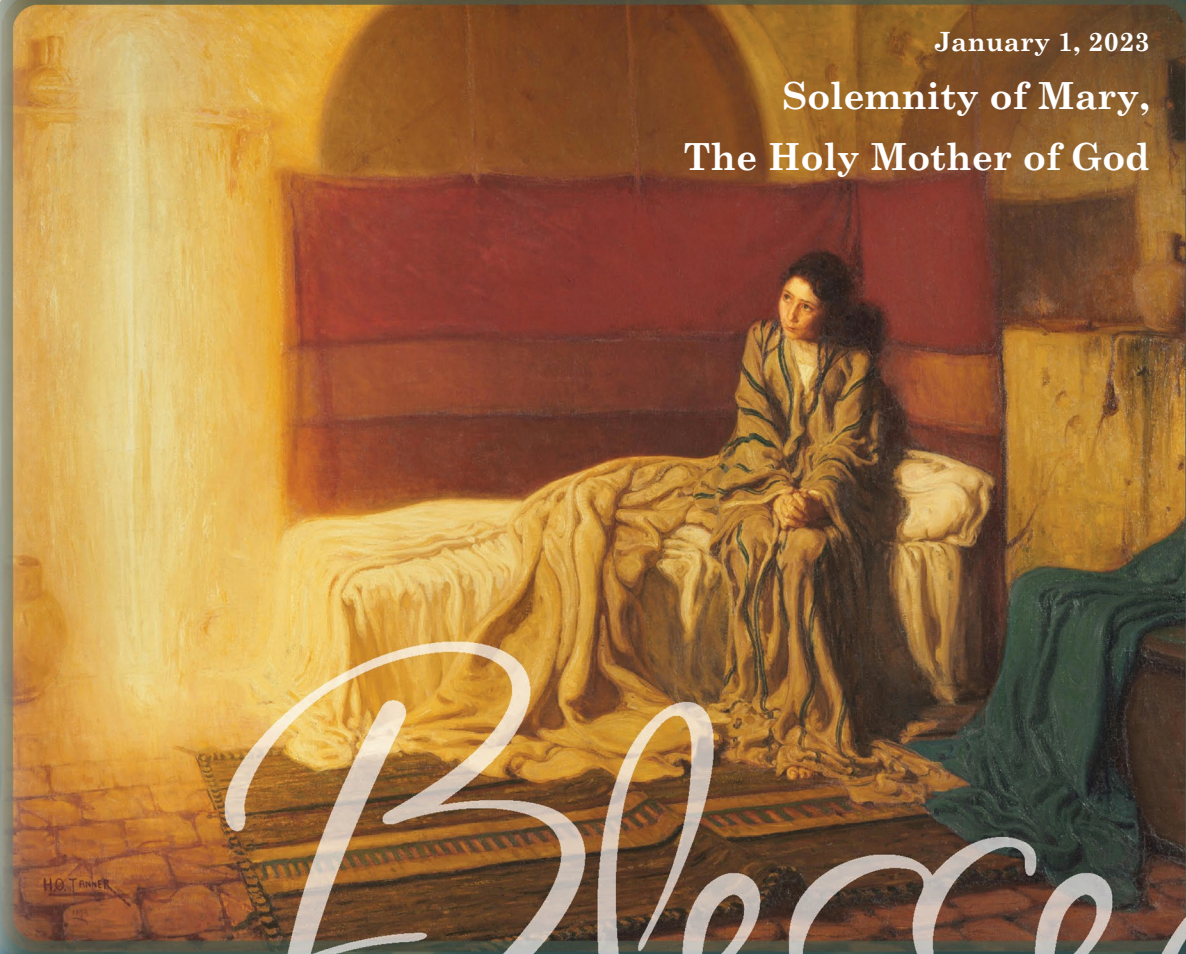


January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God



Blessed

are you

blessed is the fruit of your womb

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph

May we follow the faithful, loving witness of Mary and Joseph as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word, into the world. May we always follow his Gospel, now and forever. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tue: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wed: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thu: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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Phone: 320-562-2344

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, January 2 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Roger Mumm
TUESDAY, January 3 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dolores Beich
WEDNESDAY, January 4 5pm, Mass 7pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface	++ Neil Braun, Cleo Karl + Carsten Homan
THURSDAY, January 5 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Cindy Ziemer
FRIDAY, January 6 7am, Mass 10am, Mass	St. Anastasia Pines	+ +
SATURDAY, January 7	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession	St. Anastasia	+
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Robert Cady
SUNDAY, January 8	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Frances Swedzinski
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 2

TUESDAY, January 3

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

WEDNESDAY, January 4

3:15-4pm 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, January 5

9am, School Mass St. Anastasia Church

FRIDAY, January 6

SATURDAY, January 7

SUNDAY, January 8

9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade St. Anastasia
10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School St. Anastasia
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



Registration now open!

Today is the day! Registration is now open for our first ever Habitat Hustle!

Join us on Saturday, June 17, 2023, and run or walk our beautiful route along the river. Register your kids to race our Kids K for some fun prizes. Volunteer to help at our packet pick up or water stations. Come, and enjoy a great morning together as we raise funds for Crow River Habitat for Humanity. Register on-line.

Common Cup

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



BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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St A's Christmas Flower Memorials have been donated in the name of: Chmielewski Family, Thomas Neisen

Widows of Joy - January 7, 2023 @ 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, January 7, 2023, 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 "Grief & Your Relationships", discussion, and 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, January 5, 2023. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727. Invite a widowed friend to join our next gathering!



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Is someone missing this pin? It was found in the church. Claim it at the parish office or call 587-6507.

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.

Jan. 3, 6	Kauai Catholic # 8
Jan. 10,13	Death with Dignity #9
Jan. 17,20	God's Country # 10

Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION

As we embark on a new year, let us pause to reflect on the many blessings God bestowed upon us this past year. How did the Lord bless you? When did you feel the warmth of the Lord's face shining upon you? Where did you experience the Lord's gracious, kindness, and peace? Strengthened by these memories of God's great love for us, may we enter this new year with renewed hope.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We have heard it said, Jesus is the reason for the season." Indeed, this is true - and, it is well worth remembering that Jesus does not come into his world without the hard labor of his mother, Mary and a brave "yes" to the angel's extraordinary request to bear God's son. After months of pregnancy, Mary can now wrap the fruits of her faith in swaddling clothes and lay him in a manger. Our world will never be the same.

A group of shepherds met the baby Jesus shortly after his birth. They announced the angelic message. They glorified and praised God for all to see. Of all the people to play such a crucial role in the Christmas narrative - why shepherds? They spent

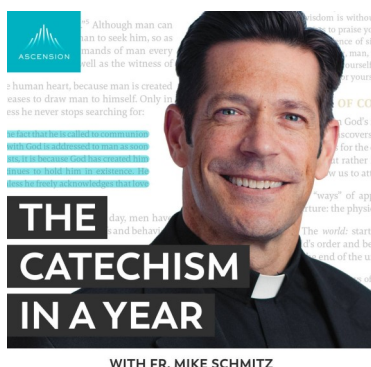


their days drenched in dirt doing work many considered to be undignified. Shepherds were part of society's lowest class. This is exactly why God chose them for such an important role. Our God lifts up the lowly. Our God believes in the value of all people - and so challenges us to believe the same. Who are the shepherds in our pews? In our neighborhood? In the world? *Living Liturgy, p. 31*

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.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

What is Awaken?

Awaken is a video-based parish evangelization system that's



Light of the World
EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

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.

- ◇ 5 pm Mass
- ◇ 5:30 pm light supper and fellowship
- ◇ 10 min - Facilitator welcome, introduction, and opening prayer
- ◇ 15 min - Pastor welcome and introduction
- ◇ 15 min - [Catechesis Video] Session 1 - Welcome
- ◇ 45 min - Small groups
- ◇ 5 min - Closing prayer and announcement

School News

Happy New Year!

It is just amazing how fast the first part of our school year has gone. There is always something taking place whether we're installing a playground, preparing for a Christmas program, studying for a test, completing a service project or having visitors read and work with the students. We look forward to these full days of activity and are looking forward to a busy second half of the year.



We wish you a
BLESSED CHRISTMAS and **HAPPY NEW YEAR** from
students and staff!



Upcoming activities:

NWEA testing, January 10-19

Catholic Schools Raffle Begins January 13

Catholic Schools week, January 29-February 3

Kindergarten recruitment starts soon

First Communion, April 30

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.

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!

Christmas Market

Thank you to all who brought goodies for the Bake sale and all who came to help set up and all who worked during the Market! Thank you to the KC's for preparing breakfast! It was a busy morning - thank you to all who came and had breakfast and shopped! And thank you to all who donated to LEAST - Loving the Elderly And Satiating His Thirst. Some donations are still coming in - but so far we are at \$5150 for LEAST.



ADORATION MOMENTS

Adoration will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6am.

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.

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



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 Gerald Plath Margaret Seekon Janet Hall
Bob Schmit LeRoy Reinert John Greip Shelly Kleindl*

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

Financials not available due to early bulletin deadline.

December 18 Contributions \$23,138.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.
Contributions Received \$1,371,270.43
CC Fund Balance \$ 315,601.76

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 18 Contributions \$1,064.00



**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

usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
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

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month
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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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.