



Then they opened their treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

The prophet Isaiah calls upon the Israelites to rise up and shine in today's first reading. It is not an easy task for people worn and weary after years of exile. The Israelites lived in darkness for so long. Isaiah's vision of the glory to come may seem farfetched - yet, if this season of Christmas has taught us anything, it is that nothing is impossible for God. The divine light can - and will - transform even the darkest corners and thickest clouds. God's glory persists. God's glory engulfs the beloved people. God's glory shines bright for all to see.

Who is God calling you to be in this new year? The Epiphany story points to many ways God calls each one of us. The magi saw the star because they were paying attention; they were scholars who studied the stars. When they started their study, the magi could not have imagined themselves bearing witness to such a hugely unique event. Only once in history will this happen. The birth of Jesus changes the universe in ways more significant than the appearance of a new celestial body. For the magi, a lifetime of cultivating knowledge and attentiveness culminated in this exceptional moment. They were called to come pay homage to a newborn king. For us, too, our interests and skills can become places of encounter with the God who made all things and who gave us the talents we have. Like the magi, we may experience a major moment of clarity when God's calling shines as brightly as a star in the night sky. More likely, we will experience God's callings in the midst of our everyday lives just as the magi did, in the fields of our homes, schools, and workplaces. How will you respond?

The Epiphany story draws our attention to divine revelation in and among creation. A star leads the magi to Jerusalem. After meeting with Herod, the magi follow the same star to the child Jesus. The guiding star glowed in the night sky as a sign of the divine presence. Creation offers the same direction to us today. Gaze up into the night sky tonight. Revel in the magnitude of stars shining against the darkness. Listen to God speaking through the natural world. *Living Liturgy, p. 35*

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

Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi

Let your light shine on us, O God, as the star showed the way to those who searched for Christ. Fill us with wisdom; help us walk in your ways, now and forever. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tue: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thu: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



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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 9 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ In Thanksgiving
TUESDAY, January 10 7am, Mass 10am, Mass	St. Anastasia Harmony River	+Genny Lhotka
WEDNESDAY, January 11 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Robert Cady
THURSDAY, January 12 9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Tom & Tank Ruhland
FRIDAY, January 13 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ In Thanksgiving
SATURDAY, January 14 9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+ Day Chapel ++ Dolores Beich, RJ McGraw
SUNDAY, January 15 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+ + Carsten Homan + For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 9		
TUESDAY, January 10 4:30pm, Gala Committee	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
WEDNESDAY, January 11 3:15-4pm Open Gym 6:30pm, Faith Formation 6th-8th 7:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Gym School Youth Room/Gym/Church
THURSDAY, January 12 9am, School Mass 12n, Finance Council 3pm, Cemetery Committee	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Church Parish Office Parish Office
FRIDAY, January 13		
SATURDAY, January 14 10 am, First Reconciliation 11:30 am, Baptism	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Church Church
SUNDAY, January 15 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!

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.



St. Boniface flower memorials have been donated in the name of:

Stan Meiers; Melvin and Alyce Klinkner; Herb and Ruth Kalenberg; Henry Maiers Family; George Kuttner Family; John and Helen Tanata Sr.; Hillard Kaufman; Carsten Homan; Paul and Margaret Maiers; Lloyd and Barbara Funk; Alfred and Flora Schaufler; Michael Kenney; Bob and Colleen Otto; Ira and Helen Kenney; Arthur and Lyle Burge; Frank and Mary Keller; Frank and Blanche Navara.

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. 10,13	Death with Dignity #9
Jan. 17,20	God's Country # 10



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](https://form.jotform.com/223108358632050).** For more information, contact Roxanne Felder @ giftpilgrimage@gmail.com or 612-396-0727.

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

Wishing you God's blessings during this Christmas season and thank you for all that you do for our parishes and Diocese.

Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION



The St. John's Knights of Columbus, Council 4797, would like to invite the youth of St. Anastasia parish & 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.

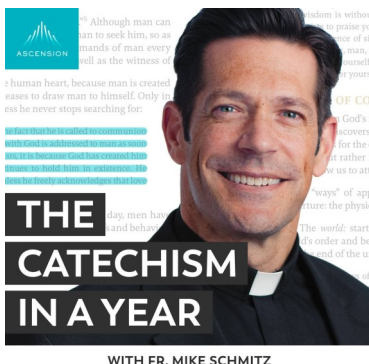
The departure locations and times:
9:13 AM St. Philip's Church - Litchfield
9:35 AM St. John's Church - Darwin
9:58 AM St. John's Ed Center - Cokato

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

Epiphany House Blessing

If you wish, you can celebrate Epiphany at home with a blessing using the initials of the magi's traditional names (Casper, Melchior, Balthasar), four crosses, and the new year's numerals.

Materials: a piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.

[20 + C + M + B + 23]

Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!

ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room: Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present. Bless this room, O Lord.

ALL: Amen!

Kitchen: Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL:** Amen!

Dining room: Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL:** Amen!

Bedrooms: Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL:** Amen!

Bathroom: Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord. **ALL:** Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father . . .


The leader sprinkles all present with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.


ALL: Amen!

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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.

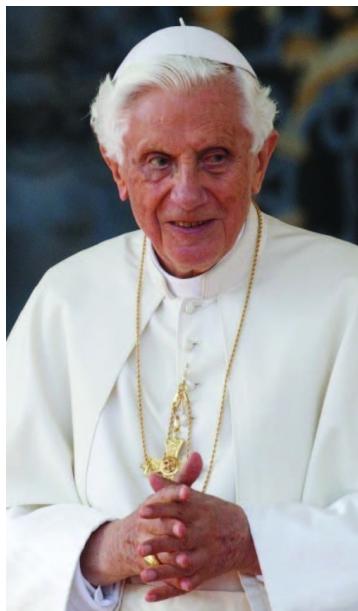
The magi arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"We saw his star at its rising and have come ...

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T _ _ _ _ _ ."

Answer: *to do him homage*

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Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI Almighty ever-living God, who made Pope Benedict XVI a wise teacher of your people, a gentle shepherd of your flock, and a faithful pastor of your Church, grant in your kindness that your humble servant, who in this life believed in you and loved you, may now receive your mercy and rejoice in your presence for ever in the glory of the Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Copyright © 2022, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Photo: Catholic News Service.

Thank you to all who donated food to the Food Shelf. We took in 29 pounds on December 27.



CCW Update:

Latest numbers from the Christmas Market - \$5473.00 If you didn't get a chance to donate, you can put a donation in an envelope and put it in the collection or drop off at the parish office-- make the check out to LEAST - and write that on the envelope too. Thank you to everyone for your donations and for coming to the Market!

Next CCW meeting: January 12th at 10 am in the Hospitality area.



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. Starts First Friday, January 6th. 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)

ADORATION MOMENTS

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
 LeRoy Reinert John Griep 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 offer-
 ing check as they go into 2 separate accounts, but still
 write the check out to St. Anastasia not to Capital Cam-
 paign. Thanks for your assistance in this process.

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

December 25 Contributions	\$17,547.41
Christmas Contributions	\$15,493.00
January 1 Contributions	\$7,159.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,509,332.
Contributions Received	\$1,377,371.20
CC Fund Balance	\$ 321,702.53

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 25 Contributions	\$2,089.00
January 1 Contributions	\$2,006.00



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:

☐ Education Classes

☐ St. Anastasia School

☐ Confession

☐ I would like a call or visit from Father Paul

☐ Other: _____

☐ Volunteer Opportunities

☐ Eucharistic Adoration

☐ Masses

☐ 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
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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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.