

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

Today’s Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent begins with a profound call: rejoice. Darkness cloaks out earth during these short winter days - and still, now is the time to seek joy. Christian joy is not always bright and cherry. Take John the Baptist who sits in prison or Jesus who dies a painful death on the cross. These pillars of our faith know suffering - and they persist anyway.. They hope any way. Believe in God’s greatest power to save, they dare to be joyful. May we do the same.

From his prison cell, John voices an honest question to Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” The greatest of all the prophets models how to live “faith seeking understanding”- in the words of St. Anselm. Sometimes, we think of questions as a sign of faithlessness or weakness. But would anyone dare accuse John the Baptist of lacking faith or strength? The birth of Christ - is deeply mysterious. By bringing our honest questions to prayer, we can dive further into the greatest mystery of our faith. What questions do you carry this Advent season?

But questions once answered or discerns seek action. As Jesus replies to John’s question in the gospel he tells John’s disciples to serve as witnesses. Witnesses are people who have seen something and who share what they have seen for the benefit of those who could not be there. Their presence at the scene of what’s happening gives their testimony a certain privilege. Witnesses are important. We trust what they say. Jesus instructs these witnesses in what they are to say: most elements are familiar aspects of ancient prophecies but he throws a twist in at the end. He brings healing not only for those who are blind, lame, deaf, or ill, restores to life even those who have died. Jesus is the fulfillment of the old Testament prophecies, but he is also something completely new. The work Jesus is beginning is beyond anyone’s wildest hopes or imagining.

As we sit with Isaiah’s version of the coming of the Kingdom, let us be mindful of the various ways people experience disabilities today. Some may receive Isaiah’s words as relief after much bodily pain and suffering. Others who embrace their disabilities may receive Isaiah’s message with skepticism: Am I not already created in God’s image exactly as I am? Ultimately, Isaiah preaches a message of liberation and wholeness for all of creation. May we honor the many diverse ways God leads us into salvation.

Living Liturgy, p. 13

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4pm – A, 6pm – A, 8pm - B, 10pm- A

Christmas Day: 7am – A, 9am – B, 11am – A

What is Awaken?

Awaken is a video-based parish evangelization system that’s designed to provide people with a personal encounter with Jesus and His Church. It is a, step-by-step process with participants over a series of 12 sessions that present the kerygma - the basic gospel message - through engaging videos, personal testimonies, and small groups. Beginning Monday, January 16, 2023 and going for 12 weeks.



Light of the World
EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing; God only is changeless. Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing. God alone suffices.

—Saint Teresa of Ávila

Readings for the Week

Mon: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

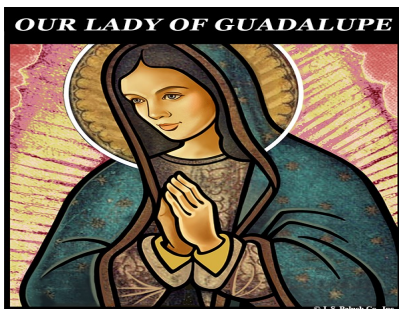
Wed: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thu: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Fri: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Sat: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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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, December 12		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Donald & Irene Vorbeck ++ Herman & Gertrude Griep
TUESDAY, December 13		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dick & Marie Richards
10am, Mass	Harmony River	All Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, December 14		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Cindy Ziemer, Genny Lhotka
THURSDAY, December 15		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Tom Buresh, Joshua Schultz
FRIDAY, December 16		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Roger Lhotka
9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Ralph Fischer
SATURDAY, December 17		
9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession	St. Anastasia	+ Robert Cady
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Chuck McLagan, Jim Hartl
SUNDAY, December 18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Colleen Otto
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+Carsten Homan
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dick & Marie Richards
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, December 12		
6:30pm, Education Advisory	St. Anastasia	Hospitality
TUESDAY, December 13		
4:30pm, Gala Committee	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
7pm, KC's (Fish Fry Meeting)	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria
WEDNESDAY, December 14		
3:15-4:00pm Open Gym	St. Anastasia	Gym
6:30pm, Faith Formation 6th-8th	St. Anastasia	School
7:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	Youth Room/Gym/Church
7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria
THURSDAY, December 15		
1:30pm, St. Anastasia School Christmas Program	Church/Cafeteria	
6:30 pm, St. Anastasia School Christmas Program	Church/Cafeteria	
FRIDAY, December 16		
SATURDAY, December 17		
9am-1pm Christmas Market	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria/Gym
SUNDAY, December 18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		
9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade	St. Anastasia	
10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School	St. Anastasia	
3pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet/Exposition/4pm Confessions/5pm Benediction		
5:30pm, RCIA	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
6pm, Discipleship Ministry	St. Anastasia	Youth Room

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. Please see the cards on the table with what they would like and wrap it and attach the card to the gift and drop it off on the table at the church by Sunday, December 11th. **We will pick them up from the church on December 12th at 10am.** Merry Christmas & Thank You!

CHAP MINISTRIES 928-792-3100

St. Anastasia CCW info:

We have two new Shepherds of the Field -
Fr. Dennis Labat- 502 Elaine Ave. Marshall, MN 56258 Birthday Feb. 17th

Fr. Anthony Hesse- PO Box 383 Redwood Falls, MN56283-0383 Birthday Oct. 23

Please remember them in your prayers, send them a card telling them you are from St. Anastasia, say the Rosary for them, send them a card on their birthdays. They are busy with their parishes, they will appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing and praying for them.



We are doing the **Christmas Market** fundraiser -- December 17th, 9 am to 1pm - all proceeds go to the "LEAST" project... to feed 120 elderly in Guatemala for a year! Drop off will be on Friday December 16 in the

Hospitality Area. We will be setting up on Friday at 2pm. Many hands make like work. Questions -- call, text or email Lori Dahlberg 583-3422 -

dahlberg@hutchtel.net or Betty

Nielsen 320-455-1125 -

nielsen.betty@mediacombb.net

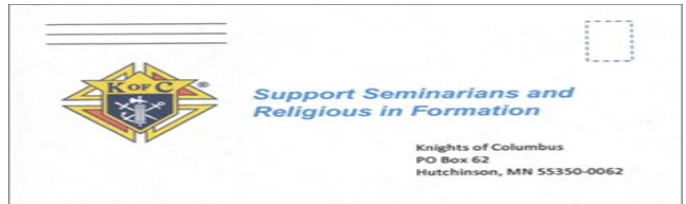
Common Cup

Collecting Ramen Noodles, Personal Care items, Laundry soap, dryer sheets.



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 12/5/22 we have collected **\$1,578.00. Thank you!**

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.

Dec. 13,16	Pilgrims in Poland # 5
Dec 20,23	Cajun Catholic # 6
Dec 27,30	Life in L.A. #7
Jan 3,6	Kauai Catholic # 8

St. Anastasia School Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for the St. A's School Christmas Program on Thursday, December 15, at 1:30 and 6:30pm. **"Archangel Gabriel's Awesome Adventure"**.

Please join our school children in the Christmas program. Everyone is welcome to attend either performance. The programs begin with some student talent performances.

Christmas Scrip Orders:

If you want to get special order scrip please have your order in by **Monday, December 12** to make sure they will be here before Christmas.



YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by December 31st can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult **your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.**

Box of Joy Update



Special thanks to everyone at St Boniface and St A's who participated in the Box of Joy program and other parishes in our region. Our region filled & sent 857 Boxes of Joy to their headquarters. A Merry Christmas for many!

We pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Cady whom we buried last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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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. Please have it to us by December 12 for bulletin printing.



Many blessings for



Blayklie Gail Plaisance

Daughter of Brady & Andrea Plaisance

who was baptized at St. Boniface this weekend.

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

School News



A huge thank you for the incredible support of our Jimmy's Pizza Fundraiser!!!! Because of you, we raised over \$1,027.32 to benefit our school! Your kindness, generosity, and excellent taste in pizza is much appreciated. Thank you also to Home and School for organizing this event.



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Come join us on Thursday, December 15, at 1:30 and 6:30pm for **"Archangel Gabriel's Awesome Adventure"**.

Please join our school children in the Christmas program. They have spent months getting ready to share the love of Christ with you. Everyone is welcome to attend either performance. The programs begin with some student talent performances.

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Do not be distressed.
Am I not here who
am your mother?

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531.
Her image miraculously appeared on his tilma.

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December 12



As we get ready for a new year we could also use some Mass intentions starting in January. Please send them in the collection or call but please make sure you send in your \$10 per mass to the Parish office do not put them in the votive money envelopes. Thank you!

It's ADVENT – Please COME QUIET YOUR HEART AND MIND

Please come to Praise God, give Thanks to Him, Ask for Forgiveness or seek an answer by: Praying the Rosary / Reading passages from Scripture / Reading the life of a saint & praying with him/herOR just sit quietly and just “be” in the presence of Jesus !

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest gift after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.”...St. Alphonsus Liguori

ADORATION OPEN TIMES AVAILABLE:

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

Thursday: 1:00 A.M

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

For Christmas and New Years Adoration we will be closing on Thursday, December 22 at 5pm. We will remain closed between Christmas and New Years. We will re-open again on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6am. Thank you for your commitment to Adoration.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

*Nicole Glesener Barb Olson Jenny Trettin
Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl Terry Bisbee
Delores & Martin Muetzel Cristy Wallstrom
Roseanne Genz Bruce Bjerkelund Tom Donohoo
Jen Schnichels Bev Wangerin Janelle Woller
Bonita Quast Brenda Popp Donna Conrad
Special Intention Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei Irene Beeler
DJ Kirking Cathy Plath Gerald Plath Margaret Seekon
Janet Hall Bob Schmit LeRoy Reinert*



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

December 4 Contributions \$24,539.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.

Contributions Received \$1,326,882.28

CC Fund Balance \$ 271,213.61

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.

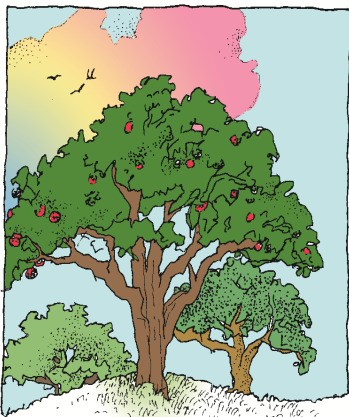
St. Boniface

December 4 Contributions \$1261.00

Year End Giving

We ask that you have any contributions you want credited to 2021 be at the parish office no later than December 31, 2021. This will help us get out the annual contribution statements in a timely fashion. As always, your ongoing support of our parish efforts is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Be patient until the coming of the Lord

**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

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anastasia School

Eucharistic Adoration

Confession

Masses

I would like a call or visit from Father Paul

Other: _____

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> Jan 3, 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 4, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Dec 4, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria

Area Faith Community Staff

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St. Boniface Staff		
LaMae Maiers, Administration		
Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245	
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Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490	secretary@stanastasia.net
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Michelle Nies, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net
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RE Dir, St Anastasia	320-587-6507	religioused@stanastasia.net
Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
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		
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.