

“To you who hear I say,
love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:27



FEBRUARY

20
2022

Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

To love our enemies is surely hard, unreasonable, yet it is also the most radical obedience that Jesus asks of his disciples as he continues his Sermon on the Plain. To love our enemies who victimize us makes us no longer victims; we become free people whose behavior is determined by no one else - except the Christ of whom we are disciples.

To love and not hate, to bless and not curse, to be generous and not demanding, to be compassionate and not self-centered - the choice is always there. For Christians, the strength to make such a choice depends on neither psychiatric theory nor theology; it is as simple and demanding as the words of the scriptures.

This is good news that, paradoxically, seems such “bad news.” “Bad” because it goes against our spontaneous inclination to give as good as we get from those who are enemies, and we all have them! It is good news “to you who hear,” because it is the word of Jesus. It is not hypothetical morality, but realistic Christian challenge to people who know what it is like to be slapped down, psychologically if not physically, whose generosity can be abused, and who find it difficult to extend love beyond friends, admirers, or benefactors.

The only motivation for this love is our kinship with God as daughters and sons, kinship with a God who is compassionate. *Mercy* is a most privileged gospel word. The responsorial Psalm 103 calls us to remember the mercy and love of God who forgives and removes our sins. Our gratitude to God for this should urge us to try to be worthy sons and daughters of God, likewise compassionate and forgiving of others.

It's not only radical for Jesus' time. This week it is worth the time to read the gospel a few times over, maybe even out loud. This is God's word. This is what Jesus telling us to do. There's no asterisk or extra context. This is it. Love your enemies. Pray for those who mistreat you. Lend expecting nothing back. Stop judging. Stop condemning. Forgive. That's it. That's the point. That's how we get to heaven. (*Living Liturgy, pp. 66-67*)

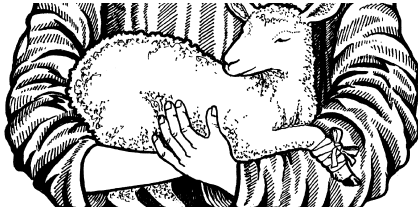


Lent begins March 2nd with Ash Wednesday.

Masses: 7AM-A, 12N-A, 5PM-A, and 7PM-B

The Mission Group will be offering a Cheese Pizza and salad supper after the 5 pm mass. Free will offering will be taken for their upcoming trip to Nashville, TN.

Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, Mass and Stations of the Cross will be offered, following Mass a simple supper will be offered. On Wednesdays, *Into His Likeness* will be offered and on Fridays, *Seven Deadly Sins/Seven lively Virtues* will be offered for an Adult Education opportunity after Mass. Descriptions are found inside.



Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

Readings for the Week

Mon: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tue: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Wed: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thu: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Fri: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Sat: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sun: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



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Emergencies: 507-829-0965

St. Boniface Catholic Church
551 Main Street, Stewart, MN
55385

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
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Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Fridays.

MONDAY, February 21

5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Richard Roskammer
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TUESDAY, February 22

7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
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WEDNESDAY, February 23

5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dick & Marie Richards
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THURSDAY, February 24

9am, Mass/School	St. Anastasia	Special Intention
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FRIDAY, February 25

7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Special Intention
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SATURDAY, February 26

3pm, Confessions		
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Jen Aritt

SUNDAY, February 27

7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Harry Farenbault
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	++ Robert Otto, Carsten Homen
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Millie Prieve
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Faith Community

Calendar of Events

New Office Hours: 7:30am to 4:30pm

SUNDAY, February 20

9-10:15am, Pre-School-5th grade FF	St. Anastasia
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MONDAY, February 21

TUESDAY, February 22

WEDNESDAY, February 23

6:30pm, RE grades 6-11	St. Anastasia
7:30pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia

THURSDAY, February 24

6-8pm KC's & Parishioners Bagging Condiment Bags	Cafeteria
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FRIDAY, February 25

6am That Man Is You	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
11:30am KC Fish Fry-Drive Thru	Fairgrounds	

SATURDAY, February 26

SUNDAY, February 27

9-10:15am, Pre-School-5th grade FF	St. Anastasia
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MONDAY, February 28- March 4

No School—Spring Break

TUESDAY, March 1

6:30pm, School Advisory Committee	St. Anastasia
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The Roman Catholic Area Faith Community of
St. Anastasia & St. Boniface

Community News

Dedication Invitation

You are most cordially invited to a special dedication ceremony at all the masses on Jan 26/27. There will be a reception with cake and beverages after the 4:30pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday masses. It is a time to celebrate our many blessings and our return to our beautiful church!

St. A's Knights of Columbus Council No. 4797 35th Annual Fish Fry

Date: Friday, Feb. 25th

Time 11:30am-6pm or until fish is gone.

Place: MCLEOD COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

Tickets: \$13

Serving Alaskan Pollock, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Bread, Cookie

DRIVE- UP and DELIVERY ONLY



St A's KC's Request Parish Help

Bagging (2200) Condiment Bags for Fish Fry meals

Date: Thursday Feb 24

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Job Opening

St Anastasia Parish has an opening for Facilities Manager. This is a full time position with benefits. Job duties include maintenance of parish facilities and equipment; scheduling and overseeing repairs/replacements; coordinating/overseeing ongoing maintenance of property (including outdoor areas); coordinating safety drills with school staff; maintaining clean and safe environment. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Fr Paul for more information or to schedule an interview.

Baptismal Celebrations



Emmy Lillian Schreifels
daughter of Ryan and Sara

James Thomas Gemuenden
son of Daniel and Rachael

We warmly welcome Emmy and James to our family of faith and ask God to bless them today and everyday!

CCW News

We are planning our CCW Spring Rummage Sale during Spring Break on March 3rd & 4th. **Please no large furniture or appliances!**

We will start taking donations on February 26th.

Scholarships are available through the New Ulm Diocesan CCW. These scholarships are for training and spiritual growth for liturgists, teachers, lectors, musicians, secretaries, eucharistic Ministers, CCW education or any volunteers involved in parish ministries. Scholarships can be used for workshops, conferences, seminars or classes to aid individuals in parish ministry. Scholarship money can be used for tuition or registration fees only. Maximum amount of the scholarship is \$200.

Applications are available at the parish office or from Sandy Bjerkelund (587-6878). **Deadline to apply is Feb 28.** Sandy must have the application by Feb 28 to process it.

March 2 - April 10



Join us
Monday thru Friday
(7AM - 7 PM)
for peaceful & prayerful
witness to **end abortion!**

Planned Parenthood
451 East St Germain St
St. Cloud

Opening Vigil Mar 5 10 AM-Noon
Closing Vigil Apr 9 10 AM-Noon

Judy 320-453-7592
judy4life@meltel.net

Jan 320-253-1779
hoelscherhorj@charter.net

OPENING & CLOSING RALLYS : Sat March 5

and Sat April 9 10am-Noon, (both starting at 10am at the planned parenthood site & ending at St Aug's cafeteria for a pizza Luncheon). Our Opening Rally on March 5 will feature a Speaker from the (PRC) PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER www.preghelp.com call 320-253-1962 text 320-434-1772 We will be hosting a BABY SHOWER for the PRC Attendee's are encouraged to bring at least one item for the baby shower.

Faith Formation

ADULT FORMATION



We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone is welcome. Thursdays, starting March 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome come experience: hospitality, a talk and good conversation.



GriefShare. New set of 13 sessions begin March 7, Mondays at 6:30

PM in the Hospitality Area of the Church. All are welcome.

Marriage Works in Christ (Enriching Your Marriage)

Fr. Justin Damien Dean, O.S.B., and Greg and Julie Alexander talk with couples about all aspects of married life. Couples share their struggles as well as the ways they overcame difficulties through prayer, the sacraments, and studying and implementing the Church teachings.

The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast **Marriage Works in Christ** on HCVN, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays

Date	Series
Feb. 22, 25	Spirituality of Stewardship, Episode 2
Mar. 1, 4	Understanding Family of Origin, Episode 3
Mar. 8, 11	Role of Men as Husbands, Episode 4
Mar. 15, 18	Roles as Wives, Episode 5
Mar. 22, 25	Sanctifying Your Marriage, Episode 6
Mar. 29, Apr. 1	Communication in Marriage, Episode 7
Apr. 5, 8	Virtue of Chastity, Episode 8
Apr. 12, 15	Permanence and Indissolubility, Episode 9
Apr. 19, 22	Forgiveness and Healing, Episode 10
Apr. 26, 29	Parenting and Pass on the Faith, Episode 11
May 3, 6	Vision for Marriage, Episode 12
May 10, 13	Frequently Asked Questions, Episode 13

Into His Likeness

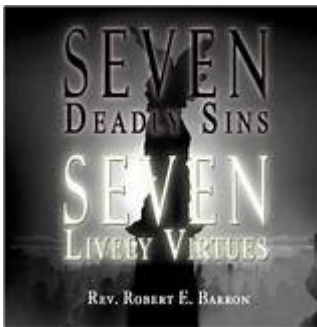
In the ancient disciple-rabbi relationship, the disciple would follow the rabbi so closely that he would be covered in the dust kicked up from his rabbi's feet.

Thousands of years later, though we walk on roads of pavement and not dust, we are still called to be disciples—to follow our Rabbi, Jesus Christ, so closely that we are covered with his life, changed, and made new.

But this transformation in Christ doesn't happen overnight. In this series, Edward Sri reminds us of two basic truths: First, (A) The truth of our human condition: we are full of many weaknesses, wounds, and sins. And second, (B) The truth of our high calling—we are called to be perfected in God's love and transformed in Christ. Living as a disciple is all about the process of getting from A to B.



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues



Join Bishop Robert Barron for this engaging presentation concerning the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Based on Dante's writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante's Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness.

However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the "seven lively virtues." The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

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.

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

<http://reallifecatholic.com/events/reboothutchinson/>



LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln

RECIPROCITY

If God loved us as much as we love God, where would we all be?

—Anonymous

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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 that is pleasing to God?

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St John Paul II Area Faith Community—Widow's Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Winsted, MN. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by breakfast and an inspirational reflection presented by Fr Matthew Wiering. Registration is requested for meal planning and limited seating. Three ways to register: 1) St John Paul

II AFC Church entries 2) Call HT Parish at 320-485-5651 or online @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FACA72BA6F85-widows>. Register by Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727

This is the last weekend to support St. Anastasia School in the 2022 Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial. **100% of the proceeds go directly to the school**, our goal is \$10,000. There are \$40,000 in prizes with the grand prize being a 2022 Ford Escape or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased after Mass today. Thankyou for you supporting our school.



Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Barb Olson Jenny Trettin
 Delores Beich Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl
 Delores Muetzel Gloria Pohlmann Betty Gunderson
 Darlene Artmann Terry Bisbee Cristy Wallstrom
 Roseanne Genz Special Intention Bruce Bjerkelund
 Genny Lhotka Sheldon Nies Cathy Plath Tom Donohoo
 Sharon Nohner



Names will be listed for one month, if you would like to continue your prayer 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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn Reinarts whom we buried this past week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

“EXTRA – EXTRA – READ ALL ABOUT IT”

EXCITING NEWS

Adoration At St. A.'s is returning home to the Day Chapel!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Hallelujah!

Please stop by to visit Jesus.

Adoration is the act of rejoicing in the Lord.

Adoration can be as silent as a sunset.

Ask Him for a favor / Express sorrow for a wrong doing /

Thank Him for a Blessing received /

Just sit in silence and enjoy His presence.

Be still, my soul, and let me praise my Lord and my God.

Amen.

PARISH OFFICE: 587-6507 / ADORATION HOTLINE: 320-484-7126

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.

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Feb 13 Contributions \$ 17,106.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$ 1,509,332.
 Contributions Received \$ 1,141,391.07
 CC Fund balance \$ 192,074.40

Contribution statements are ready to be picked up at the parish office during the week or at Mass on the weekends.

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. 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

Feb 13 Contributions \$ 1,013.00



The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf is having a food drive from February 28–April 10, 2022 and all donations collected during the campaign are multiplied by the Food Fund. **Donations needed**

most are: whole grains, nuts & nut butters, canned meats, cooking & baking items, meal side – dish items, personal care items, household care items, cash for purchasing perishables such as eggs, cheese, & fresh produce.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sat. Mar 5 at the 4:30pm Mass & Sun Mar 6 at the 10:30am Mass. Please pray for the 75 students who will receive the sacrament from our parishes!



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> Feb 15, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	Feb 8, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	Apr 21, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Jason Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> March 1, 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	Feb 10, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Mark Maiers	March 2, 8pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	March 2, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

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St. Anastasia Cemetery	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
Richard Navara, Manager	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.