



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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The gospels tend to highlight “mountaintop experiences,” times that display Jesus’ power as the Son of God. Stories like Jesus multiplying loaves and fishes, healing the sick, or transfiguring before his disciples illuminate the uniqueness of Jesus’ vocation. He is a member of the Holy Trinity, born into this world to bring salvation to all.

Yet most of the time, Jesus probably seemed pretty ordinary to Peter, James, and John. The gospel writers could not record everything. For every mountaintop moment like we hear in today’s gospel, Jesus, no doubt experienced many other mundane moments that received no fanfare - times hanging out with friends, cooking dinner, relaxing, or doing the countless other actions that fill every human’s day.

Both kinds of moments - the mountaintop ones and the mundane ones - hold value for the Christian life. We receive life from God who does marvelous deeds in the created world. Our almighty God interacts with humankind, lifting up the lowly in situations that seem impossible and gracing us with blessings beyond belief. It is right to approach God with awe in these mountaintop moments. It is also right to approach God with awe during the mundane times, giving thanks and praise for simply existing. On the Feast of the Transfiguration let us rejoice for the many ways God encounters us each day. *Living Liturgy, p. 185.*

What Are “Special” Masses?

Question: Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they’re not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it’s always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. ©LPI



Readings for the Week

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tue: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

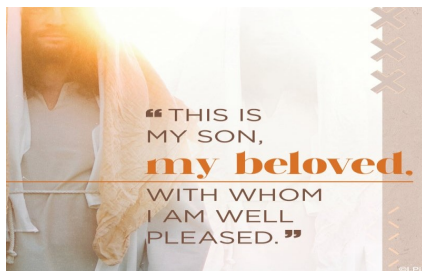
Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thu: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Fri: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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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, August 7 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. Kevin Finnegan, + David Troska
TUESDAY, August 8 7am, Mass 10am, Mass	St. Anastasia Nursing Home	+ David Troska Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, August 9 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Bishop Chad Zielinski, + David Troska
THURSDAY, August 10 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. Mike Doyle, + David Troska
FRIDAY, August 11 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Alphonse & Florence Becker
SATURDAY, August 12 No 9am Mass due to weddings 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Day Chapel ++ Donald Hartwig, Neal Braun
SUNDAY, August 13 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> St. Anastasia + Grace Kosek St. Boniface + Ruth Wangen St. Anastasia ++ Linus & Doris Vos St. Anastasia For our Area Faith Community	

Calendar of Events

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

MONDAY, August 7

TUESDAY, August 8

6:30pm, Home & School St. Anastasia KC Shelter

WEDNESDAY, August 9

7-9pm, Youth Groups

THURSDAY, August 10

12n, Finance Council St. Anastasia Parish Office

FRIDAY, August 11

3pm, Wedding: Elli Gifferson & Jake Burmis Church

SATURDAY, August 12

2pm, Wedding: Tori Wortz & Brooks Telecky Church

SUNDAY, August 13

WEDNESDAY, August 23

Parent Orientation and Open House School

MONDAY, August 28

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

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

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 PM Carnival Rides and Games, Live Music, Beverages & Food
- 5:00 – 8:00 PM KC's Hamburger Supper
- 7:30 – 10 PM S'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 Polka Mass
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Car Show
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Chicken Dinner & KC Hamburger Lunch
- 12:00 N – 5:00 PM 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 parish 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.

PRO-LIFE RETREAT at ASSUMPTION Catholic Church—Eden Valley, MN 55329
Saturday, August 12, 2023 8am-Noon

TOPIC: SPREADING TRUTH

- 8am Mass—Eucharist Adoration begins
- 8:45 Refreshments
- 9:15-10:30 Procession & Prayer at “Tomb of Unborn”
- 10:45 Eucharistic Adoration Ends
- 11am Speaker: Joe Langfeld HLA “SPREADING TRUTH”
- Noon Luncheon
- 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



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

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

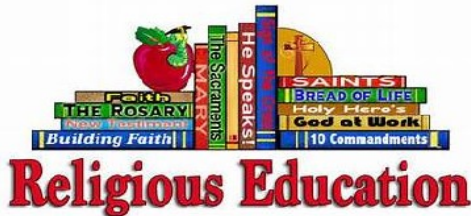
Youth Projects

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! Please, let Jake know if you might have a service opportunity for our youth this summer. Thanks!

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

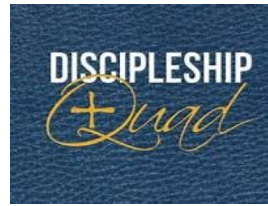
for Religious Education and fees.



The Knights of Columbus are looking for 78 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 8, 11	Episode 3: City on a Hill
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

School News

Start of school is not far away and we are already looking for volunteers for various activities. Please look ahead at your schedules and see how you can participate. Anyone is welcome to volunteer for school activities! Contact Principal Jodzio to schedule!



Opportunities:

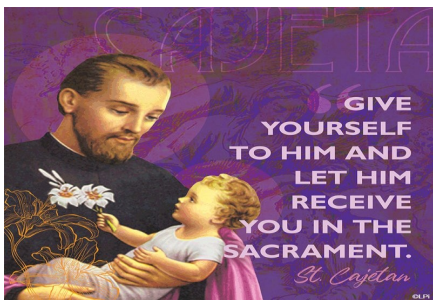
- Marathon planning (this needs to start now so please reach out if you can help!)
- Lunch and recess monitors – Monday through Friday
- Mystery reader (Kindergarten)
- Tutor, read, or play math games with students
- Share hobby or talent
- And much more to come!



We're still hiring!

Teacher positions available.

Contact Principal Jodzio for information and an application .



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. Afternoon entertainment.

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

ADORATION MOMENT

Here is some food for thought from Archbishop Fulton Sheen:

- ✠ “The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship.”
- ✠ “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer.”

NEEDED AVAILABLE TIMES

- MONDAY: 2:00P.M.
- WEDNESDAY: 4:00 P.M. /9:00P.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



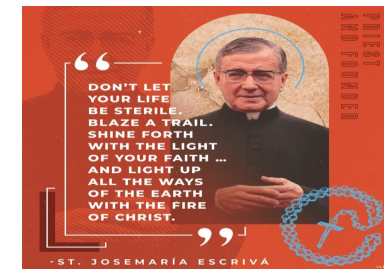
Please Keep In Your Prayers

*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
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.

St. Victoria Parish Rummage Sale- 8228 Victoria Drive, Victoria, MN on Thursday, August 10 from 7am-7pm and Friday, August 11 from 7am-2pm sponsored by Catholic United Financial Council 87.



Thank you to all who donated food to the food shelf. We took in 4 pounds of food on July 31st.



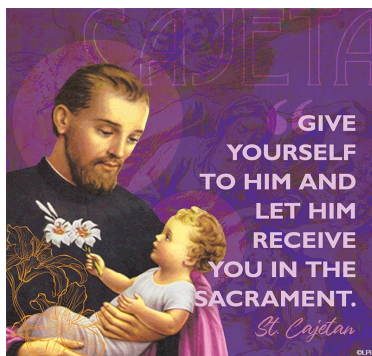
**Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information?
Please provide some contact information for us
to reach out to you!**

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 |

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

July 30 Contributions	\$10,851.00
Capital Campaign	
Pledges Received	\$1,509,332.
Contributions Received	\$1,599,232.77
CC Fund Balance	\$ 525,540.10

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

July 30 Contributions	\$1,416.00
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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 On-line! 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 the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> August 15, 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	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> September 5, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
Home & School Association Chair: Gina Jennissen	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month</i> August 8, 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	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month</i> TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	September 6, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	September 5, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria

Area Faith Community Staff

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Jon Skoog, Facilities Manager	320-552-1264	jon.skoog@stanastasia.net
St. Boniface Staff		
LaMae Maiers, Administration	320-583-1302	
Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-562-2245	
St. Anastasia Worship & Music		
Kirk Hendrickson	320-587-6507	music@stanastasia.net
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Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
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.