

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

At the beginning of the liturgical year, the church tries to make us more attentive to, hopeful about, and prepared for the moment of the great advent of God: the second coming of Christ, when human and cosmic history will have run the course and the timeless, eternal kingdom is fully established. God will come to us, but we also must make our pilgrimage to God.

Jesus will come definitively to each one of us at our own individual end time, which will be our death. For the whole of creation, it will be the *eschaton*, the “end time” not so much of the world but for the world. Individually and cosmically, this will be a new birth, as unimaginable and yet so much more hugely real than the world that awaited us when we were born from our mother’s womb.

Jesus urges the disciples to prepare. The Son of Man will come - but they know not the time nor the place. Mystery abounds in matters of faith, then and now God reveals Godself to creation over and over, yet we can never know it all. God is too big, too powerful, too mysterious. How, then, are we to prepare? Like the disciples, we are not expected to solve the mystery. Instead, we are instructed to be present, to pay attention, to awe at the gift of God alive all over.

What does it feel like to be spiritually awake? Think of a time when your mind, body, and spirit felt awake and present to the divine. What spiritual practices helped you get to that place? Advent is a season of preparation, a time to try new - or resurrect old - spiritual practices that help us wake up to our faith. Pick a practice that works for you: mediate on the daily readings; light a candle; sit in silence.

The Prophet Isaiah paints a vision of God who makes Godself known in bigger and bolder ways. The Lord establishes a house on the highest mountain. People of all nations converge to learn God’s holy ways and to walk in the divine light.

Matthew Gospel, read this year, cycle A; today, gives the image of people being suddenly taken away, is uncomfortable; the idea of being left behind doesn’t sound great either. All this reminds us that our God is a God of surprises. For most of us, God’s surprising work will be much more ordinary than vanishing neighbors but we are still called to stay aware of God’s presence and open to the unexpected ways God moves in our hearts and in our world. May we enter into our Season of Advent, waiting upon the Lord. *Living Liturgy, pp. 2-3*



Starting Saturday, December 3: 1st Saturday Devotion: 9am, Mass/Confession/Fatima Devotion - Following Saturdays: 9am Mass/Rosary/Confessions

Starting Sunday, December 4: 3pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet/Exposition/4pm, Confessions/5pm, Benediction (continuing on Sunday afternoon)



Each of us has been entrusted by God with gifts, in the form of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

As a stewardship parish, we proclaim and practice stewardship all year long. Each parish ministry offers many ways to give back to God through prayer, service, and volunteer opportunities. Stewardship of treasure takes the form of a commitment to share in the financial health of the parish and its ministries. Today, we invite you to make a commitment of financial support.

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus. O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage. Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness. Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever. We pray: Come, Lord Jesus.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tue: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thu: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, November 28 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Dick & Marie Richards
TUESDAY, November 29 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	All Souls In Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, November 30 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Cindy Ziemer, Genny Lhotka
THURSDAY, December 1 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Donald & Irene Vorbeck All Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, December 2 7am, Mass 10am, Mass, Pines	St. Anastasia	+ Francis Reinowski ++Dick & Marie Richards
SATURDAY, December 3 9am, Mass/Confession 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+ Genny Lhotka Day Chapel + Rick Ewalt
SUNDAY, December 4 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Second Sunday of Advent +Genny Lhotka + Ruth Wangen +Neal Braun For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, November 28 No School Teachers' Workshop 5:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
TUESDAY, November 29		
WEDNESDAY, November 30 6:30pm, Eucharist (Bible Study) 6:30pm, Faith Formation 7:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia 6th-8th St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area School Youth Room/Gym/Church
THURSDAY, December 1 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
FRIDAY, December 2 6am, That Man Is You (TMIY)	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
SATURDAY, December 3 9am, Mass/Confession/Fatima Devotion—1st Saturday of the Month		
SUNDAY, December 4 8:45am, The Bible Timeline 9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade 10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School 3pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet/Exposition/4pm Confessions/5pm Benediction 5:30pm, RCIA	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area St. Anastasia St. Anastasia Hospitality Area
MONDAY, December 5 5:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
TUESDAY, December 6 6:30pm, Education Advisory Committee		Hospitality Area

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

Community News

CHAP MINISTRIES ADOPT A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS

Adopt a Senior is a Program designed to bring Smiles & Joy to Residents of Long Term Care Facilities in McLeod County. Many of these Residents were placed “suddenly” in a position where they needed help instead of helping themselves, as they were accustomed to for so many years.

It is our Current Mission to purchase a Christmas gift for each of the dear Residents in McLeod County Nursing Homes. We have asked over 200 of them what they would like for Christmas.

Common Gift Requests: Chocolate, Cookies, Treats, DVD Players, Western DVD's, Old TV Shows on DVD, CD Players, Older style County CD's, 60's CD's, Hymns, Cassette Players, Zip-Up Hoodies, Personal Care items, Pajamas, Robes, Socks,

GIFT CARDS: Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Dollar General, Dollar Tree

Place unwrapped gifts in a gift bag and bring it to church by Sunday, December 11th. We will pick them up from the church on December 12th. Merry Christmas & Thank You! **CHAP MINISTRIES 928-792-3100**

9th Annual Christmas Market



Our annual LEAST fundraiser will be held Saturday, Dec 17, 9am-1pm, in the gym. (Parking in north lot) This year it features :

- ✦ A delicious breakfast (eggs, sausage, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, fruit, beverages)
- ✦ HUGE bake sale
- ✦ Quilt raffle
- ✦ Gerald Kucera will be there selling fudge and kolaches.

All proceeds go to the “LEAST” project to feed weekly 120 elderly in Guatemala for a year!

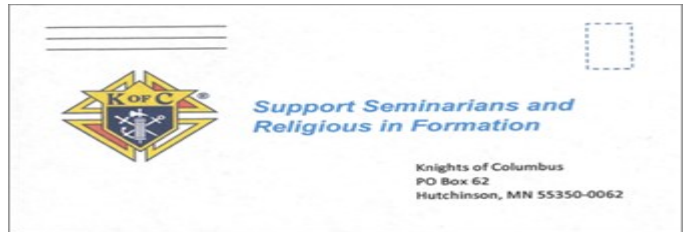
LEAST = Loving the Elderly And Satiating His Thirst

BASICS Christmas Concert

Please join the BASICS (Brothers and Sisters In Christ Singers) on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 201 South Street, Stewart, MN for an afternoon of Christmas music, fellowship and a lite lunch following the Concert. Proceeds from the concert and lunch will be used to further the BASICS music ministry.

Faith in Action – Support Vocations Program

Our Knights of Columbus council would like to provide a \$1000 match to parish donations in support of the Vocations Program. We will provide some donation envelopes that can be found in the back of church for the congregation to send in their donation or place in the collection basket. A donation given in a plain envelope marked “Support Religious Vocations” and placed in the collection basket will also work.



Through this program, we will raise funds to support seminarians or religious in formation in our diocese. We will collect through December. As of 11/14/22 we have collected **\$1,503.00**. **Thank you! Due to an early bulletin deadline no updates available.**

Advent Prayer Service: All parishioners especially those with children, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop Chad W. Zielinski on Sunday, December 18. The service is at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Philip, Litchfield. This service is designed to help us focus on Advent and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, centered on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop Zielinski individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A “swaddling clothes” collection (blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.) and cash donations will be taken for babies in need. For more information, contact the diocesan Office of Schools at 507-233-5302.

Real Life Catholic host Chris Stefanick is a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth. He is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. *Real Life Catholic* takes the viewer on a soul stirring journey that shows how amazing Faith makes everyday life.

Nov. 29, Dec. 2	Christ in the City #3
Dec. 6, 9	Holy Cranberries! #4
Dec 13, 16	Pilgrims in Poland # 5

Widows of Joy - December 3, 2022 @ 8:30am



Are you looking for a place to meet other widows who have lost their beloved husbands? St. John Paul II Area Faith Community invites all recent and long-time widows to attend Widows of Joy on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at The Church of the Holy Trinity in Winsted, MN. The gathering will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by fellowship, continental breakfast, a reflection talk on "Coping Through the Holidays", discussion, and Christmas fun! 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 Thursday, December 1, 2022. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727. Invite a widowed friend to join our next gathering!



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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Flower Memorials



If you would like to enhance the environment of St Boniface or St Anastasia by donating money for flowers, lights, candles, or other decorative materials, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket at either church. Please include the name(s) of the loved ones you wish to have remembered at this special time and the church you want it to go to.

Thank you to all who donated food to the Food Shelf. We took in 22 pounds on November 9.

Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individuals and families across the diocese, providing family and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminarians. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward our parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure-ministries that are vital to our diocesan church— as well as our own parish project the **Capital Campaign.**

Jimmy's Pizza Fundraiser on November 29

Hello St. A's families!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 29! The St. A's Home & School Association has partnered with Jimmy's Pizza of Hutchinson to raise funds for our school. A generous 10% of all purchases made on November 29 will go directly to St. Anastasia Catholic School! This includes their delicious lunch buffet as well as all dine-in, carry-out, and gift card purchases. This year, you can also pre-order your pizza by scheduling your pick-up or delivery online at <https://www.jimmypizzahutch.com/>.

We need your help in making this fundraiser a success!~
The Home & School Association



School News

November is such a thankful month for so many reasons. The students want to express their thanks for families, staff, parish members, volunteers, Veterans, and all those who support our school.

Please take time to tell someone how special they are and that you are thankful for them.



Students often like to play the game “Would You Rather”. It’s a great game you can play wherever you are and whenever you want. No materials needed. Let’s see what the teachers had to say when playing a “Thanksgiving Would You Rather”.

Would You Rather...

...dress up like a pilgrim or a turkey for a week? Mrs. Paggen would dress up like a pilgrim.



...eat all of the mashed potatoes or all of the stuffing? Mrs. Vasek would eat all the stuffing if it was her mom’s recipe (they call it dressing!)

...swim in a tub of gravy or in a pool of applesauce? Jon Skoog would swim in a pool of applesauce.

...gobble after everything you say or do the chicken dance when you talk? Mrs. Salmela would gobble.

...have a body with the legs of a turkey or the feet of a pig? Mrs. Nelson would prefer the legs of a turkey.

...watch the Thanksgiving Day parade or be in the parade? Ms. Marilyn would be in the parade.

...celebrate Thanksgiving in the year 1900 or 2100? Mrs. Penas would celebrate in the year 2100.

...wear your pajamas to dinner or wear fancy clothes to dinner? Mrs. Ludewig would wear her pajamas to dinner.

...catch a live turkey or remove all the insides of a pumpkin? Mrs. Gregor would catch a live turkey.

...make a sculpture with your mashed potatoes or paint a picture with the gravy? Mrs. Evenson would make a sculpture with mashed potatoes.



Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to his disciples, “You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son ...”

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Answer: *of Man will come*

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ADORATION ADORERS

“We lift our hearts to the Lord in praise and thank Him for His love and goodness.”

You have responded to God’s goodness and grace with gratitude. We THANK YOU for offering God thanksgiving and praise with your time and prayers in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. A’s. God loves a grateful heart!

Thank you from the Adoration Committee

ADORATION OPEN TIMES AVAILABLE:

Wednesday: 1:00-2:00 A.M. /4:00P.M.

Thursday: 1:00 A.M & 5:00 P.M.

ADORATION: Monday 6:00 A.M. to Friday NOON

Please Keep In Your Prayers

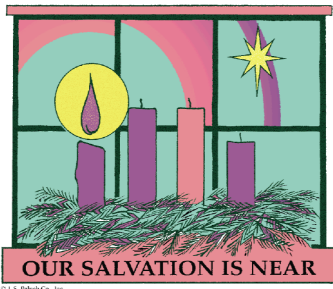
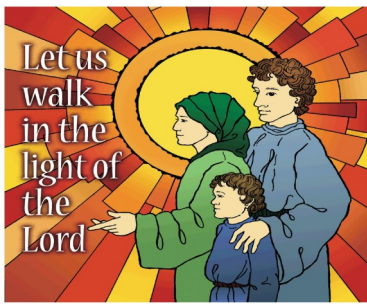
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Special Intention Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei Irene Beeler
DJ Kirking Cathy Plath Gerald Plath Margaret Seekon
Janet Hall Bob Schmit*



For peace in our world For those who serve our country
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 Capital Campaign is for the remodeling of the church. Please write out a separate check than your weekly offering check as they go into 2 separate accounts, but still write the check out to St. Anastasia not to Capital Campaign. Thanks for your assistance in this process.



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

No financials available due to early bulletin printing.

November 20 Contributions \$13,187.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.

Contributions Received \$1,222,475.33

CC Fund Balance \$ 223,555.71

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

November 20 Contributions \$262.00



**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 |

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.

Area Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays, 11am, 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.

*The Area Faith Office is open Mon-Fri, 7:30am-4:30pm
320-587-6507.*

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> Dec. 20, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	TBA, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Berit Spors	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> Dec 6, 6:30pm	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	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	Dec 7, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Dec 7, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria

Area Faith Community Staff

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LaMae Maiers, Administration		
Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245	
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RE Dir, St Anastasia	320-587-6507	religioused@stanastasia.net
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St. Anastasia Cemetery		
Mike Schall, Manager	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery		
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) 233-5313.