



# SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

Today's first reading from Genesis showcases one of God's greatest characteristics: faithfulness. God's talk with Abram comes from generations of human failure. The early chapters of Genesis are riddled with instances of humans falling short: Adam and Eve disobey God in the garden; Cain murders his brother Abel; the wickedness of humankind rises to the point that God wipes out nearly all of creation in a flood. Time and again, God's beloved people disappoint. Time and again, God forgives. God chooses to remain faithful to the ones whom God carefully knit together. God promises the divine blessing will be with Abram and, through him, with all communities of earth. Across time, God never gives up on us. May we not give up on each other either. Made in the image of God, may we strive to grow more faithful each day.

The transfiguration of the gospel is a mysterious thing: it reveals something about who Jesus is, but leaves the disciples (and us) with as many questions as answers. There is both light and shadow in this moment of revelation. We may wish that God would communicate more directly with us; we ask for signs and signals to indicate God's will. Here, though, the disciples who do actually hear God's voice fall to the ground in fear. God does not say anything terribly challenging: the voice in fact affirms that they are doing well in entrusting their lives to Jesus. But there is something about it that overwhelms them. Encountering God in all God's mystery and wildness is not always a reassuring prospect; we are never ready for the ways in which God might call us to change.

Peter, James, and John experienced an incredibly intense spiritual moment as they witnessed Jesus' transfiguration atop the mountain. They saw a great light. They heard the voice of their Creator. They felt the movement of the Spirit washing over them. Then, in a matter of moments, the intensity ended. The three friends needed to make their way down the mountain, back to everyday life. Except, their lives could never be the same. Such a powerful experience of the divine must have awakened something within these men, right?

In our own ways, we each navigate between moments of spiritual intensity and spiritual ordinary. Perhaps you had a "mountaintop moment" during a focused morning of prayer or on a weekend retreat. These moments may feel few and far between - yet we carry their energy when we head back down the mountain and into daily life.

We do not often hear the voice of God as explicitly as the disciples do in the gospel. For most of us, God tends to speak in whispers and hints. This does not mean that God is any less present, but it does make God's presence less obvious. Following God's will for our lives is not always as easy as it is for Abram, who receives clear and direct instructions. For us, it is a matter of learning the tools of discernment so that we can hear God's voice - and remain assured of God's loving presence - as we piece together our paths in life. *Living Liturgy*, p. 73



**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**Act of Contrition**

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

**Readings for the Week**

**Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tue:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thu:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Fri:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sun:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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**This Week's Area Worship Schedule**

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.</i>		
<b>MONDAY, March 6</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Pietrobon Family
<b>TUESDAY, March 7</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 8</b> 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Special Intention
<b>THURSDAY, March 9</b> 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Sister Lucille Hass
<b>FRIDAY, March 10</b> 7am, Mass 5pm, Mass/Stations 7pm, Mass/Stations	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface	+ Elaine McRaith Special Intention Jeannine Maiers
<b>SATURDAY, March 11</b> 9am, Mass/Rosary/Confession 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+ Roger & Genny Lhotka Day Chapel + Don Skrove
<b>SUNDAY, March 12</b> 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	+ Vilma Lira + Ruth Wangen ++ Neal Braun, Bill Schons For our Area Faith Community

**Calendar of Events**

**SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY March 4-8 CCW Rummage Sale Drop-off, 8am-5pm**

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

<b>MONDAY, March 6</b> 1pm, GriefShare 5:30pm, Awaken	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area Hospitality Area
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<b>TUESDAY, March 7</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 8</b> 5:30pm, Lenten Companion NO Faith Formation 6th-8th NO Youth Group	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area Spring Break Spring Break

<b>THURSDAY, March 9</b> 8am-6pm 10am, Council of Catholic Women 12n, Finance Council	CCW Rummage Sale - Gym St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area Office
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<b>FRIDAY, March 10</b> 6am, TMIY 8am-4pm 5:30pm, Lenten Companion 7:30pm, Lenten Companion	St. Anastasia CCW Rummage Sale - Gym St. Anastasia St. Boniface	Hospitality Area Hospitality Area Hospitality Area
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<b>SATURDAY, March 11</b> 9am, Mass, Devotion, Confession	St. Anastasia	Church
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<b>SUNDAY, March 12</b> 9:00am, Faith Formation 1st-5th grade 10:30am, 3yo-2nd grade, Sunday School 2pm, Confession 5pm, Exodus 90 Fraternity 6pm, Discipleship Ministry	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia Church Youth Room Youth Room
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**The Roman Catholic Area Faith Community of St. Anastasia & St. Boniface**

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# Community News



## Just 135 days until the Habitat Hustle!

We are so excited about this opportunity to provide a fun way to raise funds for Crow River Habitat for Humanity!

You can sign up today to

run, walk, or volunteer for this great event. Register or donate by going to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Hutchinson/HabitatHustle>

We are grateful for those who have already signed up to participate, and those who have donated to the cause. If you would like to be part of our planning team for the Hustle, please contact Stefanie at [stefanie@crhfh.org](mailto:stefanie@crhfh.org) or by calling the Habitat office at 320-587-8868.

**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](mailto:stefanie@crhfh.org) or call 587-8868 if you can help.



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.

## MN Food Share March Campaign through April 10th

Donate by mail onsite or online from February 27–April 10 by 1pm and your gift is multiplied by the FOOD FUND!

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Whole grain cereal
- Pasta
- Nuts & nut butters
- Canned fruits & veggies
- Cooking & baking items
- Meal side-dish items
- Personal care items
- Household care items



Financial Gifts allow additional food purchases & fund program expenses.

You can drop off your food in the church entryway where the collection boxes are.

## 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](http://dnu.org) to sign-up for the newsletter, learn of various upcoming Eucharistic Revival events, and more.



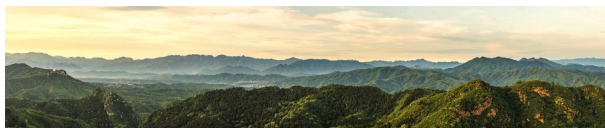
# Faith Formation - ADULT FORMATION



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](mailto: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

### The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called "elect" during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism.

It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

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## TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

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.

Mar 7, 10	Episode 7
Mar 14, 17	Episode 8
Mar 21, 24	Episode 9
Mar 28, 31	Episode 10



## Record Breaking Year!

St. Anastasia students sold **\$17,730** of raffle tickets.  
100% of the money stays with our school.

**Thank you** to everyone who bought raffle tickets to support our school.

Their goal was \$13,000 and for reaching goal, They earned an Extra Recess and Root Beer Floats.

## Top Seller was Dylan Schreiner selling \$1,580.

He will be rewarded with a Karaoke Machine and entered in drawings for up to \$500 tuition both from Catholic United Financial.

Raffle drawings will be next Thursday, March 9.  
Good Luck!




**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](mailto:dahlberg@hutchtel.net) or 583-3422.

### NUDCCW Deanery 3 Spring Gathering, March 18 at St. Anastasia.

Please join the ladies of our Deanery for a Mass followed by a speaker. Registration is at 8:30am and Mass at 9am.

Our guest speaker is Katie Braulick. Please let the parish office know if you plan to attend by March 10th.

 **Huge Thanks!** The St A's Knights of Columbus wish to pass along our sincere thanks to all parishioners who helped and supported our 36th Annual Fish Fry making it another great success.

### Adoration Moment

Please stop by to visit Jesus.  
Adoration is the act of rejoicing in the Lord.  
Adoration can be as silent as a sunset.  
Ask Him for a favor/ Express sorrow for a wrong doing/  
Thank Him for a Blessing received/  
Just sit in silence and enjoy His presence.  
Be still, my soul, and let me praise my Lord and God.  
Amen.

### ADORATION OPEN TIMES AVAILABLE:

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

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 HOURS: Monday 6:00AM to Friday Noon

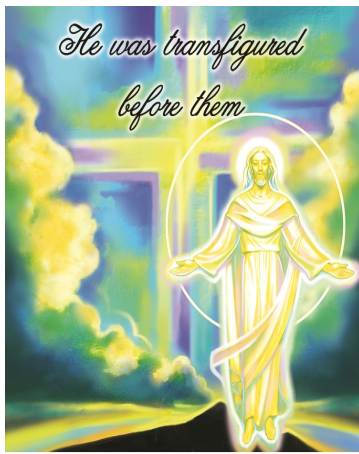
## Please Keep In Your Prayers

*Nicole Glesener Jenny Trettin Terry Bisbee  
Bonita Quast Brenda Popp Donna Conrad  
Special Intention Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei  
Irene Beeler Margaret Seekon LeRoy Reinert  
John Greip Special Intention Connie Ericson  
Marilyn Stevens Larry Libor Bernie (Butch) Funk  
Larry Gunderson Lauren Laidlaw Randy Lange*  
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.

Thank you to all who donated food to the Food Shelf. We took in 22 pounds of food between February 15th & 21st.



## Stewardship

### St. Anastasia

February 26 Contributions \$28,437.00

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received \$1,509,332.  
Contributions Received \$1,426,997.43  
CC Fund Balance \$ 371,328.76

### 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](http://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](http://OLGapp.com). Register by entering our church ID of 78.

### St. Boniface

February 26 Contributions \$451.00



**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:

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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

<b>STA Administrative Council</b> Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> March 21, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>STB Administrative Council</b> Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
<b>Cemetery Committee</b> Chair: Jeff Lehn	TBA, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>School Advisory Committee</b> Chair: Berit Spors	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> March 7, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>Home &amp; School Association</b> Chair: Gina Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month</i> March 14, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	library
<b>Worship &amp; Outreach Committee</b>	TBA, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>Maintenance Committee</b>	TBA 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>Social Concerns Committee</b>	TBA, 6pm	St Anastasia	parish office
<b>STA Council of Catholic Women</b>	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month</i> March 9, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
<b>STB Council of Catholic Women</b>	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	April 5, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
<b>Knights of Columbus Squires</b>	April 5, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria

## Area Faith Community Staff

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LaMae Maiers, Administration		
Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245	
<b>St. Anastasia School</b>		
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<b>Religious Education &amp; Youth Ministry</b>		
RE Dir, St Anastasia	320-587-6507	religioused@stanastasia.net
Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
<b>St. Anastasia Cemetery</b>	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
<b>St. Boniface Cemetery</b>	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.