

# Fourth Sunday of LENT



The compassionate love of God in Christ is always ready to forgive sinners and welcome them home. This is the challenging truth that Jesus proclaims to the consolation of the tax collectors and sinners, and the dismay of the Pharisees and scribes who were his audience. Today we are Jesus' Lenten audience. We are called to listen to the story of two brothers, neither of whom really knows what it means to be the son of a father who is prodigal in his love.

The parable begins with the "want" of the younger son, a demand to have his share of his inheritance. This amounted to wishing that his father was dead, since that was the rightful time for inheritance. As a foolish lover, the father gives not only the younger son what he demands, but "divided his property between them," that is, he included the older brother. In fact, the latter, as the elder, would receive double the share. This son, therefore, skulks selfishly, hypocritically in the background until the end of the parable when he is revealed for what he really is. Even though he remains physically at home, he is also in the "far country" of misunderstanding and intolerance of either his father or his brother. And contrary to social expectations of an elder brother in his culture, he does nothing to promote understanding or reconciliation between them.

The father is only concerned with being a loving father and so he allows his younger son the freedom to reject his love. The wants of this boy lead him where he certainly did not intend to go when he left home: to enslavement to a Gentile boss in a Gentile pigsty, to starvation, and to physical and spiritual impoverishment. By looking after the pigs, he makes himself ritually unclean, so squandering a second inheritance: his Jewish faith. At this crisis point, the boy sits down, "coming to his senses," but coming to his senses doesn't reconcile the son; coming to his father will.

During Lent, the church calls us to remember the gifts of God that we have squandered and that have led us into a small or greater mess of our spiritual "pigsty." With great wisdom, the Church also knows that we need this time of heightened awareness of our compassionate Father who embraces us in the outstretched arms of the Crucified.

March 27, 2022

"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son.'"

Luke 15:18-19



Palm Sunday April 9/10: weekend schedule  
Holy Thursday, April 14: 5pm - B and 7pm - A  
Good Friday, April 15: 3 pm - A, 5pm - A (Stations of the Cross), and 7pm - B  
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), April 16: 8pm - A  
Easter Sunday, April 17: 7am - A, 9am - B, and 11am - A



Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

### Readings for the Week

**Mon:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tue:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thu:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Fri:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sun:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;



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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, March 28**

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Virgil Vacek

**TUESDAY, March 29**

7am, Mass St. Anastasia ++Dick & Marie Richards

**WEDNESDAY, March 30**

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia +Robin Young

**THURSDAY, March 31**

9am, Mass St. Anastasia +Joyce Bergman

**FRIDAY, April 1**

7am, Mass St. Anastasia +Frances Swedzinski  
 5pm, Stations of the Cross/Mass

**SATURDAY, April 2**

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia ++Dominic & Lillian Novak  
 4:30pm, Mass

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**SUNDAY, April 3**

7:30am, Mass St. Anastasia ++Dick & Marie Richards  
 9:00am, Mass St. Boniface ++Dick & Marie Richards  
 10:30am, Mass St. Anastasia Special Intention  
 7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For Our Faith Community

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

## Calendar of Events

**MONDAY, March 28**

5:30pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia Youth Room

**TUESDAY, March 29**

**WEDNESDAY, March 30**

5pm, Mass/Stations/Supper/Into His Likeness St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

**THURSDAY, March 31**

6:30pm, ALPHA St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

**FRIDAY, April 1**

6am, That Man Is You St. Anastasia Hospitality Area  
 11am, Stations of the Cross/School St. Anastasia Church  
 5pm, Mass/Station/Supper/Seven Deadly Sins-Seven Lively Virtues

**SATURDAY, April 2**

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia Church

**SUNDAY, April 3**

9-10:15am, Pre-School-5th grade FF St. Anastasia School  
 2pm, Penance Service St. Anastasia Church

**MONDAY, April 4**

5:30pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia Youth Room

**TUESDAY, April 5**

6:30pm, Education Advisory Committee St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**

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.



**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 basket-

ball 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.



## McLeod Food Shelf Open House

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!

## 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.

## Thank You!

Many thanks and God's blessings on you for your generous response to the recent collection for the people of Ukraine. We'll be sending the money on within the next 2 weeks, so please, if you would like to make an additional donation, have it in the parish office by then. Thank You!

## Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Hear our prayers, O Lord and deliver us from distress for you are merciful and compassionate. To You we give glory: the Father, the son and the Holy spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

# 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, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome come experience: hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

**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/>



## 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.

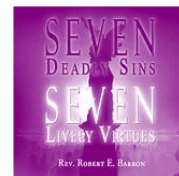
The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast **Marriage Works in Christ** on HCVN, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays

Date	Series
Mar. 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

## Into His Likeness (Wednesday)

Episode 4: Transformed by Fire - Prayer & Sacraments

This session introduces four essential habits that set the early Church on fire for the Lord and explains how to put two of them into practice in daily life.



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

### Avarice & Generosity

Avarice is the immoderate or unreasonable desire for riches. Riches, property, and wealth are good things, it is the moment we care more about these things more than about how to use them for the common good. The lively virtue to avarice is generosity. The Trinity is a community of divine generosity. God is generous love. The Father loves the Son, and the son loves him back. The Holy Spirit is the result or outpouring of their love. All lively virtues spring from love and are attempts to imitate God.

## LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

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:

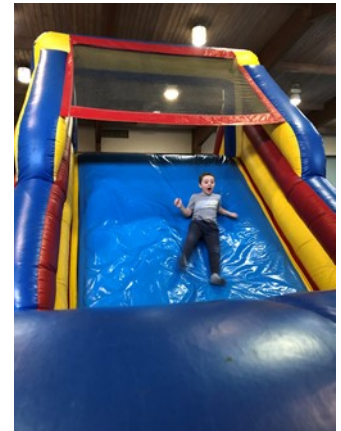
How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?

# School News

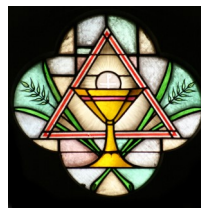
## Family Fun Night Success

Family Fun night hosted by our Home & School organization was Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The night started with families attending Stations of the Cross, Mass and devouring a cheese pizza dinner. Then the kids were let loose in the gym to enjoy a bouncy house and yard games. Yard games included a large chess game, bowling, and Jenga to name a few. The bouncy house was an obstacle bouncy house where kids had to climb over/under a tube and scale the wall before sliding down a huge bouncy slide. Thank you to our Home &

School group who organized this fantastic fun evening for families to get together and make lasting memories.



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.



## 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

The Exhibit will be open: more info @<https://www.shepherdofsouls.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.

## 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 Amanda Dressel*



For the deceased: Dolores Joecks

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.

## Spring Has Sprung

And soon the lawn will need mowing (Trust us—it will happen!) We are looking for a few volunteers to take on mowing the parish grounds. We have a riding lawn mower and—for the old school mowers—a walk behind mower. If you can spare an hour or two for the beautification of the parish grounds, please give Fr Paul or Jon Skoog a call. And many many cheers and thanks to Shannon Lyons, Terry Mraz and Dwight & Linda Clark for all their help in keeping our grounds looking good!

## 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

Mar 20 Contributions	\$ 18,951.00
Ukraine Relief	\$13,773.00

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$ 1,509,332.
Contributions Received	\$ 1,169,444.39
CC Fund Balance	\$ 218,733.17

### 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 20 Contributions	\$ 4,675.00
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**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:

Education Classes

St. Anastasia School

Confession

I would like a call or visit from Father Paul

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Opportunities

Eucharistic Adoration

Masses

I'm Updating My Information



## 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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<b>St. Boniface Staff</b>		
LaMae Maiers, Administration		
Merri Schaeffler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245	
<b>St. Anastasia School</b>		
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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.