

Today's readings teach us about the word of God. Three characteristics stand out. First, the word of God is expansive. The prophet Isaiah offers a beautiful image of the word of God coming down from heaven like rain and snow, with enough strength to nourish the whole world. God sends out God's word to the ends of the earth. Like rain and snow, God's word gets to work sparking growth and new life in all who encounter it.

The word of God is also contextual. In the gospel parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus lays out a variety of options for where the seed can land. Some people are not prepared to absorb the word of God, like seed on the path. Others find great joy on God's word at first but cannot sustain it. They are like seeds sown on rocky ground. Still others deal with anxieties and temptations that make it nearly impossible to truly take in the word of God, like seeds sown among thorns. The word of God does not change, but the context of the hearer makes a big difference in how well it will be received.

Finally, today's readings show the connection between the word of God and the natural word. Both Isaiah and Jesus use natural imagery to teach about God's word. The word of God is all around us, ready to be discovered and engaged. *Living Liturgy, p. 173*

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!





Readings for the Week

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tue: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thu: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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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, July 17 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Grace Kosek
TUESDAY, July 18 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, July 19 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Neal Braun, Ed Germerschied
THURSDAY, July 20 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Richard Roskammer
FRIDAY, July 21 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY, July 22 9am, Mass 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory Day Chapel ++ Donald Hartwig, Tom Stafford
SUNDAY, July 23 7:30am, Mass	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> St. Anastasia ++Gerald & Janice Urban, ++Bud & Helen Reinert, +Kevin Farenbaugh	
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Mike Ludowese
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

SUMMER BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS (M-Th 7am-4pm, Fr. 7am-11am)

MONDAY, July 17

TUESDAY, July 18

WEDNESDAY, July 19

5-10pm, Youth Groups: Feed My Starving Children + Mass (30 slots-sign up)

THURSDAY, July 20

FRIDAY, July 21

SATURDAY, July 22

1- 4pm, Greg & Linda van der Hagen 50th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, July 23



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

Community News

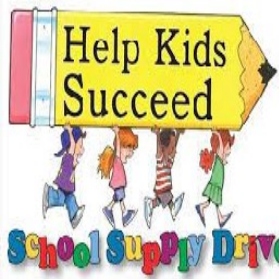


This summer we will be collecting diapers and wipes with the larger sizes most needed in July.



Common Cup

We are continuing to collect Ramen Noodles, Personal Care items, Laundry soap, dryer sheets as people are in need.



Back to School Supply Drive

Common Cup Ministry is collecting donations for our 2023-2024 Back to School Drive. They are collecting through August 4th. Our parish is asked to collect the following:

20 BACKPACKS * LARGE PINK ERASERS

35 WATERCOLORS * CASH

CALLING ALL MEN - COR NIGHT (As Iron Sharpens Iron, so Man Sharpens Another)

Our Mission: to encounter Christ, to strengthen our bonds of Christian brotherhood, to share our faith as brothers, and bring souls to Jesus Christ.

Place: Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted

3rd Wednesday of each month starting July 19 from 6:30-8:30PM

Guest Speaker: Joe Kelly –New Life in Christ

Share a meal, a beer, and friendship with other men, listen to a Faith inspired talk and participate in group prayer.



PRO-LIFE RETREAT at ASSUMPTION Catholic Church—Eden Valley, MN 55329

Saturday, August 12, 2023 8am-Noon

TOPIC: SPREADING TRUTH

8am Mass with Father Donald Wagner
Eucharist Adoration begins

8:45 Coffee & Muffins

9:15-10:30 Procession to graveyard

Prayer at "Tomb of Unborn"

Procession back to Assumption

10:45 Closing: Eucharistic Adoration

11am Speaker: Joe Langfeld HLA "SPREADING TRUTH"

Noon Luncheon: Pizza & garden goodies (*free will offering*)

Promotion tables: 40 Days For Life, Human Life Alliance, Elevate, Pregnancy Resource Center, Christian mothers

Outdoor Sidewalk Display (63 blue & pink crosses) to remember the babies lost to ABORTION!

Questions or concerns: Contact Judy Haag at 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net



Hello friend! We hope your summer is in full bloom as it is here at McLeod Food Shelf! With usage trending 30% over last year, it doesn't appear the need for food support will lessen anytime soon. So, during July, a financial gift of any amount will be increased by the Open Your Heart grant fund, making even more meals possible for those struggling to put food on the table. As a shopper recently commented, "If I didn't get food from you, I would not have much to eat. Thank you for all your help!" Each gift matters! Checks are welcomed and may be mailed or hand-delivered, we love when you stop by and see your gifts at work! Thank you for giving generously and closing the meal gap together. McLeod Food Shelf

Bakers needed! **Crow River Habitat for Humanity** is the non-profit highlighted at Music in the Park on Monday, July 24th in Hutchinson. We need your help to offer delicious desserts to the crowd! Please sign up to donate pies or volunteer your time serving the crowd at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A9AD23A3FEC16-music1> Pies can be dropped off that day at the Habitat office, or at Library square between 4:30 -5 pm. We appreciate the sign ups online, so we know how many pies to expect. Thank you for your support!

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

St. Anastasia's Youth Mission Trip to Alamosa, CA. Follow along on our trip. Hear from kids, see pictures of our group and submit prayers/messages for us to read each night. Thank you everyone for your support! Here is the link! <https://stasmissiontrip.weebly.com/>



Youth Projects

We are wondering if there are any parishioners in need of any help with projects, between now and the end of summer. We have groups of youth who are willing and looking for service projects! We would love to have them come, help wherever there may be a need. Please, let Jake know if you might have a service opportunity for our youth this summer. Thanks!



The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast **Crossing the Goal: Marks of a True Christian** on HCVN public access, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Former NFL player and coach Danny Abramowicz welcomes fellow CROSSING THE GOAL team members Brian Patrick, Curtis Martin, and Peter Herbeck (*a native of New Ulm and currently the vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries*) to a just-for-men discussion on the Marks of a True Christian. Join their conversation to learn what steps we can take to become more devoted to our Faith, and thus fully live out our lives as true spirit-filled Christians.

DISCIPLESHIP QUAD BASICS



WHAT IS A DISCIPLESHIP QUAD? A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. This 12-month path of

accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. All members of a Quad should be of the same sex to create an atmosphere of intimacy and vulnerability for sharing. Each Quad has a Coordinator, who serves the temporal needs of the Quad and helps facilitate the conversations by modeling authenticity.

WHO IS A DISCIPLESHIP QUAD FOR? A Discipleship Quad is for any person who has a desire to grow in faith as a Catholic and will commit to adhere to all components of the Discipleship Quad Commitment. A Quad can be made up of people at any level of spiritual maturity, from long-time, committed Catholics to those who are just beginning their spiritual journey with Jesus.

THE BENEFIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL The benefit of a Discipleship Quad to each individual person is knowing the love of Jesus Christ and deepening a relationship with him. Jesus is critical to our ongoing growth in faith and, as such, our peace, joy, and fulfillment in life. As part of a Discipleship Quad, you will get to learn with and from others, pray for and with one another, and share life with those who will become good friends, in an otherwise incredibly busy and complicated world.

Contact Fr. Paul to get started!!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

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Date	Episode
July 18, 21	Ep 12: The Christian Military Life

School News

We're hiring!

Teacher: Be a part of our addition of 7th & 8th grade! Teacher licensure or equivalent experience required. Middle School experience preferred.



Head cook: Do you love to cook and enjoy being around kids? Are you familiar with the Minnesota Nutrition Program requirements? If so, this would be a great opportunity to join our school as our breakfast/lunch cook.

Contact Principal Jodzio for information and application for either position.



Thank you to all who brought in food for the Food Shelf. They took in 39 pounds of food in the last 3 wks.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer	rocky	birds
soil	thorns	choked
root	path	seed

frame	<u>f</u> <u>a</u> <u>r</u> <u>m</u> <u>e</u> <u>r</u>
sede	_____
ptah	_____
brisd	_____
rkyoc	_____
tohrsn	_____
rtoo	_____
cohekd	_____
silo	_____

MISSION

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.



ADORATION MOMENT

PRAYER IS ADORATION
ADORATION IS PRAYER

Adoration is the act of rejoicing in the Lord.

Adoration can be as silent as a sunset
As loud and thundering as Beethoven's "Ode" to Joy."

Either way— Adoration feels good!

Be still, my soul, and let me praise my Lord and my God

NEEDED AVAILABLE TIMES

MONDAY: 2:00P.M.

WEDNESDAY: 4:00 P.M. / 9:00 P.M.

THURSDAY: 1:00 A.M. /5:00 P.M. / 11:00 P.M.

PARISH OFFICE 320-587-6507

ADORATION HOTLINE 320-484-7126

ADORATION HOURS: Monday 6:00AM
to Friday Noon

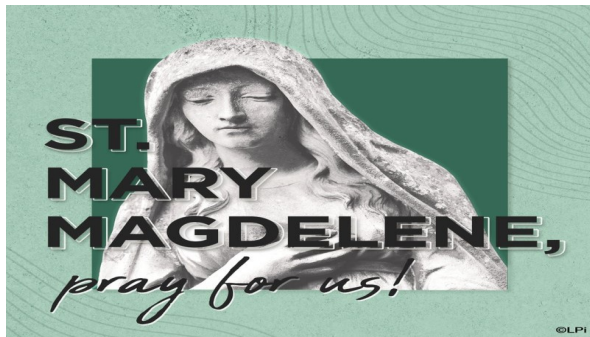


Please Keep In Your Prayers

*Nicole Glesener Jenny Trettin Terry Bisbee
Bonita Quast Brenda Popp Donna Conrad
Special Intention Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei
Special Intention Randy Lange Marilyn Stevens
Phyllis van der Hagen Bernie "Butch" Funk
Nellie Czech Gladys Homan Gloria Anderson*



For peace in our world For those who serve our country
Names will be listed for one month unless we are told otherwise. If you would like to continue your prayer request after that time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

July 2 Contributions \$9,594.00
July 9 Contributions \$15,320.00

Capital Campaign

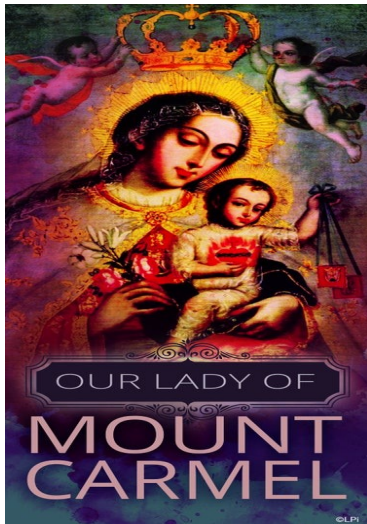
Pledges Received \$1,509,332.
Contributions Received \$1,597,166.78
CC Fund Balance \$ 523,474.11

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

July 2 Contributions \$1,717.00
July 9 Contributions \$ 616.00



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

☐ Other: _____

☐ Volunteer Opportunities

☐ Eucharistic Adoration

☐ Masses

☐ Father Paul

☐ 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
July 18, 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
TBA, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Chair: Gina Jennissen

usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month
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

usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month
TBA, 10am St Anastasia hospitality area

STB Council of Catholic Women

TBA, 6pm St Boniface basement

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Paul Mraz

August 2, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

August 2, 5:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Area Faith Community Staff

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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.