

# Third Sunday of LENT



March 20, 2022

“Remove the sandals from your feet,  
for the place where you stand  
is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:5

In today’s gospel, the crowd reminds Jesus about the tragedy of what happened to a group of Galileans who had been standing at the altar worshipping God when they themselves became sacrificial offerings at the hands of Pilate’s henchmen. Although not historically recorded outside the gospel, this would have been as politically explosive as those tragedies that are still too familiar in volatile and unreconciled parts of our world, and in acts of indiscriminate terrorism. Jesus recognizes the unspoken but implied question: *Big sinners, big suffering?* and answers with an explicit *No*. He himself raises the issue of eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam accidentally collapsed on them. Neither of these incidents, says Jesus, is about God’s punishment of the victims’ sinfulness, although human nature is sometimes and mistakenly quick to make such a judgment. They show, rather, the fragility of our lives and the suddenness with which death can overwhelm us. We can be tempted to query, privately or publicly, the truth of the response to Psalm 103, “The Lord is kind and merciful,” but the law of nature are not to be equated with the laws of morality.

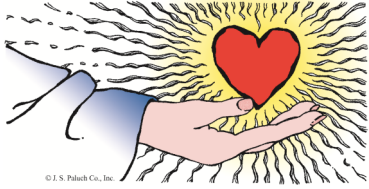
Jesus uses these events to make one point: what happened was sudden, with no time to avoid the catastrophes. But there is a much greater catastrophe on which the people need to focus: their unpreparedness for the merciful yet just judgment of God. So Jesus tells a parable about an unproductive fruit tree. A healthy fruit tree is interdependent, not self sufficient; it takes nourishment from the soil in which it is planted and is further nourished by the work of the gardener who fertilizes it. In turn, the tree gives back fruit.

In the judgment of the orchard owner, time has run out for the tree that had not borne fruit for three years, and it deserves to be cut down. It is all “take” from the soil that must also nourish the other trees, and no “give.” But the gardener begs his master to be patient and allow him another year of extra effort, of digging around and fertilizing the tree to see if it will bear some fruit. If it still does not, then it can be cut down. By choosing this reading for Lent, the church suggests that the loving patience of our God is giving us another chance to do some seasonal gardening on ourselves: to loosen the soil around our persona and communal earthbound roots with the tools of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; to fertilize our lives with the rich Lenten liturgy of word and sacrament; and to strengthen, not weaken, one another by mutual care and kindness.

Like the Galileans and the victims of the Siloam collapse, we can never be sure how many “next years” lie ahead of us. “Today,” this Lent, is the important time of conversion.

(Living Liturgy, p. 88)

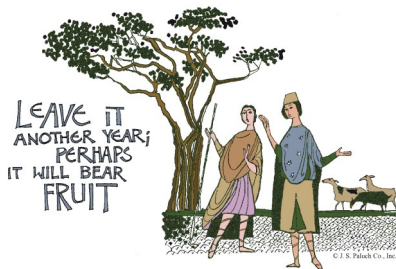
## Prayer + Fasting + Almsgiving



Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding  
in kindness.  
— Psalm 103:8

**Readings for the Week**

**Mon:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
**Tue:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
**Wed:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thu:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
**Fri:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Sat:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
**Sun:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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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

*Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Fridays.*

<b>MONDAY, March 21</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Cleo Karl
<b>TUESDAY, March 22</b> 7am, Mass 2pm, Mass	St. Anastasia Harmony River	++Dick & Marie Richards
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 23</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>THURSDAY, March 24</b> 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Jeff "Tank" Ruhland
<b>FRIDAY, March 25</b> 7am, Mass 5pm, Stations of the Cross/Mass	St. Anastasia	+Dick & Bev Popp
<b>SATURDAY, March 26</b> 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> St. Anastasia	Herman Griep family +Dale Douglas
<b>SUNDAY, March 27</b> 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass  10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> St. Anastasia St. Boniface  St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+Rita Behler, Robin Young Samantha Hanson +Mike Kenney +Robin Young For Our Faith Community

**Calendar of Events**

<b>MONDAY, March 21</b> 5:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
<b>TUESDAY, March 22</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 23</b> 5pm, Mass/Stations/Supper/Into His Likeness	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
<b>THURSDAY, March 24</b> 10am, Card Ministry 6:30pm, ALPHA	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Office Hospitality Area
<b>FRIDAY, March 25</b> 6am, That Man Is You 11am, Stations of the Cross/School 5pm, Mass/Station/Supper/Seven Deadly Sins-Seven Lively Virtues	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area Church
<b>SATURDAY, March 26</b> 3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Church
<b>SUNDAY, March 27</b> 9-10:15am, Pre-School-5th grade FF	St. Anastasia	School
<b>MONDAY, March 29</b> 5:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 30</b> 5pm, Mass/Stations/Supper/Into His Likeness	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area

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



## Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to donate flowers for the Easter season at either St Boniface or St Anastasia, please put your donation in an envelope marked “Flowers” and drop it in the collection plate at either church. Please include the name(s) of the people you would like remembered in prayer. Thank you!

## Looking For

The Cemetery Committee would like some help in locating relatives of the following:

Andrew & Johannah McCarthy

Arthur and Agnes Plaisance

We would like to speak to them concerning needed maintenance on their headstones. If you know of anyone connected to these people, please contact the parish office or Mike Schall, Cemetery Mngr.

## Clothing Drive

Clothing, jackets, shoes, boots, etc.



St. Boniface Confirmation Students are collecting clothing to benefit the Common Cup Ministries. Bring your gently used clothing to St. Boniface Catholic Church, Stewart, MN, basement between: February 20<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>.

All clothing is donated to Common Cup Ministries Thrift Store, Glencoe, MN where clothing is sold and proceeds used to benefit Common Cup Ministries Clients. Monetary donations are also accepted. Pick up of your donations can be arranged. Contact Lisa Stifter: 320-562-2305



Many blessings for

Travis and Taylor Kesler children of Nathaniel & Cheyenne who is baptized this weekend.

Welcome to our family of faith—May the Lord bless you and your family on this special day and on every day!

## CCW Convention 2022

April 30, 2022, Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall MN Theme: Trust in His Goodness

Guest Speakers Angela Kennecke and Fr Brendan Rolling, OSB. Angela Kennecke is a veteran broadcast journalist and award winning investigative reporter. She will speak about the issues surrounding opioid addiction and the death of her daughter by a Fentanyl overdose. Fr Brendan Rolling grew up in Arco, MN and was inspired at World Youth Day in Denver to join St Benedict’s Abbey in Atchinson, KS. He currently preaches retreats, gives conferences and provides spiritual direction to missionaries as they pursue holiness. Registration forms available on the NUDCCW website. \$35 if registered before April 10. Questions? Contact Lori Dahlberg.

## McLeod Food Shelf Open House Celebration

April 5, 2022, 3-7pm at the new facility at 719 13th St E Glencoe. Take a tour of the building, sneak a peak inside the mobile bus. Enjoy light refreshments and hear the many ways we’re distributing rescued and donated food to anyone in need. Hope to see you there!

## Sausage Breakfast

St Aloysius Catholic Church, Olivia, hosts their annual Men’s Sausage Breakfast, March 20. Serving 9am-1pm. Take out available. Homemade sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, rolls, beverages. \$10 for adults, children aged 12 & under: \$5


## Widows of Joy - April 2, 2022

St. John Paul II Area Faith Community invites all recent and long-time widows to attend Widows of Joy on April 2, 2022, at The Church of the Holy Trinity in Winsted. The gathering will begin with Mass at 5:00pm, followed by a meal, reflection talk, discussion, and fun! Sr. Annunciata from the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will be our April guest speaker. Registration is requested for meal planning. To register: 1) Call HT Parish @ 320-485-5651 2) Sign-up online @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FACA72BA6F85-widows1> or by 3) QR Code. Register by March 29, 2022. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727.



# 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.

### Into His Likeness (Wednesday)

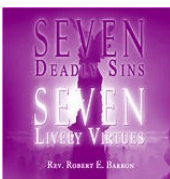
#### **Episode 3: THE ENCOUNTER**

The starting point for discipleship is not a desire or willingness to follow to particular way of life. The starting point for discipleship is an encounter with Jesus, who loves us unconditionally - for who we are and just as we are. St. Peter discovered that truth when Jesus approached him at what must have been the lowest point of his life, when he was filled with remorse and perhaps self-condemnation for denying his Lord. What Jesus did for Peter- the change he worked in his life- he wants to do for you as well.



### Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues (Friday)

#### **SLOTH & ZEAL**



When we come to sloth, we come to the dead center of the deadly sins. This place is the fitting spot to discuss sloth, which St. Thomas defines as “sorrow of indifference to spiritual good.” Sloth is when a human heart becomes bored with and inert to the things of God. It is not the same thing as mere laziness. Sloth abounds in our secular society as many are indifferent to spiritual, transcendent things (75% of Catholics don’t go to Mass regularly).

The lively virtue for sloth is zeal for God. This is best kindled by fervent prayer for God to reveal our mission in life, coupled with the vigorous pursuit of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Christians are called to be on fire for the Gospel, which is the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

### **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
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 & 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

**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/>



# Reflections

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,  
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving  
have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,  
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,  
may always be lifted up by your mercy.  
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:

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

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## HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

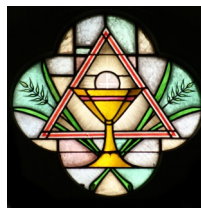
Shepherd of Souls AFC will host the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit Mar 25–Mar 31 @ the St. Philip's Church (Litchfield) social hall. This exhibit includes 126 historically documented Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in various countries since the Last Supper. These are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

The Exhibit will be open: more info @<https://www.shepherdsouls.org>

Fri. 3-25 1pm - 8p.m. Tues. 3-29 9am - 8pm  
Sat. 3-26 9am - 5pm Wed. 3-30 9am - 1pm  
Sun. 3-27 1pm - 8pm Thurs. 3-31 9am - 8pm  
Mon. 3-28 9am - 5pm

Make plans to visit the exhibit @ The Church of St. Philip located at: 821 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street Litchfield, MN  
Free admission. Contact person: Deacon John Hansen (320) 221-4987.

All are welcome including members of other faiths. Free admission. For more information call Deacon John Hansen (320) 221-4987.



## ADORATION

### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!!

ADORATION provides a place of serenity, peace and calm to a hurting world, a place to lose and renew yourself in a simpler and quieter world for just an hour. We all find ourselves struggling with everyday life in some shape or form. Find one hour each week to unload all the distractions we have in our lives! JESUS is waiting in the Day Chapel for us.

Please join the 100+ "Adorers" that share in that quieter world:

Times available:

**Monday:** 7am

**Tuesday:** 3:00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) 6pm & 7pm

**Wednesday:** 1am / 9am

**Thursday:** 1am / 5pm / 11pm

**Friday:** 7am (March & April) 9am

Parish office: (320) 587-6507

Adoration Hot Line: (320) 484-7126

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

*Nicole Glesener Barb Olson Jenny Trettin  
Delores Beich Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl  
Delores Muetzel Betty Gunderson Gloria  
Oltmann Terry Bisbee Cristy Wallstrom  
Roseanne Genz Special Intention Bruce Bjerkelund  
Genny Lhotka Sheldon Nies Cathy Plath Tom Donohoo  
Sharon Nohner David Berger Jen Schnichels Marilyn  
Schreiner Bev Wangerin*



For the deceased: Tom Stafford

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.

The 24th Annual Tim Orth Memorial Foundation Basketball Jamboree will be held at Glencoe/Silver Lake High School Gym, April 2. Doors open at 4pm; games begin at 5:30pm. 2 basketball games (male & female). Entertainment by our High School Dance Academy, Kelly's Dance Academy, Touch of Grace Dance, Hutch Key club, Hutch Tiger Special Olympics, silent auction and more. Proceeds from this event will help defray medical expenses of 6 children of our area. For more info call Ralph Johnson 320-587-6733. donations to the Foundation may be sent to Ralph, 558 Juergens Rd, Hutchinson 55350.

## Stewardship

### St. Anastasia

Mar 13 Contributions \$ 20,390.00

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$ 1,509,332.  
Contributions Received \$ 1,165,129.19  
CC Fund Balance \$ 215,200.52

### 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](http://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](http://OLGapp.com). Register by entering our church ID of 78.

### St. Boniface

Mar 13 Contributions \$ 1910.00



**Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information?  
Please provide some contact information for us  
to reach out to you!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



I would like more information on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Classes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Opportunities     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Anastasia School                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Adoration       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confession                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Masses                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call or visit from Father Paul |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm Updating My Information |

### 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 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

<b>STA Administrative Council</b> Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> Apr 19, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>STB Administrative Council</b> Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
<b>Cemetery Committee</b> Chair: Jeff Lehn	Apr 21, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>School Advisory Committee</b> Chair: Jason Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> April 5, 7pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jennissen	TBA, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	library
<b>Worship &amp; Outreach Committee</b>	TBA, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>Maintenance Committee</b>	TBA 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>Social Concerns Committee</b>	TBA, 6pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>STA Council of Catholic Women</b>	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>STB Council of Catholic Women</b>	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Grand Knight: Mark Maiers	April 6, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
<b>Knights of Columbus Squires</b>	April 6, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	hosp. kitchen

## Area Faith Community Staff

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LaMae Maiers, Administration		
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<b>St. Anastasia Cemetery</b>		
Mike Schall, Manager	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
<b>St. Boniface Cemetery</b>		
Terry Maiers, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 320-894-8758	
Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	320-583-4345	

**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.