

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

JANUARY

29

2023

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

When hashtags started becoming popular on social media, the hashtag “blessed” quickly turned sarcastic. It is used most often to make fun of the few who do use it sincerely, because it seems that they are often those who habitually overshadow or who attribute their life’s luxuries to the blessing of God. We know, deep down, that having pretty, Instagramable things is not actually a sign of God’s blessing. In the Gospel for today, Jesus also turns around what “blessed” means, but he does it in all sincerity. He affirms that those who practice hard spiritual disciplines, whose lives may not appear “blessed” in an earthly sense, are in fact those favored by God. Jesus reminds us that what we see is not always the truth of the matter; God is up to something greater than that which we can perceive.

We all know Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes are scripted and framed in parish halls across the world. But the Beatitudes can’t be relegated to some familiar, lofty statements about the Christian life. Jesus calls serious bluff on what society values most: wealth, power, prestige. He flips the tables on who truly is blessed: the poor, the persecuted, the peacemakers. Jesus preaches a radical sermon that should jar us to action. The Beatitudes aren’t meant to just be looked at - they are meant to be lived.

Jesus names many types of blessed people in today’s gospel. Let us call to mind holy people who fall into each category - the mourners in our pews, the advocates thirsting for righteousness in our streets, the persecuted crossing the southern border. By calling names, faces, and stories, we bring to life in flesh and bone the teachings of Jesus.

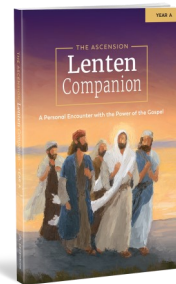
Humility is a theme threading through today’s readings. Zephaniah implores the humble of the earth to “seek justice, seek humility.” St. Paul proclaims that God “chose the weak of the world.” Jesus himself blesses the meek. What does it look like to take on a posture of humility in today’s world? Aren’t the meek and lowly at risk of being exploited or abused? The power dynamics that riddle communities today will be no more in the kingdom of God - for our God is a God of justice. God’s ways will prevail, no matter how far all it seems now. The call to act humbly challenges us to trust in God’s almighty power.

We know that God’s values are not our own; we hear this repeatedly in Scripture. But, saturated in a culture that values other things, we forget very easily. We put our time and attention into gathering money and security and social capital, even when we know this is not what Jesus asks of us. Consider the Beatitudes this week and how God might be using them to invite us into letting go of one of these false values. *Living Liturgy p. 49*

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 7pm Mass/Stations



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation, and our ears catch the sounds of your power. We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift. Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tue: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thu: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



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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 30		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY, January 31		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Briggs
WEDNESDAY, February 1		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Souls in Purgatory
7pm, Mass	St. Boniface	Adam & Nicole Tanata
THURSDAY, February 2		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Cleo Karl
FRIDAY, February 3		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Souls in Purgatory
10am, Mass	Pines	+Carol Briggs
SATURDAY, February 4		
9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession	St. Anastasia	+
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Sam Shimanski
SUNDAY, February 5		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Paul & Barbara Hoerner & Family
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Frances Swedzinski
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Souls in Purgatory
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

SUNAY, January 29 - FRIDAY, February 3		Catholic Schools Week
MONDAY, January 30		
1pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
5:30pm, Awaken	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
TUESDAY, January 31		
WEDNESDAY, February 1		
3:15-4pm Open Gym	St. Anastasia	Gym
6:30pm, Faith Formation 6th-8th	St. Anastasia	School
7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria
7:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	Youth Room/Gym/Church
THURSDAY, February 2		
9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
FRIDAY, February 3		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
SATURDAY, February 4		
9am, Mass, Devotion, Confession	St. Anastasia	Church
10am, Parents' Meeting - 1st Communion	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
SATURDAY/SUNDAY, February 4/5		Blessing of Throats
SUNDAY, February 5		
9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade	St. Anastasia	
10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School	St. Anastasia	
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.



First Friday Adoration at the Capitol

Join MCC each first Friday of the month from January to May any time from 9am– 4pm in the Governor's Dining Room located on the lower level of the Minnesota State Capitol. Bring your family, bring a carful from your parish or town. Come and pray at the CAPITOL for Minnesota's unborn babies, for our families, for a conversion of our MINNESOTA leadership. **PASS THE WORD TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!** By now we have become aware, that humanly, we have no power- - - let's turn this over to **GOD!** (*Judy Haag 40 Days for Life- St. Cloud / Rev Life coor CCW Deanery 3 (information from the MINNESOTA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE)*)



Widows of Joy – February 4, 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, February 4, 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 **"Why God? Why? It's So Unfair!"**, 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, February 2, 2023. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727. Invite a widowed friend to join our next gathering!



The St. John's Knights of Columbus, Council 4797, FREE THROW

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.



43rd Annual Knights of Columbus Council 4842 Fish Fry

Date: Friday, February 10

Dine-In All You Can Eat or Drive-Thru

Tickets at the door.

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

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

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



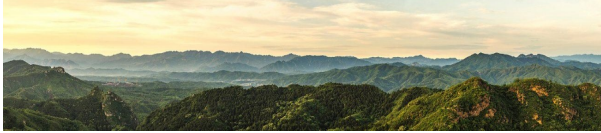
2023 St. John Paul II Area Faith Community Pilgrimage to St. Louis, MO

"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.



Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION



Mission Trip

July 8-16 in Alamosa, Colorado; We have less than 10 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.

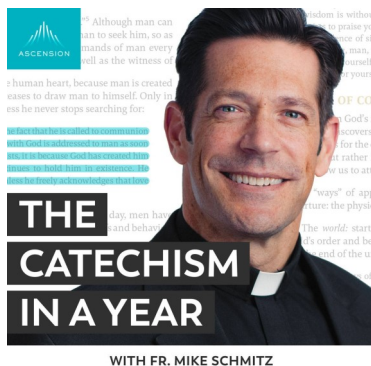
We are looking for more Mass Intentions. Please send them in the collection or call but please make sure you send in your \$10 per mass to the Parish office do not put them in the votive money envelopes. Thank you!

Silver Lake Knights of Columbus ProLife Breakfast
 Sunday, January 29, 2023- Serving 8:30 - 10 a.m.
 Takeouts available - Church of the Holy Family, Silver Lake
Free Will Offering
 All Donations to Benefit Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center Along with a 5:1 Matching Grant
 Questions call Ray Bandas 320-583-3747

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

Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* (“to shine”) and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25–38).

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

CONSTANT FAITH

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

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.

Jan. 31, Feb. 3	Episode 2 (27:00 minutes)
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 theme is: FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE.

Here is how our 2nd grade students live by these words:

- ✦ By helping others instead of yourself. Dahlia
- ✦ Put other's needs before yours and love others. Cora
- ✦ Give money to the poor. Julia
- ✦ Pray for the sick.
- ✦ Collect food for the poor.
- ✦ Working on something really hard to do your best. Madeline
- ✦ Teach people new things. Charlie
- ✦ Help people repair broken things. Tyson
- ✦ Help people and care for them. Liam
- ✦ Giving our students the best education, opportunities, love, and support they need to become loving people of God. Mrs. Evenson



Please Join Us:

Sunday, January 29 at 11:30 in the cafeteria

School Open House and

Hot Chocolate & Coffee Bar (free will offering for 6th grade Camp Foley students)

Tours of the school available

Visit with teachers

Visit with the principal

Service Project: Collect change (loose coins) for L.E.A.S.T. program in Guatemala (Loving the Elderly And Satiating His Thirst)

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. Thank you for supporting our school.



ADORATION MOMENTS

Jesus is the most relevant thing we have in our lives here on earth. He is our moral and spiritual compass. No matter how many times we move away from Him, He does not move away from us. He gives us courage and strength. Let Him speak His words of peace and consolation...Stop by the Chapel anytime—He is there for us...

ADORATION OPEN TIMES AVAILABLE:

Monday: 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 1:00-2:00 A.M. / 10:00A.M./4:00P.M.

Thursday: 1:00 A.M /5:00P.M.

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

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said,
"Blessed are they who mourn, for they ...

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M	O	E	E
F	R	T	D

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Answer: *will be comforted*

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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 Intention Connie Ericson Marilyn Stevens*

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Carol Briggs and Jim Riley whom we buried last week and Gale Oestreich whom was buried this week. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord...



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

January 22 Contributions \$11,158.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.
Contributions Received \$1,389,053.90
CC Fund Balance \$ 333,385.23

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 22 Contributions \$553.00



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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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| <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> 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	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> Feb 6, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month</i> Feb 14, 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	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month</i> 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

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Jon Skoog, Facilities Manager	320-552-1264	jon.skoog@stanastasia.net
St. Boniface Staff		
LaMae Maiers, Administration		
Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245	
St. Anastasia School		
Betty Jodzio, Principal	320-587-2490	principal@stanastasia.net
Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490	secretary@stanastasia.net
Kids' Depot Daycare & Preschool		
Michelle Nies, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net
Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
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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
St. Anastasia Cemetery	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
Terry Maiers, Co-Manager	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.