FEBRUARY 12, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel can feel damning and demanding. Jesus affirms that the commands of Mosaic Law still stand, and also reveals that by-the-book obedience to them is not enough. Righteousness is not just a checklist we can tick off; it is, unfortunately, not a measurable accomplishment. The orientation of our hearts matters more than the externals of our actions. This is challenging. But really, Jesus is issuing a loving invitation. He is calling us to health and wholeness as we live out God's Law. Changing our hearts is hard to measure, but it helps us more than it helps anyone else. Leaving behind sinful actions is one thing, but when we are able to move past the anger and lust that motivate such actions we are able to live in fuller freedom and joy.

Jesus holds his disciples to a high standard. What does God desire for creation and how are we to live out the divine will? Today's gospel could read as another list of religious dos and don'ts. The law Jesus came to fulfill manifests in a myriad of ways. Whatever your relationship to the issues named - anger, adultery, divorce, and staying faithful to vows - Jesus offers these teachings as a means of drawing us closer to God.

These teachings reveal something about the divine will - and thus, God's very self. Our God is a God of truth and justice, who values reconciliation and desires right relationship for all of creation. In light of today's gospel, consider: Is there a relationship in your life

that needs mending? How might you take a step toward reconciliation this week?

Today's gospel may be difficult to digest for those of us who have personal experience with the issues named by Jesus. Perhaps there is anger festering right now between you and a loved one. Maybe you have been the victim or perpetrator of adultery. Who among us has never looked upon another with lust? Who among us does not care about someone who is divorced? Let us be gentle with ourselves and with each other as we take in Jesus' message. In coming to fulfill the law, Jesus did not come to shame or berate. He came to help us grow more faithful each day - and to help us strengthen our muscles of repentance and reconciliation. *Living Liturgy, p. 57*





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

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"Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,

not the smallest letter or the

smallest part of a letter will pass from the law.

MATTHEW 5:18

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thu: Gn 9:1-13: Ps 102:16-21. 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Sat: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sun: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23: Mt 5:38-48



St, Anastasia Catholic Church 460 Lake St SW Hutchinson, MN 55350 Office Hours: M-Fr 7:30am-4:30pm Phone: 320-587-6507 Emergencies: 507-829-0965

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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME

LOCATION INTENTION Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday. **MONDAY**, February 13 Souls in Purgatory 5pm, Mass St. Anastasia **TUESDAY**, February 14 7am, Mass St. Anastasia + Ann Lewandowski WEDNESDAY, February 15 St. Anastasia + Dolores Beich 5pm, Mass Don & Milly Swedzinski 7pm, Mass St. Boniface **THURSDAY**, February 16 St. Anastasia Souls in Purgatory 9am, Mass FRIDAY, February 17 7am, Mass St. Anastasia Souls in Purgatory SATURDAY, February 18 9am, Mass/Rosary/ConfessionSt. Anastasia For all Bishops, Priests, Sisters & Brothers 3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia Day Chapel 4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia +++ Chuck McLagan, Jim Hartl **Rick Ewalt** SUNDAY, February 19 7:30am, Mass Souls in Purgatory St. Anastasia St. Boniface 9:00am, Mass + Francis Swedzinski 10:30am, Mass St. Anastasia Souls in Purgatory 7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

| MONDAY, February 13 | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1pm, GriefShare | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
| 5:30pm, Awaken | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
| TUESDAY, February 14 | | |
| 4:30pm, Gala Committee | St. Anastasia | Office |
| 6:30pm, Home and School | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
| WEDNESDAY, February 15 | | |
| 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 16 | | |
| 9am, School Mass | St. Anastasia | Church |
| FRIDAY, February 17 | | |
| 6am, TMIY | St. Anastasia | Hospitality Area |
| SATURDAY, February 18 | | |
| 9am, Mass, Devotion, Confession St. Anastasia | | Church |
| SUNDAY, February 19 | | |
| 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 | Youth Room |

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

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Community News



Knights of Columbus Hutchinson Council 4797

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 (Call on February 24th only)



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 runs out

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

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.





Date: Friday, March 3, 2023

registration information.

DINE-IN, Adult Carry Out orders only

TIME: 4:30am—7:00pm or until fish is gone.

1841's 60th Annual Fish Fry

PLACE: Silver Lake Auditorium

Cost: \$14 advance, \$16 at door, Children Age 4-10 \$8, under age 4 FREE

United for Life – Pro-Life Advocacy Day – February

Join Bishop Zielinski for the pro-life advocacy day, United for Life, at the Minnesota State Capital on

Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Minnesotans, organiza-

gather to hear educational and inspiring speakers, as well as meet with their state representatives to advo-

cate 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

Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Council

tions and church bodies from across the state will

28. 2023 – Make vour voice heard

*Advance tickets available until Midnight Thurs., March 2.

Menu: All You Can Eat Fish Fillets and sides Raffle Prizes Bring your family and friends!



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, <u>youthmin@stanastasia.net</u>.

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.

<u>www.riverbendtec.org</u> is the website and has application details.

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

Diocese of New Ulm CCW Women's Day of Reflection

The NUDCCW is offering a Women's Day of Reflection for all the women in our Diocese! It will take place on Saturday, February 18th from 8 am to 3 pm. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. It will be offered by the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.

This will be a great opportunity for us to put a "pause" on the daily rhythms of our life and gather together to be encouraged and strengthened in our faith. With Ash Wednesday only a few days later I cannot think of a better way for us to begin our Lenten journey. All we ask is that you email me if you plan to attend so that we can have a head count. The cost is simply a good will offering. Save your spot by emailing me today! I look forward to seeing you on retreat! Tracy Meyer

NUDCCW Spirituality Commission <u>ctmeyer56@yahoo.com</u>

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Crow River Habitat for Humanity

We are having a fundraiser on Monday, March 20th at Unhinged pizza in Glencoe. We are looking for volunteers to help clear tables and chat with guests during our fundraiser. Crow River Habitat will be able to collect the tips and donations made that evening. It is a great way for us to share our mission and work with the community.

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We need 4-6 people from 4 to 6pm and another 4-6 people from 6 to 8pm. If you are available reach out to me at stefanie@crhfh.org or call 587-8868.

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. 14, 17 | Episode 4 |
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| Feb. 21, 24 | Episode 5 |
| Feb 28, Mar. 3 | Episode 6 |
| Mar 7, 10 | Episode 7 |
| Mar 14, 17 | Episode 8 |

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School News

Catholic Schools raffle continues strong. Our goal is to raise \$13,000 and we are at almost 75% in the first three weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for St. Anastasia School because 100% of the proceeds go directly to our school. There are over \$45,000 in prizes with the grand prize being a **2023 Chevy Trax or \$20,000 cash**.

Our students have raised \$9,440.00! Thank you for stopping by the tables outside of church and talking with the students and purchasing raffle tickets.

You are what helps make St. Anastasia school successful and we thank you!







Coming Soon: Kindergarten Open House Tuesday, February 21 4:30-5:30 St. A's Kindergarten room

Scholastic Book Fair is in the School Foyer on the following days and times.

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



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

cial. 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 your supporting our school.

A WELCOMED INVITATION FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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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 WEDNESDAY: 1:00 AM / 2:00 AM / 4:00 PM THURSDAY: 5:00 PM

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 Bernie (Butch) Funk Larry Gunderson For peace in our world

For those who serve our country

Names will be listed for one month unless requested for longer. If you would like to be removed or continue your prayer request after that time please contact the office.



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.



World Marriage Day is an observance sponsored by American organization Worldwide Marriage Encounter, associated with the Catholic Marriage Encounter movement and observed on second Sunday of February each year.



February 5 Contributions \$14,844.01

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received\$1,509,332.Contributions Received\$1,391,439.39CC Fund Balance\$335,770.72

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

February 5 Contributions

\$1,033.00



February 12, 2023

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 | | |
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| 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 March 7, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area | | |
| Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen | usually meets on th Feb 14, 6:30pm | he 2nd Tuesday e St Anastasia | ach 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 March 9, 10am St Anastasia hospitality area | | |
| STB Council of Catholic Women | TBA, 6pm | St Boniface | basement |
| Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz | March 1, 7:30pm | St Anastasia | cafeteria |
| Knights of Columbus Squires | March 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. Anastasia Parish Staff Cindy Meier, Administrative Assistant Bobbi Ludewig, Secretary Jon Skoog, Facilities Manager | 320-587-6507 320-552-1264 | Admin@stanastasia.net bludewig@stanastasia.net jon.skoog@stanastasia.net | |
| 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.