

January

15 2023

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT
HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

Today's readings paint a portrait of discipleship. God calls disciples to be servant leaders who shine the light of God's good news to the ends of the earth. God calls disciples to lives of holiness in communion with all other believers. Further, John the Baptist exemplifies traits of discipleship like humility and attentiveness.

John the Baptist has a central role during Advent; as we move on to Ordinary Time, he reminds us often that he is not the main character. In this gospel he cedes the stage to Jesus, who is beginning his active ministry. In one last testimony, he reminds us of the prophecies we heard during Advent and recounts the baptism of Jesus. He's been saying all along that he's not the real deal; here he steps aside for this one who ranks ahead of him. John also gives us the line we heard before Communion at every Mass, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Blessed are we who are called to the supper of this Lamb. May we join with John in bearing witness to the one we encounter there.

John makes Jesus' identity known from the very beginning. The famed Christmas gospel describes Jesus in all his glory: Word made flesh, Son of God, light of the world. Today's gospel introduces a new title for Jesus that does not feel so merry and bright: Lamb of God. John's title evokes an image of Jesus as a weak, wobbly animal who will one day be slaughtered in sacrifice. Is this really the one we are to behold? Indeed, this is the way our almighty God chose to come into this world, not crowned in jewels or heading up armies, but as a little baby, a sacrificial lamb who will one day give up his very life out of love for us.

John the Baptist kept a watchful eye out for a sign of God's presence. In a moment of awesome wonder, the great prophet saw the Spirit come down upon Jesus "like a dove from heaven." John the Baptist testifies in today's gospel about a particular experience of seeing the Spirit, and in doing so, he paves a way for all disciples to pay attention to God's Spirit alive in the world. As you go about your daily lives this week, consider: Where or in whom are you encountering the Spirit of God? What characteristic does the Spirit embody? What lessons will you take away?

Living Liturgy, p. 41

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.

5 pm Mass

5:30 pm light supper and fellowship

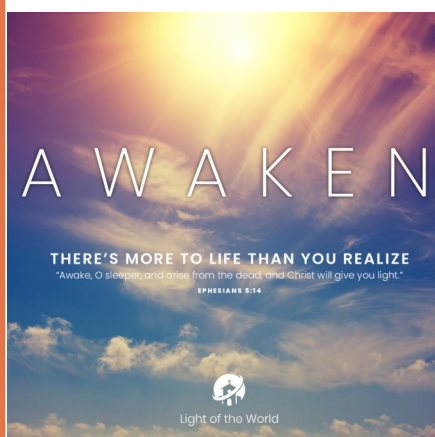
10 min - Facilitator welcome, introduction, and opening prayer

15 min - Pastor welcome and introduction

15 min - [Catechesis Video] Session 1 - Welcome

45 min - Small groups

5 min - Closing prayer and announcement



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in your name. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tue: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thu: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Fri: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Sat: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sun: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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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, January 16 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	In Thanksgiving
TUESDAY, January 17 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+
WEDNESDAY, January 18 5pm, Mass 7pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface	+ Robert Cady + Carsten Homan
THURSDAY, January 19 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+
FRIDAY, January 20 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Patrick Crean
SATURDAY, January 21 9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	In Thanksgiving Day Chapel ++ Chuck McLagan, Al Cotter
SUNDAY, January 22 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	In Thanksgiving John Tanata Jr. + Neal Braun For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 16 11am Carol Briggs Funeral 1pm, GriefShare 5:30pm, Awaken	NO SCHOOL St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Martin Luther King Church Hospitality Area Hospitality Area
TUESDAY, January 17 7pm, Administrative Council	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
WEDNESDAY, January 18 3:15-4pm Open Gym 6:30pm, Faith Formation 6th-8th 7:30pm, Youth Group 7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Gym School Youth Room/Gym/Church Cafeteria
THURSDAY, January 19 9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
FRIDAY, January 20 6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
SATURDAY, January 21 9am, Mass, Devotion, Confession	St. Anastasia	Church
SUNDAY, January 22 9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade 10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School 12n, KC's Free Throw Contest 5:30pm, RCIA 6pm, Discipleship Ministry	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia Gym Hospitality Area Youth Room

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

Community News



Registration now open!

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.



Many blessings for

Natalie Ruth McKay

daughter of Daniel & Sarah McKay

&

Camdon Nathaniel Johnson

son of Shane & Jennifer Johnson

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

Common Cup

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



Diocese of New Ulm CCW Women's Silent Retreat

You are invited to a Women's Silent Retreat! This retreat is a time to step away from the busyness of life to spend time with the Lord in prayer and let Him love you. It is a silent retreat with times of silent prayer and reflection, Sunday Mass, Confessions and Adoration.

We know that this is a sacrifice of your time but we invite you to prayerfully consider if this is something the Lord is inviting you to. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions/concerns. I am asking that everyone that is interested to please contact me by January 4th. (in one week)

Here are some helpful details:

Date: January 27-29

Location: St. Francis de Sales Convent in St. Paul, MN

Time: Starts at 11:30 am Friday and ends at 2 pm Sunday

Cost: Free; housing and meals are provided.

Contact the Handmaids at 507-276-9128



2023 St. John Paul II Area Faith Community

Pilgrimage to St. Louis, MO

"Christ the King our gateway to the field of dreams"

Adult Pilgrimage from September 22-25, 2023. Limited Seating. Come and join,

Fr. John Hayes, journey towards St. Louis, MO.

Highlights include: St. Louis, MO Gateway Arch Tour & Tram ride to the top, Riverboat cruise & encounter the beauty of the St. Louis skyline, Exterior and Interior artistic impression of the Cathedral Basilica, Tour of Field of Dreams and Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, Dyersville, IA, National Shrine of Our Lady of Snow, Belleville, IL, Grotto of the Redemption, West Bend, IA, and much, much more. **Cost: \$866-\$1377 per/person including hotel.** Cost per person is variable based on fuel, attendance, and occupants per hotel room. **Register**

online: HTTPS://

FORM.JOTFORM.COM/223108358632050. For

more information, contact Roxanne

Felder @ giftpilgrimage@gmail.com or

612-396-0727.



The 2023 Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial has begun. This is a wonderful opportunity

for St. Anastasia School because **100% of the proceeds go directly back to our school**, our goal this year is **\$13,000**. There are over \$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 weekend masses or from all St. Anastasia School and Kids Depot Preschool students. Thank you for supporting our school.

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. 17,20

God's Country # 10

Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION



The St. John's Knights of Columbus, Council 4797, would like to invite the youth of St. Anastasia parish and school to take part in our free throw shooting contest. This is for girls and boys, age 9 - 14 as of January 1st, 2023.

This contest will take place at St. Anastasia Catholic School gym on January 15th with registration starting at 12:30 pm and the competition will begin at 1:00pm.

Winners can move on to District, Regional 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.



March for Life

The area KC's will be sponsoring a bus to the annual March for Life at the Capitol in St Paul on **January 22nd**. Since the 22nd falls on a Sunday, the bus will arrive at the Cathedral in time for the 12:00pm Mass. There will be a program following the Mass, then walk or ride the bus to the Capitol for the March. MCCL will have a lineup of speakers at 2:30pm. Following the speeches, the bus will return. Please bring your own food and drinks. There will be no food stops.

The departure locations and times:

9:13 AM St. Philip's Church - Litchfield

9:35 AM St. John's Church - Darwin

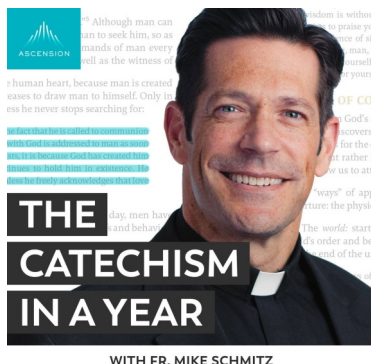
9:58 AM St. John's Ed Center - Cokato

To reserve a seat on the bus, call or text **Tony Lorber** at **320-248-6863**

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.



OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

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Chap Ministries

With heartfelt gratitude, we extend our thanks to St. Anastasia parishioners & School for Partnering with us to make sure the precious Seniors in Care Facilities received Christmas Gifts this year.

Because of Your Help and the help of other churches, we were able to supply Christmas gifts to 418 Seniors! What a Blessing!

The following is a breakdown of the quantity of Gifts delivered to each Facility:

Harmony River/127 residents
Cedar Crest/ 40 residents
Oaks & Pines/ 82 residents
Glenfields/ 84 residents
Orchard Estates/ 40 residents
The Gardens in Winsted/ 45 Residents

This far exceeded our expectation! We appreciate so much your generosity and willingness to partner with us on this endeavor.

Greg & Carol St. Hilaire
Chap Ministries

School News

It was wonderful to return to the classroom after our winter break and lots of snow! We heard from several families of the extended activities they did to keep busy. Painting, sledding, snowmobiling, climbing trees, playing games, building bridges, and just being creative. Thank you for sharing your fun!



The new year is in full swing. We are in the process of our winter NWEA MAP assessments. This is an assessment that measures academic progress. It provides teachers with accurate, actionable evidence to help inform instructional strategies. You can see from the photo the kids are focused and concentrating on their questions. They did very well, with many students increasing their previous score by 9, 10 & 11 points! Kindergarten through 2nd grade participate in NWEA assessments three times a year; fall, winter, & spring.

Happy New Year!



Congratulations to our students who have received their

First Reconciliation

may they come often to the sacrament for forgiveness.



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.

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AN "ADORATION" VISIT

O Lord, Jesus Christ, this day is very busy. I am very distracted and pulled in many directions. There are concerns, worries, even fears. I am troubled about duties, failures, things to do that are beyond me. I come to your presence from the din of life, the noise of the street, from the pleas and demands of others. And You are here! For a moment, I am with you by the Sea of Galilee, on the Mount of the Beatitudes, looking at the serene water and the green hills. You say, Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome. I will refresh you. Your presence in the Eucharist reassures me that this is true.

You will be with me when I leave the chapel, but then I will not know where to turn my eyes or how to lift my heart. But here I know Your signature is on all of creation, on the world about us. Here in the silence, I am with you. You invited your disciples, "Come apart and rest a while. I am here." Please give me in these few moments, the fullness of your Spirit, that I may know that you are with me, that I may go back to the tasks of life, assured that you are beside me. Then I shall be at Peace to do Your will. Amen

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
 LeRoy Reinert John Greip Shelly Kleindl Special Inten-
 tion Connie Ericson 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

January 8 Contributions \$10,520.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.
 Contributions Received \$1,383,198.70
 CC Fund Balance \$ 326,815.03

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 8 Contributions \$1,256.00



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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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| ☐ 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 premartial 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
Feb 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

Feb 1, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

Feb 1, 5:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

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320-833-6020

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St. Anastasia Cemetery

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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.