and what we should be seeking and how to come home to this truth.

This is the first instance of God expanding the Abrahamic covenant beyond the Israelites. For nearly two thousand years, the Hebrews have been God's chosen people. Now, with the arrival of Jesus, the promise of God's kingdom expands to include all of humanity. "Lord, every nation on earth, will adore you!" (Living Liturgy, pp. 36-37)



**They presented
 him with Gold,
 Frankincense, and
 Myrrh**





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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 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

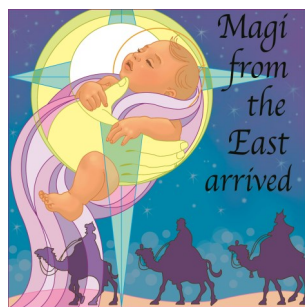
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thu: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-



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55385

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

| DATE/TIME | LOCATION | INTENTION |
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Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Friday.

MONDAY, January 3

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| 5pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | |
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TUESDAY, January 4

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| 7am, Mass | St. Anastasia | + Cleo Karl |
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WEDNESDAY, January 5

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| 5pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Sharon Berning |
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THURSDAY, January 6

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| 9am, Mass/School | St. Anastasia | +Chris Vandervoort |
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FRIDAY, January 7

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| 7am, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Roger Lhotka |
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SATURDAY, January 8

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

SUNDAY, January 9

| <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> | | |
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| 7:30am, Mass | St. Anastasia | |
| 9:00am, Mass | St. Boniface | Stephanie Kenney |
| 10:30am, Mass | St. Anastasia | +Rita Behler |
| 7:30pm, Mass | St. Anastasia | For Our Faith Community |

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 3

School resumes

TUESDAY, January 4

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| 6:30pm Education Advisory Committee | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
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WEDNESDAY, January 5

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| 6:30pm, RE grades 6-11 | St. Anastasia | |
| 7:30pm, Youth Nite/open gym | St. Anastasia | |
| 7:30, KC | St. Anastasia | cafeteria |

FRIDAY, January 7

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| 6am That Man Is You | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
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SUNDAY, January 9

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| 9am, RE grades 1-5 | St. Anastasia | |
| 10am, Atrium | St. Anastasia | |

MONDAY, January 10

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| GriefShare | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
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TUESDAY, January 11

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| 7pm, KC Fish Fry Comm. | St. Anastasia | cafeteria |
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WEDNESDAY, January 12

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| 6:30pm, RE grades 6-11 | St. Anastasia | |
| 7:30pm, Youth Nite/open gym | St. Anastasia | |

THURSDAY, January 13

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| Finance Council | St. Anastasia | Parish Office |
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FRIDAY, January 14

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| 6am That Man Is You | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
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The Roman Catholic Area Faith Community of St. Anastasia & St. Boniface

Community News

News From the McLeod County Food Shelf

Thanks to the ongoing support of our county community the Glencoe Food Shelf has been able to move to larger quarters allowing it to provide more goods and services. During the first 10 months of the year the Food Shelf provided groceries for approx. 372,700 meals throughout the county. The Mobile Outreach Program (established August 2020) has logged over 1,330 distributions, providing a much needed service to those with transportation/mobility issues. Thanks for your ongoing generosity—it continues to make a difference!

Mobile Outreach-Driving Away Hunger

Driving Away Hunger is designed to reduce transportation and mobility issues associated with food access in our communities. The Mobile Outreach vehicle is stocked with shelf stable pantry items, fresh produce, frozen proteins, grains and dairy products. Stop & Shop the bus at no cost to you!

Please bring bags and cart to carry food. Full grocery distributions are available up to 2 times per month per household. For updated schedules for all its stops call 320-864-2088, checkout our Facebook page or go on line to www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org

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!
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Crow River Habitat for Humanity

CRHH is beginning 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.



Faith Formation

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.



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Journey Toward God

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.



Adoration Moment

Replace **I Wish** with **I Will**.

Hours: Mon, 6am—Fri, noon

Adoration Hotline: 320-484-7126.

Regular Adoration hours resume this week. Thank you for your devotion to this ministry!

Prayer of the Week

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations

by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy

that we, who know you already by faith,

may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

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 can I do this week to come to know God better?



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Feast Day: January 4

A religious sister known as the founder of the American parochial school system and founder of the Sisters of Charity. She is the first person born in the US to be canonized.

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; Harry Farenbaugh; Jerry Beeler.



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.



EPIPHANY DOOR BLESSING PRAY THIS PRAYER, AND THEN WRITE: **20+C+M+B+21** IN CHALK OVER YOUR FRONT DOOR

**BLESSED ARE YOU, GOD OF ALL CREATION;
BY THE GUIDANCE OF A STAR, YOU LED
SEEKERS TO YOUR SON, AND BY THE LIGHT OF
FAITH, YOU BRING US TO KNOW CHRIST AS OUR RE-
DEEMER, THE MESSIAH YOU HAVE SENT.**

**WE ASK THAT THIS HOME BE A DWELLING PLACE
OF KINDNESS, HUMILITY, SELF-CONTROL, MUTUAL
RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND HOSPITALITY TO
STRANGERS.**

**BY THE LIGHT OF YOUR STAR, PROTECT OUR HOME
AND GUIDE ALL WHO WALK THROUGH THIS DOOR.**

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN

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.

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.

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.

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 premartial 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

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| STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey | <i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> Jan 18, 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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