Matthew moves from the story of Jesus' baptism right to his journey into the desert. Other translations use the term "wilderness." The desert can quite literally be a wild space. Birds of prey fly freely. The hot sun scorches. Water and food are likely scarce, if available at all. The scene Jesus now finds himself in stands in stark contrast to the day of his baptism when his beloved John the Baptist stood with him in the flowing waters of the Jordan River.

The sequence of events reminds us how quickly life can change. We can move from a spiritual high to a devastating low without much warning. No matter where we find ourselves, the Spirit of God never leaves our side. Notice what is not said in this passage. Nowhere does it say the Spirit leaves Jesus alone with the devil. Just like in the waters of baptism, God's Spirit remains with Jesus - and each of us - during our times in the wilderness

Jesus demonstrates his sinlessness in this gospel as he responds to the devil's temptations with strength and confidence, rebuffing his advances without missing a beat. These temptations are perhaps relatable; all of them encourage Jesus to put something - food, safety, power - ahead of his relationship with God. The middle temptation is particularly chilling, as we hear the devil himself quote scripture to support a twisted agenda that is not of God. This one can be confusing; it seems that the devil is asking Jesus to trust in God, which is surely a good thing. But trusting in God does not mean treating God like a vending machine that will dispense favors at out command; in fact, telling God what he ought to do for us stands in direct opposition to true trust in his providence. Fortunately, Jesus knows better than the devil's most clever tricks; his relationship with God is built on a loving trust that will carry him all the way to the cross.

Jesus' response to the devil stands in contrast to Adam and Eve's; he outsmarts temptation at every turn where their naiveté caused them to cave immediately. Unfortunately, this is not enough to undo the consequence of sin; this work will be continued all the way to Calvary. Through Adam we inherit sin and death; from Jesus we inherit freedom and life.

The temptations the devil throws at Jesus are versions of those we encounter all the time. Food and power and security are constantly present in our lives; they are not bad in and of themselves, but when we allow them to take the place in our hearts that ought to belong only to God, they keep us from living the fullness of life that comes only from union with God.

The devil puts Jesus, in all his humanity, to the test in today's gospel. Imagine how Jesus must have felt after forty days and forty nights of fasting. The gospel writer's description that "afterwards he was hungry" is surely the understatement of the year! Think about how you felt on Ash Wednesday if you observed a day of fasting. Perhaps you moved slow-

er or found yourself getting irritated more quickly than usual. Our bodies need fuel to function. Times of fasting force us to pay attention to our bodies - and the God who created them. Jesus placed all his trust in God during these forty days of fasting. May we do the same as we observe the Lenten practice. *Living Liturgy*, p. 69





CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer during Lent

Holy God, now is the acceptable time to return to you. As we walk the path of these forty days, may we turn away from sin and embrace a life of goodness and truth. Strengthen us on our Lenten journey and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8 -10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16 -19: Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12 -13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 1-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b 10; Mt 17:1-



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Phone: 320-587-6507 Emergencies: 507-829-0965

St. Boniface Catholic Church 551 Main Street, Stewart, MN 55385

Phone: 320-562-2344

This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Eucharistic Adoration: 6am or	n Mondays until N	oon on Friday.
MONDAY, February 27		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Special Intention
TUESDAY, February 28		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Harry Farenbaugh
10am, Mass	Harmony River	+ Carol Briggs
WEDNESDAY, March 1		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dolly Bear
7pm, Mass	St. Boniface	Family of Bernard, Sr. & Helen Kuttner
THURSDAY, March 2		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Tom & Tank Ruhland
FRIDAY, March 3		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Briggs
10am, Mass	Pines	+ Sister Lucille Hass
5pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia	+ Leo & Betty Cogley
7pm, Mass/Stations	St. Boniface	Family of Simon & Anastasia Stoll
SATURDAY, March 4		
9am,Mass/Rosary/Confessio	nSt. Anastasia	+ Arlette Dahlberg
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Tom Stafford, Agnes DeMeyer
SUNDAY, March 5		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Loretta Kulberg
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Patricia Busche
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, February 27

6pm, Discipleship Ministry

1pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area		
5:30pm, Awaken	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area		
TUESDAY, February 28				
WEDNESDAY, March 1				
3:15-4pm Open Gym	St. Anastasia	Gym		
5:30pm, Lenten Companion	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area		
6:30pm, Faith Formation 6th-8t	h St. Anastasia	School		
7:30pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	Youth Room/Gym/Church		
7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria		
THURSDAY, March 2				
9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	Church		
FRIDAY, March 3				
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area		
NO SCHOOL				
5:30pm, Lenten Companion	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area		
7:30pm, Lenten Companion	St. Boniface	Hospitality Area		
SATURDAY, March 4				
9am, Mass, Devotion, Confessio	n St. Anastasia	Church		
SUNDAY, March 5				
NO Faith Formation 1st-5th grade St. Anastasia-Spring Break				
10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunda	y School	St. Anastasia		
2pm, Confession	St. Anastasia	Church		
5pm, Exodus 90 Fraternity	St. Anastasia	Youth Room		

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY, March 6-10 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

THURSDAY, March 9, 8am-6pm CCW Rummage Sale - Gym

FRIDAY, March 10, 8am-4pm CCW Rummage Sale - Gym

St. Anastasia SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY March 4-8 CCW Rummage Sale Drop-off, 8am-5pm

Youth Room

Community News



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)

Crow River Habitat for Humanity is having a fundraiser on Monday, March 20th at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe. They will be able to collect the tips and donations made that evening. They are looking for 4-6 people to help from 4 to 6pm and 4-6 people to help from 6 to 8pm clear tables and chat with guests. Please contact stefanie@crhfh.org or call 587-8868 if you can help.



Church of the Ascension KC Fish Fry in

Norwood-Young America on Friday, March 3rd from 11am-7pm.

Drive Thru ONLY. Cost per meal: \$15.00

Menu: Crispy Alaskan Pollock, baked potato, bread, coleslaw, baked beans, water and a cookie. You can pick up food in the drive thru and then eat it inside. No Seconds available.

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.



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!

Shepherd of Souls AFC Mission 2023

THE EUCHARIST at St. Philip Church, Litchfield MN, February 26 through March 1. Check the bulletin board for times and details. Guest Teacher: Dr. Shawn Colberg. For more information call phone: 320-693-3313.

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.



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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 **kervgma**. 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.

CCW Update: CCW Spring Rummage Sale March 9th & 10th. Thursday 8 am to 6 pm, Friday 8 am to 4 pm. We will start taking donations on Saturday March 4th 8 am to 4 pm till Wednesday. Come help unpack and set up and help out during the sale too. come have some fun, maybe meet some new ladies and have pizza too. Please no large furniture or appliances. Questions contact Lori Dahlberg dahlberg@hutchtel.net or 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

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the "filter" through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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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 28, Mar. 3	Episode 6
Mar 7, 10	Episode 7
Mar 14, 17	Episode 8

School News





Each St. Anastasia student has artwork displayed at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts for the Youth Art Show. The art show runs February 15-March 3. This is an elementary school art show and all of the local schools participate. Stop in to see all of the wonderful masterpieces!

First graders learned the art of creating an animal report, the old fashion way by checking out animal books from the school library. They read the book for two days and took notes in a journal. They revised the story they read. Then they typed their report into a google document using their Chromebooks. They learned how to share a google document with their teacher. The following day they made a cover page. They searched online for a picture of their animal and inserted it into another google document. It was shared again and the whole report was

printed. Once reports were complete they read them to the class. Our students experience public speaking at the youngest of age so that they are well prepared for their future.

Nice work First Graders!









Widows of Joy – March 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, March 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 "Guilt and Anger", 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, March 2, 2023. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727. Invite a widowed friend to join our next



Common Cup

gathering!

We are in desperate need of Ramen noodles for those in need.



Adoration Moment

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:

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

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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 Lauren
Laidlaw 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.

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

February 19 Contributions \$12,135.00

Capital Campaign

 Pledges Received
 \$1,509,332.

 Contributions Received
 \$1,397,552.09

 CC Fund Balance
 \$ 341,883.42

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 19 Contributions \$660.00

2023 MN Food Share March Campaign starting February 27– April 10. Your gift will be multiplied by the Food Fund! Most needed items: Whole grain cereal, pasta, nuts & nut butters, canned fruits & veggies, cooking and baking items etc.. Check the bulletin board for more information.

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.

Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information?
Please provide some contact information for us
to reach out to you!

Name:	
Phone Number:	CI Annalysis
Address:	St. Anastasia atholic Community
Email:	
I would like more information on:	
Education Classes	■ Volunteer Opportunities
St. Anastasia School	Eucharistic Adoration
Confession	Masses
■ I would like a call or visit from Fa	ther 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 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 t March 21, 7pm	he 3rd Tuesday o St Anastasia	of each month 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 t March 7, 6:30pm	v	ach month hospitality area
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen	usually meets on t March 14, 6:30pr		each 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 t March 9, 10am	v	each month 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

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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 Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stews 320-894-8758 320-583-4345	art on City Rd 7

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.

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