



“But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you.”

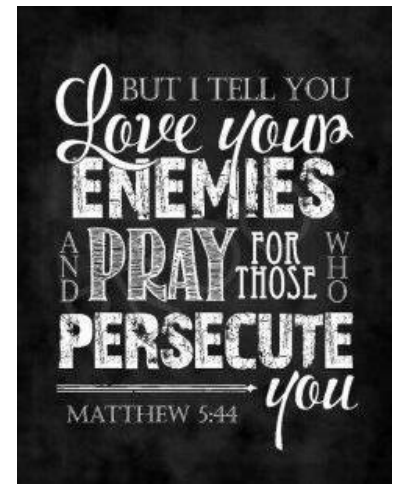
Matthew 5:44

Like last week, Jesus explains to his disciples that being his followers will ask more of them than a literal reading of the law they have always been taught. They are called not to an approach of compliance with minimum requirements, but to a life of radical generosity that imitates the love of God, whose love spills forth and gives us life. They are called to offer forgiveness and love that is not deserved by the recipients, “Be perfect” is an intimidating instruction but it may help to think of “perfect” in the sense of whole or complete. The life which Jesus calls us is one of integrity, one where our hearts and minds and actions are all in alignment with each other. Living as Jesus asks is healing. It brings us to wholeness. It enables us to follow him with our whole hearts.

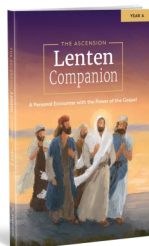
Jesus radical kind of love is not enough to love those who love you. We must also love the enemy, the stranger, the one who gnaws at our last nerve. How? Jesus asks us to do what seems impossible - and the call may very well be impossible if we try to take it up alone. Jesus knows the shortcomings of the human condition. He knows we get annoyed, jealous, judgmental, and prone to a whole host of other emotions that make it hard to love others. That is why Jesus makes this summons in the context of community. The work of loving as God loves is the work of all of us, together.

Guided by Christ’s example and ongoing presence in our lives, we can take up a seemingly impossible task. For we are temples of God, as St. Paul reminds us. The Spirit of God dwells in us. Even with our human frailties, we can love bigger and bolder than we ever thought possible. We will soon enter the season of Lent, a time for doing the hard work of discipleship. The way of the cross is demanding, no doubt, yet Jesus promises we will make it through.

Keep today’s gospel in mind as you prepare for Lent. Who are the people you find difficult to love? With Christ’s help, how can you open your heart more fully to these people in the days ahead? *Living Liturgy, p. 61*



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



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

Prayer for Family and Friends

Loving God, hear this prayer, which I offer on behalf of my family and friends. Keep them safe in your care. When they are in trouble, be with them. When they despair, bring them hope. When they are joyful, help them share their happiness. Help us all to realize that we are your sons and daughters and that you love us more than we can imagine. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tue: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



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Emergencies: 507-829-0965

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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Phone: 320-562-2344

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, February 20		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dale Douglas, Nobert Messer
TUESDAY, February 21		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY - THE SEASON OF LENT		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Briggs
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Cindy Ziemer
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Briggs
7pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Ruth Wangen
THURSDAY, February 23		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Thomas Stafford, Steve Urban
FRIDAY, February 24		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Briggs
5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia	+ Loretta Kulberg
7pm, Mass/Stations	St. Boniface	+ Stan Maiers
SATURDAY, February 25		
9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession	St. Anastasia	+ Douglas Dahlberg
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Briggs
SUNDAY, February 26		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Arlette Dahlberg
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Carol & Marty Briggs
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, February 20		
1pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
5:30pm, Awaken	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
TUESDAY, February 21		
7:00pm, Administration Council	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
WEDNESDAY, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY - THE LENTEN SEASON		
9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
3:15-4pm Open Gym	St. Anastasia	Gym
6pm, Mission Trip Fundraiser	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
6:30pm, Faith Formation	6th-8th St. Anastasia	School
7:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	Youth Room/Gym/Church
THURSDAY, February 23		
10 am, Card Ministry	St. Anastasia	Office
FRIDAY, February 24		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
Knight of Columbus Fish Fry	Fair Grounds	
5:30pm, Lenten Companion	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
7:30pm, Lenten Companion	St. Boniface	Hospitality Area
SATURDAY, February 25		
9am, Mass, Devotion, Confession	St. Anastasia	Church
SUNDAY, February 26		
9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade	St. Anastasia	
10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School	St. Anastasia	
1pm, Rite of Election	Cathedral - New Ulm - RCIA	
2-4pm, Basketball Practice	St. Anastasia	Gym
3-9 pm, COR Night - Youth	Olivia, MN	
5pm, Exodus 90 Fraternity	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
6pm, Discipleship Ministry	St. Anastasia	Youth Room

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

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)



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 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

Many blessings for

Olivia Kay Sjoberg



Daughter of Samuel & Morgan (Ebert) Sjoberg who was baptized last weekend. Welcome to our family of faith—May the Lord bless you and your family on this special day and on every day!

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. The event is free and will give you the opportunity to join Minnesotans, organizations and church bodies from across the state to hear educational and inspiring speakers, as well as meet with your 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 as the Church of New Ulm needs to be heard in Minnesota.

We encourage everyone to be a part of this diocesan effort. Free bussing is being provided throughout the diocese in most AFCs. Go to dnu.org/united-for-life to register for the United for Life event as well as the free bussing option. You will find a list of the bus routes on the registration page. The deadline for bus registration is February 22, 2023. Hope to see you there.



Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Council 1841's 60th Annual Fish Fry



Date: Friday, March 3, 2023
DINE-IN, Adult Carry Out orders only
TIME: 4:30am—7:00pm or until fish is gone.
PLACE: Silver Lake Auditorium
Cost: \$14 advance, \$16 at door, Children Age 4-10 \$8, under age 4 FREE
Advance tickets available until Midnight Thurs., March 2.
Menu: All You Can Eat Fish Fillets and sides
Raffle Prizes Bring your family and friends!

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.



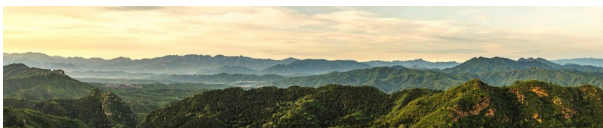
Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION



What is the Light of the World Retreat?

The Light of the World Lenten Retreat is an immersive weekend retreat experience where participants personally encounter Christ through the presentation of the kerygma -

the basic gospel message. **We will be holding this retreat from March 24-27:** Friday, 7-9:30pm, Saturday, 8am-7pm, Sunday 8am-7pm, and Monday 6:30-9pm at St. Anastasia. The Light of the World Retreat is boldly **Catholic**, and it is completely faithful to the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. **Parish-based**, the retreat is born, raised, and run in your parish. Don't wait for the "experts." They're already in your pews, they just don't know it yet. To be honest, the Light of the World Retreat has no "secret ingredient." It's about helping your parish tap into the tried and true method of evangelization that the Lord Himself has established: the **kerygma**. Evangelization isn't just for the "experts." All disciples have a responsibility to evangelize. Retreatants access the storehouse of graces that are available to them in the Church through a renewal of the **Sacraments** during the Light of the World Retreat weekend. Sign-up! Limited Space.



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.

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 in need of the following **MINISTRIES**: Eucharist to the Homebound, audio/visual operators in the church, and Eucharistic Ministers at the altar. If you are interested and would like to minister in these areas please call or email the parish office. Thank you.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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

School News

Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to celebrate our love for one another. Student's share their love in many ways, spoken and unspoken. May the love of God grow in your hearts as it grows in our children's hearts.

"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18



We welcome you to visit the school and walk through our hallways to feel God's love working through our students.

Kindergarten Open House, February 21, 4:30-5:30pm.
 We are open for tours and classroom visits.
 Please contact Principal Jodzio to schedule.



Thank you for your coin donations in the fish bowl to the L.E.A.S.T (Loving the Elderly and Satiating their Thirst) program. The students raised \$82.75.



This is the **last weekend** to support St. Anastasia School in the 2023 Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic

United Financial. **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 mass today. Thank you for supporting our school.

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 or diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those ..."

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W _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "

Answer: *who persecute you*

ADORATION MOMENTS

We often find ourselves restless and searching for answers. We long to know we are headed in the right direction in life, and wish for some guidelines from GOD. Adoration is an invitation to find in Jesus the answers to our questions and longings, and in our communion with Him to find joy in life. "COME FOLLOW ME." – Stop anytime – the door is always open.

ADORATION OPEN TIMES AVAILABLE:

MONDAY @ 7:00 A.M. *We need a short term substitute for MARCH & APRIL (*+Feb. 27th and May 1st. What a beautiful way to start the week!)

- Monday: - - - - -
- Tuesday: - - - - -
- Wednesday: 1:00 AM & 2:00 AM. / 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 PM
- Friday: - - - - -

PARISH OFFICE 320-587-6507
 ADORATION HOTLINE 320-484-7126
 ADORATION: Monday 6:00AM to Friday Noon

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. 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.

2023 Bishop Lucker Lecture

The annual Bishop Lucker Lecture will be held Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls featuring Fr. Matthew Monshau, O.P. Fr. Monshau serves as Professor and Formator at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul. He is commissioned by the United States Conference of February 9, 2023 Catholic Bishops as a national Eucharistic preacher to enkindle the flame of Eucharistic faith for the bishops' nationwide Eucharistic Revival.

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

February 12 Contributions \$8,893.00

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.
Contributions Received \$1,395,176.89
CC Fund Balance \$ 339,580.22

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 12 Contributions \$521.00

If you are using our on-line giving and do not want to receive envelopes anymore please let the parish office know so we can cut the cost of mail-

Thank you to all who donated food for the Food Shelf. We took in 11 pounds on 2/7/23.

**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
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
March 7, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Chair: Gina Jennissen

usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month
March 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

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

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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

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.