

The Baptism

OF THE LORD

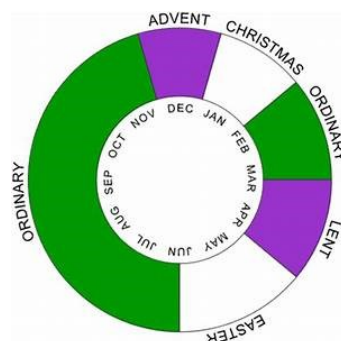
January 9, 2022

Jesus joins us to him in baptism. The Trinity is on full display here, as Jesus, beginning his public ministry, as he is baptized by the Holy Spirit. Jesus receives his baptism through John. Not only do we witness Jesus participating in an act that will become the cornerstone of the Christian faith, but we see it facilitated by a human whose divinity is as precarious as our own.

It is through Jesus' humanity that we are saved. He is both fully human and fully divine, and in this scene, his humanity is on display for us. He receives the sacrament of baptism, and thus participates in the act that our own lives require to gain entry to heaven. He's God. Why should Jesus bother getting baptized if he is one with the Holy Spirit already? Because the very act of God entering into humanity is to participate in it fully, unto death, and thus dignify human life and make it worthy of heaven. Because it is within this seeming contradiction that our own salvation lies. Because God is fully human and fully divine, it is through this act of living as one of us, along side other humans, that our own lives are sanctified. Paul tells us in the second reading for today's liturgy, "he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."

In the sacrament of baptism, God claims us for God's self. In Jesus baptism, a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." God says the same to us at our baptism, "You are my beloved sons and daughters; with you I am well pleased." When we realize we are chosen by God, we come to see that we are a special people. From the moment we recognize this we are charged with the responsibility to become who we are meant to be. It is one thing to simply say, "I am beloved," but it is an entirely different reality to embody those words and truly make them our own. Belovedness is not about superiority or acclaim. Rather, it is a humble acknowledgement that God lives and moves in each of us. (*Living Liturgy*, pp.41 & 42)

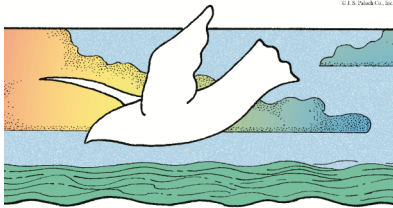
We begin a period of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent. Lent begins, March Second.



A simple Thank You to all who remembered me this Christmas Seasons with a greeting, card or a gift. As well as those who remembered the parish at this time of Christmas and Year-end.

[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

Luke 3:16



He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. — *Titus 3:5*

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



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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, January 10		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Dick & Bev Popp +Norbert Knott
TUESDAY, January 11		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, January 12		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Dan Holy
THURSDAY, January 13		
9am, Mass/School	St. Anastasia	
FRIDAY, January 14		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
SATURDAY, January 15		
3pam, Confessions		
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Chuck McLagan +Tim Scully
SUNDAY, January 16		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Robert Schmid
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	++Dick & Marie Richards
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Ken Schons
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 10		
6:30pm, RE grades p/k-15	St. Anastasia	
6:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
TUESDAY, January 11		
7pm, KC Fish Fry Comm.	St. Anastasia	cafeteria
WEDNESDAY, January 12		
6:30pm, RE grades 6-11	St. Anastasia	
7:30pm, Youth Nite/open gym	St. Anastasia	
THURSDAY, January 13		
Finance Council	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
FRIDAY, January 14		
6am That Man Is You	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
Sunday-Monday, January 16-17		
Squires Lock-in	St. Anastasia	
MONDAY, January 17		
NO School at St A's—Martin Luther King Day		
TUESDAY, January 18		
7pm St A's Admin Council	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
WEDNESDAY, January 19		
6:30pm, RE grades 6-11	St. Anastasia	
7:30pm, Youth Nite/open gym	St. Anastasia	

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

Community News



St Boniface Flower Memorials

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Christmas flowers at St Boniface in memory of their loved ones:

Carol Altrichter, for Jacquelyn (Altrichter) Nathe & Edward Al-

trichter; Paul & Margaret Maiers Family, for Paul and Margaret Maiers; Tom & LaMae Maiers, for Herman & Margaret Schiroo; Mark & Cindy & Jeanne Maiers, for PK & Veronica Putney, Stan Maiers and Bob Ludowese; Millie Navara, for Margie Navara; Kenny & Merri Schaufler, for Alfred & Flora Schaufler; John & Wendy Tanata, for John & Helen Tanata and Hillard Kaufman; Arthur Burge and Lyle Burge, Herb & Ruth Kalenberg and Dan Kalenberg.

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

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.

TEMPER AND PRIDE

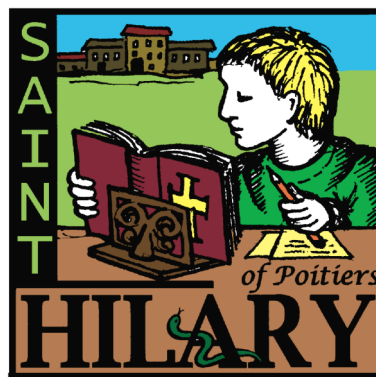
Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.

—Anonymous

Baptismal Death and Resurrection

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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Prayer of the Week

The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son,

grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

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 be well pleasing to God?

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Hilary was born into a pagan family in Poitiers but became a Christian around the age of 35. Known as a great theologian and defender of the faith he was soon chosen to be bishop. Author of many theological works he is often portrayed with book, pen & ink. His feast day is January 13.

School News

Schulze Family Foundation Matching Challenge Grant and Playground Announcement

Our goal for the St. Anastasia/Kids' Depot playground is \$150,000 to use toward new ground surface and playground equipment. The new playground will feature play areas for the different age groups that encompass our school and daycare programs, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. The equipment selected will enhance the educational experience for students at the school. It will encourage social, emotional, language, cognitive, and physical skill development.

This fall we were offered a \$25,000 matching challenge grant opportunity through the Schulze Family Foundation. I am pleased to announce that we have reached the challenge and will receive the match from the foundation! We still have a ways to go to meet our goal of \$150,000 and will continue to accept donations. Thank you for your participation and stay tuned for future updates.



Adoration Moment

Here is some food for thought from Archbishop Fulton Sheen:

- ✠ “The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship.”
- ✠ “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer.”

During our reconstruction, Adoration is held at 1016 Roe Ave, Hutchinson. Please use the right hand door to enter.

Adoration begins at 6am on Mondays and continues until 5pm on Fridays.

For updated schedule changes please check the Adoration Hotline: 320-484-7126.

Thank you for your devotion to this ministry!

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 Lucy Newcomb



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.



St. Anastasia is making a few staff changes. Merriane Miller is retiring after 46 years in varied roles in the parish office. We thank her for her many years of service to the Church, may she be blessed in her retirement. Cindy Meier will be taking over the responsibilities of Merriane as bookkeeper and human resource person. Bobbi Ludwig will be joining the staff as secretary/receptionist in the parish office and aiding in the school. "JJ" is the unofficial greeter in the parish office and works for pets and treats!



Bobbi Ludwig



"JJ"

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 be updating our financials as quickly as possible.

St. Anastasia

Dec 26 Contributions \$ 16, 091.

Capital Campaign

CC Fund balance \$ 504,930.30

Contribution statements will be ready before the end of the month. If you need yours immediately, please contact the parish office.

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

Dec 24	\$ 2,311
Dec 26	\$ 3,034
Jan 2	\$ 668.00

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the ongoing work of St Boniface and St Anastasia. It is your commitment to our faith community that makes it possible for us to move forward. Thank you so much!

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

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	Feb 2, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Feb 2, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
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.