



*The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid; for behold,
I proclaim to you
good news of
great joy. . .
a savior
has been
born
for you
who is
Christ
and
Lord."*

Luke 2:10, 11

Merry Christmas and

A Blessed New Year

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds

Your Good News was sung by angels to these lowly ones in the night. Look on us in our lowliness. Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ, now and forever. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tue: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wed: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thu: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Fri: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sun: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



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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 26		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carl Miska
TUESDAY, December 27		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Genny Lhotka
2pm, Mass	Harmony River	+ Dolores Beich
WEDNESDAY, December 28		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Cindy Ziemer
THURSDAY, December 29		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dick & Marie Richards ++ Tom & Tank Ruhland
FRIDAY, December 30		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Donald & Irene Vorbeck
SATURDAY, December 31 <i>Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>		
9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession	St. Anastasia	+ Genny Lhotka
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Ervin & Rosmarie Jakob & Family
SUNDAY, January 1 <i>The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Jason Waldner, Gary Gilman
9am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Allan & Phyllis Maiers

The shepherds drop everything too and see the Christ Child - to whom the Lord revealed. Imagine how different their lives would have been had they stayed in the fields, deciding that they were "too busy" to change course. Our God is a God of interruptions. God works in unexpected ways and in unexpected times. In the busyness of this Christmas season, let us be open to holy interruptions.

When we experience interruptions to our day-to-day routines, how do we respond? Is it with a spirit of openness, with the hopeful outlook that perhaps there is a message meant for us in the disruption? It is difficult to live in a way that leaves us fully open to whatever each moment presents. Sometimes love and duty requires us to tend to our work and our routines with a single-minded dedication and focus. There are times, however, when we need to be jolted out of those routines so that we can remember the sacredness and divine potential of each moment. This Christmas narrative serves as a reminder that the most significant gifts could arrive at seemingly insignificant (or inconvenient) times.

Holiness appears in the messy realities of daily life. God's messengers appear to the shepherds in the fields. Mary and Joseph experience the most sacred night of their lives inside a stable meant for barn animals. The gospel writer leaves out the exact details of Mary's delivery, but we can be sure it was messy and painful like every other human birth. Nativity sets and Christmas cards often depict a pristine manger scene - likely a far cry from that night's realities. Holiness is not clean and tidy. Instead, God meets us in the mess. *Living Liturgy*, pp. 26 & 29



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Christmas Flower Memorials

St A's Christmas Flower Memorials have been donated in the name of:



Donald & Irene Vorbeck; David Troska; Nick & Erma Troska; Gerry & Jan Urban; David Troska; Paul Troska; Brent Markgraf; Ricky Roskammer; Richard Roskammer; Larry & Garry Walz; Arlette & Doug Dahlberg; Gary Dahlberg; Nancy Dahlberg; Patty Boeck; Mary & Howard Hady; Sister Lucille Hass; Steven & Ronald Swenson; Harry Farenbaugh; Ed & Cleo Karl; Bruce & Christopher Karl; Joshua Schultz; Bryn Engstrom; Ralph Krebsbach; Henry & Helen Dusoski; Kathy Andreen; Ira & Helen Kenney; Colleen Otto; Mike Kenney; Elmer & Myrtle Dressel & family; Clarence & Ilene Servaty & family; James B. Clouse; Buzz & Dot Schantzen; Ed Vasko; Joe Ritchey; George & Clara Erpelding; Alex Doering; Carl & Florence Christensen; Farenbaugh Family; Clint Glesener; Denny Drazkowski; Elroy Buesgens; Kathleen Ferrara; Matthew Beussman; Robert Schmid; Farenbaugh Family; Dick & Lorna Ewert; Gary Winningham; Jim Bagan; Eugene & Paul Jennissen; Arianna Vos; Bob & Carol Cogley; Leo & Betty Cogley; John & Kitty Ortmeier; Harry & Alice Jorgensen; Joe & Ann Shmidt family; Nestor & Marie Dols family; Lisa Schreiner; Chuck Nielsen; Leonard & Dolores Lewandowski; Tom Stafford, Bessie & James Stafford; Phil & Agnes Egan; Jim Egan; William Lehn; Alberta Lehn; Robert Ryan; Patricia Johnson; Luverne; Ward; Vicki; Norman; Kristin Bjerkelund-Brown; Chuck McLagan; Carrie McLagan; Valery & Helen Ewalt; Rick Ewalt; Jim Ewalt; Jim Hartl; Terry Smith; Alan Hagen; Karen & Peter Wimsatt; Richard Schmidbauer



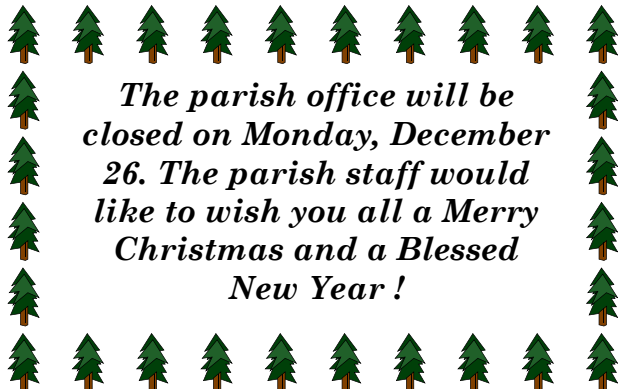
Common Cup

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



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 27, 30	Life in L.A. #7
Jan. 3, 6	Kauai Catholic # 8
Jan. 10,13	Death with Dignity #9
Jan. 17, 20	God's Country # 10



The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26. The parish staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year !

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. Please make sure you call the parish office to let us know you are doing this so that when the check comes we know who's it is.**

A Charitable Remainder Trust is designed for individuals with highly appreciated assets like farm land or stock. Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs) offer donors extra tax advantages while allowing the donor to set the life income rate they would like to receive (generally 5% to 7%). As a donor, you can designate your parish to benefit from your gift after your lifetime. There are many variations of these trusts, and we work with Catholic charitable foundations that can walk you through various alternatives. These foundations also offer the expertise of attorneys who work with every day to insure competent investment advice. **A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)** provides an immediate tax deduction while providing a predictable stream of income during your life or other period of time you choose. You can name your parish to be the beneficiary of your CGA after your lifetime.

Life Insurance

If you own life insurance policies that you no longer need, the cash value of these policies may be another source from which to make gifts to your parish, and they may result in significant state and/or federal estate tax savings. You can also name your parish as beneficiary of your life insurance or annuity.

Gifts of Cash

The most popular way to give to charity is still by cash or check. Gifts completed by December 31st will qualify for tax deductibility for the current tax year.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK OUR FASCINATING FAITH Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.

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WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

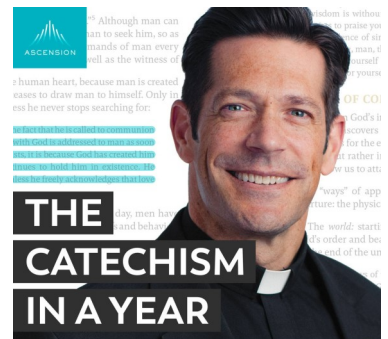
Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

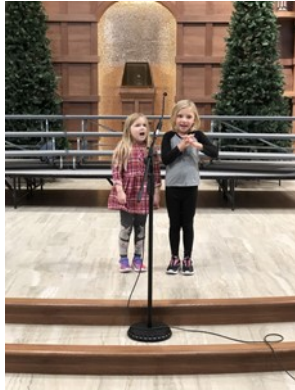
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

Also, the Bible in a Year podcast is not being taken down. People can start at any point of the year. The podcast is not being re-done each year but is a repeat of 2021.



School News

Throughout the halls of school there has been an excitement brewing. This excitement has been in anticipation of many things to come: activities within the school that promote joy and celebration of the birth of Jesus, our annual Christmas Program that inspires students to remember the nativity story and how Jesus is our Savior, the special projects students create for parents, and the holiday artwork displayed in the hallways. Of course, we cannot forget the thrill and anticipation of the holiday break when students and staff are able to enjoy some time to relax and recharge.



Merry Christmas from the staff and students at St. Anastasia school!!

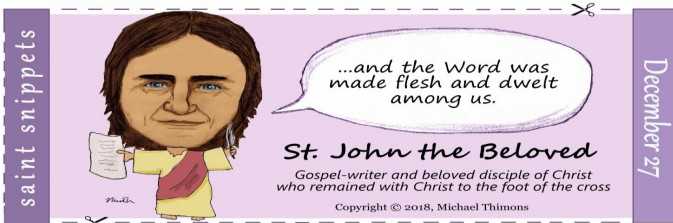


School Christmas Program on HCVN/Channel 7: Hutchinson Community Video Network (Medicom 107.2 or channel 7; Nuvera channel 7 and 107HD) will televise the program. Dates & times are Tuesdays: 12/27, 1/3 @ 2:00-3:30pm; Saturdays: 12/31, 1/7 @ 11:00am-12:30pm.

ADORATION MOMENTS

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.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Adoration Committee



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 John Griep*

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.



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Stewardship

St. Anastasia

December 11 Contributions \$15,586.02

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.
Contributions Received \$1,340,367.78
CC Fund Balance \$ 284,213.61

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 11 Contributions \$10,561.00

Year End Giving

We ask that you have any contributions you want credited to 2022 be at the parish office no later than December 31, 2022. 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!

**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> Jan 17, 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	Jan 4, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Jan 4, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria

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St. Boniface Staff		
LaMae Maiers, Administration		
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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
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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.