

FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

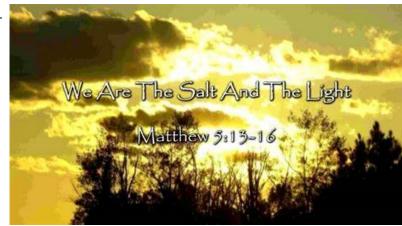
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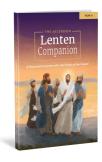
This week, our light imagery shifts a bit. We've been hearing for weeks about God being light for those who walk in darkness. Here, Jesus tells us that we, too, can become light for others. Our participation in God's will - in enacting justice and compassion - allows us to also participate in the beauty of God. We don't create anything new here; the light is not our owe. Rather, we reflect God's light out to the world, amplifying it and making it more visible. We spread God's goodness to corners it may not have reached. We see this image clearly at baptism, when a light from the paschal candle is handed to the newly baptized. We are charged with carrying Christ's light into the world wherever we go, thus giving others reason to glorify God.

God created us in the image of Christ, the light of the world. We are made to shine brightly. Too often, forces of sin and evil try to act as bushel baskets Racism, patriarchy, colonialism - these are just a few oppressive systems attempting to extinguish the flames of many. What are the bushel baskets in your life? These baskets can seem so sturdy. Thankfully, our light - the light of Christ - is even stronger Try to cover it up and the basket itself will soon be engulfed in holy flames. Nothing will ever defeat the light of the world.

The prophet Isaiah connects works of mercy - like feeding the hungry and clothing the naked - with the breaking forth of light. These acts of loving service for a neighbor are beacons of divine light in an often-dark world. Each time we give of our resources, our time, or our very selves, the light of the Lord breaks forth like the dawn. The Lord remains with us, fanning our flames and answering our calls with a resounding: "Here I am!"

Jesus draws on the images of salt and light to call his disciples to lives of service. Neither element exists for itself. Salt helps people taste. Light helps people see. How are you being of service to others this week? In what way could you help strengthen someone's sense of the divine? Living Liturgy, p. 53





LENT begins February 22.

The Ascension Lenten Companion: Year A, Journal which is 108 pages long, featuring daily entries, each offering a word, a scripture passage, a short meditation, and a prayer prompt. Cost \$10.

5 weekly supplemental Lent reflection videos: Wednesdays after 5 pm Mass and Fridays after 5 and $7\mathrm{pm}$ Mass/Stations

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"Your light must shine before other

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life. I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive me as you have always done in the past. May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity. Amen. Alleluia. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a,5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tue: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thu: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]



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St. Boniface Catholic Church 551 Main Street, Stewart, MN 55385

Phone: 320-562-2344

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

<u>DATE/TIME</u> <u>LOCATION</u> <u>INTENTION</u> *Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.*

MONDAY, February 6

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Ann Lewandowski

TUESDAY, February 7

7am, Mass St. Anastasia + Ed Karl

WEDNESDAY, February 8

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia ++ Neal Braun, Mary Farenbaugh

THURSDAY, February 9

9am. Mass St. Anastasia ++ Tom & Tank Ruhland

FRIDAY, February 10

7am, Mass St. Anastasia + Patrick Crean

SATURDAY, February 11

9am,Mass/Rosary/ConfessionSt. Anastasia Respect for all life from conception to natural death

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia Day Chapel 4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Robert Cady

SUNDAY, February 12

7:30am, Mass St. Anastasia + Genny Lhotka 9:00am, Mass St. Boniface + Carson Homan

10:30am, Mass St. Anastasia + Robert & Carol Cogley Family 7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, February 6

1pm, GriefShareSt. AnastasiaHospitality Area5:30pm, AwakenSt. AnastasiaHospitality Area

TUESDAY, February 7

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

WEDNESDAY, February 8

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

THURSDAY, February 9

9am, School Mass St. Anastasia Church 12n, Finance Council St. Anastasia Parish Office

FRIDAY, February 10

6am, TMIY St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

SATURDAY, February 11

9am, Mass, Devotion, Confession St. Anastasia Church

10am, Parents' Meeting - 1st Communion St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

SUNDAY, February 12

9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade St. Anastasia 10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School St. Anastasia 2-4pm, Basketball Practice St. Anastasia Gym

6pm, Discipleship Ministry St. Anastasia Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE 7AM - A, 9AM - A, 5PM - A followed by cheese pizza fundraiser, 7PM - B

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

Community News



36th Annual Fish Fry

Date: Friday, February 24th, 2023

DINE-IN, DELIVERY, OR TAKE OUT

TIME:11:30am—6:00pm or until fish is gone.

PLACE: McLeod County Fair Grounds (840 Century

Ave SW~ Hutchinson, MN)

Cost: \$15.00 (Cash or Checks Only)

Menu: Alaskan Pollock, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bread, Cookie, Water, Milk, Coffee

For Deliveries Call 320-583-8086 or 320-894-5352 (2/24 only)



High Island Lake Conservation Club 61st Annual Fish Fry

Date: Saturday, February 25

Dining in at New Auburn City Hall

For drive thru New Auburn Creamery going North

Menu: Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Beans, Tarter

Sauce

Time: Serving 10:00am to 6:00 pm or whenever Fish

Cost: \$18 for adults and children 12 and under \$9.00

6 and under free

Raffle for Pheasants forever print and jacket

Girl Scouts troop 16580 selling cookies



and State levels. The District contest will be at St. Anastasia School Gym on February 5th at 12:30pm. For more information, please contact Joe Elgroth at 320-583-5092 or Paul Mraz at 320-583-

5767.

43rd Annual Knights of Columbus Council 4842 Fish Frv

Date: Friday, February 10

PLACE: PLA-MOR BALLROOM- Glencoe

Dine-In All You Can Eat or Drive-Thru Tickets at the

Menu: Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans & Cole-

Time: Serving 11:00am to 7:00 pm or whenever fish is

Cost \$15 for adults and children 10 and under \$8.00

United for Life – Pro-Life Advocacy Day – February 28, 2023 – Make your voice heard

Join Bishop Zielinski for the pro-life advocacy day, United for Life, at the Minnesota State Capital on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Minnesotans, organizations and church bodies from across the state will gather to hear educational and inspiring speakers, as well as meet with their state representatives to advocate for the fundamental rights of all human beings from conception to natural death. Now more than ever our pro-life message needs to be heard in Minnesota. Go to dnu.org to learn more about this free event and registration information.

Enkindle, Rekindle, and Deepen a Living Relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist

The U.S. Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis has launched a *Heart of the Revival* weekly email newsletter for ongoing inspiration and information as we journey forward toward the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.

CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES ENCOURAGED TO SIGN-UP!

It's the simplest way to stay connected to what the National Eucharistic Revival is all about.

Visit the Diocese of New Ulm website, dnu.org to sign-up for the newsletter, learn of various upcoming Eucharistic Revival events, and more.



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Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION



Mission Trip

July 8-16 in Alamosa, Colorado; We have less than 7 spots available for our group of 40 that will hopefully be going! Once our spaces fill up, we most likely cannot purchase any more; so, please get signed-up today! Contact Jake with any questions, youthmin@stanastasia.net.

Riverbend TEC 283 - February 18-19-20. It'll be held in New Ulm MN. Fr. Denny Labat will be the Spiritual Director.

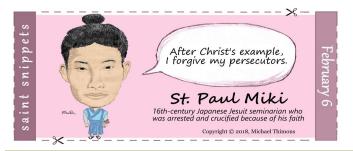
If the dates are open on your schedule - please prayerfully consider signing up to participate on the retreat! Anyone 16+ can attend - so talk your friends into joining us too.

www.riverbendtec.org is the website and has application details.

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw "a small lady in white" who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.

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Birthright of Hutchinson is seeking new board members! We are also in need of a treasurer, so if you are so mathematically drawn and inclined, we welcome you! The board meets quarterly (next meeting April 20th). We would love to have you join us!

For more information, please contact Lisa Eltgroth 320-583-5083 or Lori Dahlberg 320-583-3422

We are looking for more Mass Intentions. Please send them in the collection or call but please make sure you send in your \$10 per mass to the Parish office. Thank you!

The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast **Finding God Through Faith and Reason** on HCVN public access, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., lends insight into evidence gathered from the fields of contemporary philosophy and physics, which supports proof for the existence of God. The universe itself connotes the existence of a Creator, and the principle of intelligent design leads to a logical conclusion about the nature of God.

Feb. 7, 10	Episode 3 (26:13 minutes)
Feb. 14, 17	Episode 4 (26:03 minutes)
Feb. 21, 24	Episode 5 (26:38 minutes)

School News

Catholic Schools Week was a tremendous amount of fun! Thank you to all who came out to the family swim day, helped at ice skating, enjoyed muffins and so much more. CSW creates school spirit and provides many opportunities for the students to give back to the community. This week we collected money for the L.E.A.S.T. (Loving the Elderly and Satiating His Thirst) program which is a program Katie Wallyn founded in Guatemala in 2014. She provides over 140 meals a week to the impoverished elderly. Daily themes inspired kids toward

school spirit!







Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st from 4:30-5:30pm. Come and meet Mrs. Johnson, the teacher, and Principal Jodzio. It is a great time to visit the classroom and learn all about Kindergarten!

If interested in tours or enrollment for other grades contact Principal Jodzio, principal@stanastasia.net or call 320-587-2490.

Please come to our Scholastic book fair. It is a great way to help support our school and students while enjoying the gift of reading. It will be in the School Fover.

Wednesday 2/8 - 3:30-6:00pm

Thursday 2/9 -3:30-7:30pm (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Friday 2/10- 3:30-6:00pm

Saturday 2/11- 1/2hr after 4:30pm Mass

(approximately 5:15)

Sunday 2/12-1/2hr after 7:30am Mass (approximately 8:15)

Sunday 2/12-1/2hr after 10:30am Mass (approximately 11:30)

Monday 2/13- 3:30-6:00pm



Catholic United Don't miss your opportunity to support St. Anastasia school in the 2023 Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by

Catholic United Financial. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school because 100% of the proceeds go directly to the school, our goal this year is **\$13,000**. There are \$45,000 in prizes with the grand prize being a 2023 Chevy Trax or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased after each weekend mass and from all St. Anastasia School and Kids Depot Preschool students. Thanks!

A WELCOMED INVITATION FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

From: Saint Francis de Sales

"If during prayer, you do nothing but bring your heart from distraction again and again into God's presence, though it went away, every time you brought it back, your time would be very well spent."

P.S.

"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential! Except when we are busy then a full hour is needed" "Come in the Evening / Come in the Morning Come when expected or Come without warning

But below are needed times to fill: ADORATION OPEN TIMES AVAILABLE MONDAY: 6:00 PM - - OPEN

TUESDAY: FILLED WEDNESDAY: 1:00 AM / 2:00 AM / 4:00 PM

> THURSDAY: 5:00 PM FRIDAY: FILLED

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Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Barb Olson Jenny Trettin
Clinton Gruett Roger Steintl Terry Bisbee
Delores & Martin Muetzel Bruce Bjerkelund
Tom Donohoo Bev Wangerin Janelle Woller
Bonita Quast Brenda Popp Donna Conrad
Special Intention Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei Irene Beeler
Gerald Plath Margaret Seekon LeRoy Reinert
John Greip Special Intention Connie Ericson
Marilyn Stevens Larry Libor

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

January 29 Contributions \$15,791.00

Capital Campaign

 Pledges Received
 \$1,509,332.

 Contributions Received
 \$1,390,379.55

 CC Fund Balance
 \$ 334,710.88

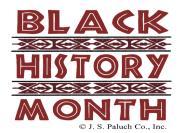
TRY ONLINE GIVING AT ST A'S!

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

January 29 Contributions \$784.00

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Grace Kosek whom was buried this week, and for Donald Hartwig who has passed away. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord...



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information?
Please provide some contact information for us
to reach out to you!

Name:	_
Phone Number:	- 01 1
Address:	St. Anastasia — Catholic Community
Email:	
I I would like more information on:	
Education Classes Volunt	teer Opportunities
St. Anastasia School Eucha	ristic Adoration
Confession	\mathbf{s}
I would like a call or visit from Father Paul	
Other: I'm Up	odating 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 Feb 21, 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 Feb 7, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area		
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen	usually meets on Feb 14, 6:30pm	the 2nd Tuesday St Anastasia	each month 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	usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month Feb 9, 10am St Anastasia hospitality area		
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	Feb 1, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Feb 1, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria

Area Faith Community Staff

Fr. Paul Wolf, Pastor	507-829-0965 (cell)	pwolf@stanastasia.net	
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St. Boniface Staff LaMae Maiers, Administration Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245		
St. Anastasia School Betty Jodzio, Principal Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490 320-587-2490	principal@stanastasia.net secretary@stanastasia.net	
Kids' Depot Daycare & Preschool Michelle Nies, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net	
Religious Education & Youth Minist RE Dir, St Anastasia Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507 320-833-6020 320-587-6507	religioused@stanastasia.net karenmaiers1@gmail.com 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 Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 320-894-8758 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.

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