

Today's gospel brims with drama - at least at first glance. A vicious storm tosses the disciples around in their boat. Suddenly Jesus appears from the water - or is a ghost? Peter tests Jesus and starts to drown, only to have the Son of God triumphantly pull him to safety. It is a made for TV series!

All of the action tends to overshadow the beginning of this passage - verses that are less flashy but just as telling about Jesus. After a full day of feeding people, Jesus withdraws to the mountains to pray by himself. Even the Son of God needs time to center and recharge. Even Jesus - the one to whom we so often direct our prayers - makes prayer a priority. His pause in the midst of all the other needs that clamor for his attention models the way for us. We too are called to retreat and pray in the midst of our daily lives.

We might not be able to escape to the mountainside, but can we wake up ten minutes earlier and read the daily Mass readings? Can we leave our phones at home when we go out for a walk and spend the time conversing with God? Can we turn off the radio and drive in contemplative quiet on the way to work? Consider when and where you can stow away for even a moment of prayer. God will reveal Godself to us whenever we make time and space to listen for the tiny, whispering sound of the divine.

Living Liturgy, p. 189.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY "The Almighty has done great things for me." - Lk 1:45 The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary invites us to give thanks and praise for our bodies. We are not just brains sitting across from each other at dinner or souls floating past each other at the grocery store. We are embodied people, called to glorify God with our full selves.

God resurrected Mary into heaven, body and all. We await the day when, like Mary, we will encounter our Creator in the halls of heaven. Until then, let us consider the people and places in which we meet God in our daily lives. What makes your heart leap for joy? When are you prompted to proclaim the greatness of the Lord?

It is with wonder that Elizabeth gives us the second sentence of the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." How could you encounter the amazing realities of Mary's life with renewed appreciation?

In the Magnificat, do you see yourself as one of the lowly and hungry ones that God sides with? Or as one of the proud, mighty, and rich whose fate is less promising? Most of us are on both sides in this life. How could you stand more firmly with those who are poor and oppressed?



Readings for the Week

Mon: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tue: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thu: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Sun: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21 -28



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

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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 on Mondays until Noon on Friday.			
MONDAY, August 14	Vigil of the Assumption of the Mary		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. John Utecht	
7pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Frances Swedzinski	
TUESDAY, August 15	15 Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory	
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory	
WEDNESDAY, August 16			
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Frank & Emily Vasko	
THURSDAY, August 17			
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. Pat Casey, Fr. Tony Stubeda	
FRIDAY, August 18			
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dorothy Endres	
SATURDAY, August 19			
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dolores Shimanski	
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dale Douglas, Norbert Messer	
SUNDAY, August 20	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Saint Anastasia Parish Family	
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan	
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community	
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+++ Phil, Helen, Glenn Pilarski	
		+ Carl Miska	
Calendar of Events			

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

MONDAY, August 14

TUESDAY, August 15 St. Anastasia Hospitality Area 7pm, Administrative Council

WEDNESDAY, August 16 7-9pm, Youth Groups

THURSDAY, August 17

FRIDAY, August 18

SATURDAY, August 19

SUNDAY, August 20

WEDNESDAY, August 23

Parent Orientation and Open House

School

MONDAY, August 28

First Day of School - St. Anastasia - Welcome Back! School

WEDNESDAY, September 13

First Class for Religious Education, 6:30 - 7:45pm. Registration and fee online. All classes will be on Wednesday evenings. We are looking at serving a simple meal after the 5pm Mass again this year, volunteers are needed. A free will offering will be taken to cover costs. We are in need of Teachers for Religious Education, please consider. Teacher's meeting Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm.

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Community News

St Anastasia's Fall Family Fun Fest

Volunteers Needed!

Many volunteers are needed to make the Fall Festival a success!~ Help is needed with set up, tear down, kids' games, the chicken dinner and more. There are volunteer sheets outside of the Church. Or sign up online at stanastasia.net.

Country Store/Book Sale/Bake Sale

(Donation Collecting Begins Sept 9 & 10)

Looking for: vases, ice cream buckets, fresh produce (potatoes, tomatoes, apples, etc), houseplants, dish towels, dried flowers, perennials, annuals and all those other Country Store goodies! Books just sitting on your shelf that need a new home! Bake Goods, bring your favorite goodie for sale

Got Your Raffle Tickets?

Make sure to pick up your raffle tickets outside of the Church. The raffle is our biggest fundraiser.

Calendar of Events

Friday, September 22

5 - 10 PMCarnival Rides and Games, Live Music,
Beverages & Food5:00 - 8:00 PM KC's Hamburger Supper7:30 - 10 PMS'mores at the Fire Pit

Saturday, September 23

12 N – 10 PM Carnival Rides and Games, Live Music, Beverages & Food 1:00 – 3:00 PM Clown/Balloon Art – Root Beer Floats

2:00 – 7:00 PM Country Store, Books & Plants Sale, Bake Sale

4:30 PM Mass 5:00 – 8:00 PM KC's Hamburger Supper 7:30 – 10 PM S'mores at the Fire Pit

Sunday, September 24

10:30 AM	Mass
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Car Show
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chicken Dinner & KC
12:00 N – 5:00 PM	Hamburger Lunch Carnival Rides and Games, Live Music, Beverages & Food
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Country Store, Books & Plants Sale, Bake Sale
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Bingo



SCRIP

Just a reminder: SCRIP is available for sale after weekend masses and

during regular business hours at the St A's business office.

SCRIP allows you to purchase gift cards for hundreds of local/national merchants. **You always receive a card for the full value of your purchase.** Gift cards are particularly useful for on line ordering. None of your personal information is required to use them.

Wedding Congratulations to:



Elli Gifferson & Jake Burmis Tori Wortz & Brooks Telecky





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

Senior Center Fundraiser—BOOK and PUZZLE SALE

August 28 & 29 9am-3pm at the Hutchinson Event Center.

32nd Annual Czech Heritage Festival, featuring SqueezeBox with Mollie B and Ted Lange, will be held on Sunday, August 13th in Bechyn, Minnesota. Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. Pork Dinner served from 11:00 – 1:30. Afternoon entertainment, Ethnic food, Silent Auction, Beer Garden, Bingo, Children's Activities plus much more. Bechyn is located 10 miles northeast of Redwood Falls. Free Admission and Parking. Festival held rain or shine. For more info call 320.522.1218."

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation



Hiring Position: Religious Education/Social Concerns-Outreach Minister

(contact Fr. Paul Wolf for more information)

- Coordinate Pre-School thru Confirmation Religious Education Program
- Supervise weekly activities & special events
- Coordinate the return of Wednesday night Religious Education meal
- Collaborate with Youth Minister & Adult Formation Minister
- ✤Coordinate Senior Outings

♦Staff resource to Common Cup

Organize Home-bound ministry: Eucharistic Distribution/Prayer Service/Rosary

Registration online

for Religious Education and fees.





The Knights of Columbus are looking for 45 more volunteers to help with the McLeod County Fair Parking Fundraiser this year.

The fair will be August 17th – August 20th and will be free admission again this year.

Feel free to invite your spouse and teenage children (great for Confirmation service hours) to help. Come and help us raise funds to help others.

Visit our web page https:// kc4797.mnknights.org calendar, event or contact Paul Mraz at 320-583-5767 to sign-up.

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!!

The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast **Real Life Catholic** on HCVN public access, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. **Program Description:** From ski jumping to a cattle roundup to Rocky Mountain survival, Host Chris Stefanick takes viewers across the globe to meet those who live, love, and work with the true spirit of the Catholic Faith! Jam-packed with real stories from real people, Real Life Catholic is a reality show that refuses to leave faith on the cutting room floor!

Date	Episode
Aug. 15 ,18	Episode 4: Haiti 180 PT.1
Aug 22, 25	Episode 5: Haiti 180 PT.2
Aug 29, Sept 1	Episode 6: :Little Town of Bethlehem
Sept. 5, 8	Episode 7: Beyond the Wild PT. 1
Sept. 12, 15	Episode 8: Beyond the Wild PT. 2

School News

School Days are coming and we are excited to see the kids! Home & School Association is gearing up for the Back to School picnic which will be on Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00-8:00pm at the KC's shelter on the west lawn.



Here is the link to RSVP if you haven't already:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/70a084fa4ac2ca2f94-2023

In the meantime... continue your summer fun and last few trips to the cabin. Teacher's anticipate all of the joyful stories that student's experience during

summer. Student's love writing about their escapades as well. "What did you do over summer vacation?"



We're hiring!

Teacher positions available.

Contact Principal Jodzio for information and application.



Do you enjoy numbers, spreadsheets, banks and money? If you do, the Birthright of Hutchinson Board needs your skill set for the treasurer position! We are also seeking caring, nurturing individuals to be volunteer advisors in the office for a couple hours a week! Even if you can only spare a few hours per month, it would help so much! Training will be provided!

For more information, please contact: Lori Dahlberg 320-583-3422 or Lisa Eltgroth 320-583-5083

Come and join the fun at St. Andrew's Fun Fest, August 20, 2023 in Fairfax, MN. Polka Mass at 10am featuring the St. A's Polkateers. Deep fried chicken dinner served from 11am-1pm. Adults \$13, Children (5-10) \$5, under 5 – free. Join us for a full day of FUN!

ADORATION MOMENT

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I adore you Jesus, true God, and true man, present in the holy Eucharist, kneeling before you and united in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the saints in heaven. In gratitude for so great a blessing, I love you with all my heart, for you are worthy of all praise and adoration.

NEEDED AVAILABLE TIMES

MONDAY: WEDNESDAY: THURSDAY:

2:00P.M. 4:00 P.M. /9:00P.M. 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



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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 Diane Kostecka 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.





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I	Confession	\square Masses
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Stewardship

St. Anastasia

August 6 Contributions	\$13,278.00
Capital Campaign	
Pledges Received	\$1,509,332.
Contributions Received	\$1,599,817.77
CC Fund Balance	\$ 526,125.10

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

August 6 Contributions

\$796.00

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	<i>usually meets on t</i> August 15, 7pm	<i>he 3rd Tuesday o</i> 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	<i>usually meets on t</i> Sept. 5, 6:30pm	<i>he 1st Tuesday e</i> St Anastasia	ach month hospitality area
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen	usually meets on t Sept. 12, 6:30pm	<i>he 2nd Tuesday</i> St Anastasia	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 usually meets on t	St Anastasia The 2nd Thursday	parish office y each month
STA Council of Catholic Women	Sept. 14, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	Sept. 6, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	Sept. 5, 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 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.