



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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The presentation of Jesus in the temple showcases the gift of intergenerational relationships. A righteous and devout elder man, Simeon, meets Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the temple. He responds to the sight of baby Jesus, just forty days old, with awe and wonder. The wise prophet recognizes Jesus as the one who will bring salvation upon all the people. Simeon reflects this reality back to Mary who, as Jesus' mother, will feel the acceptance and rejection of her beloved son deep in her bones.

Today's gospel also introduces us to the prophetess Anna. Advanced in age, Anna experienced various forms of family life throughout her years. Now widowed, Anna worships in the temple day and night. She believed in the Christ Child who would redeem Jerusalem and proclaimed his coming to all who would listen. Anna stands in the prophetic tradition of Old Testament greats like Deborah and Miriam, who prepared the way for God.

With their resolute faith and years of wisdom, Simeon and Anna provide Mary and Joseph with perspective. They remind the new parents of their son's identity. They affirm Jesus' mission to be light for the world. Those of us who parent or care for children know the value of intergenerational perspectives. Families, whether by birth or by choice thrive when members of all ages encourage each other and draw on their experiences for the betterment of the whole. Like Jesus, each of us is part of a larger system of support. *Living Liturgy, p. 31*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi



Readings for the Week

Mon: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tue: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wed: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thu: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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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>		
SUNDAY, December 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Harry Farenbaugh, Dorothy Lindenburg
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Jeannine Maiers
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community
SUNDAY, December 31	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Eve	
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Thomas Whalen, Roger Mumm
MONDAY, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Day	
8am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Milli Navara
10am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Jason Waldner, Gary Gilman
TUESDAY, January 2	Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops	
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Pat Norton
WEDNESDAY, January 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Tanker Ruhland
THURSDAY, January 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Cleo Karl
FRIDAY, January 5	John Neumann, Bishop	
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Roger Schackmann
10am, Mass	Pines & Oaks	+ Mary Nessel
SATURDAY, January 6	Andre' Bessette, Religious	
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Janice Nybakke
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Tom Callier, Bernard Funk
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan
SUNDAY, January 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Neal Braun
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, January 1	Parish Office Closed	St. Anastasia
TUESDAY, January 2	School resumes	
6:30pm, Education Advisory	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
Wednesday, January 3		
5:30pm, KC's Squires	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria
6:30pm, ALPHA	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
6:30pm, Religious Education	St. Anastasia	School & Church
7:45pm, Youth Groups	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
8pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia	Cafeteria
THURSDAY, January 4		
FRIDAY, January 5		
SATURDAY, January 6		
SUNDAY, January 7		



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

Community News

The Feast of the Holy Family/
Solemnity of Mary Schedule

The Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
(Weekend of December 30/31)
Regular Weekend Mass
Schedule except for the regularly
schedule evening, 7:30pm Mass,
it is canceled.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, December 31: 4:30pm - St. Anastasia
Monday, January 1: 8am - St. Boniface
10am - St. Anastasia

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
(starting the weekend of January 6/7)
**Saturday: 4:30pm - St. Anastasia, 6:30pm - St.
Boniface**
Sunday: 9am & 7:30pm - St. Anastasia



March for Life

The area Knights of Columbus will be
sponsoring a bus to the March for Life rally
in St. Paul on Monday, January 22nd.

The bus will depart:

- 7:53 St. Philip's Church - Litchfield
- 8:15 St. St. John's Church - Darwin
- 8:38 St. John's Education Center - Cokato

The bus will arrive at the Cathedral in time for the
prayer service, then to the Capitol for the
rally. Return time will be approximately 3:30.
Please bring your own food and drinks.

To reserve a seat on the bus, call or text Tony
Lorber at 320-248-6863.

Widows of Joy – January 6, 2024 @ 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,
January 6, 2024. The gathering will begin with
Mass at 8:30am, followed by fellowship,
continental breakfast, a reflection talk on
"Heaven". To Register call Holy Trinity at 320-
485-5651



Common Cup will be collecting Ramen
Noodles for the Backpack program.

Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2023 (DMA): Thank
you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries
Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individu-
als and families across the diocese, providing family
and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious
and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminari-
ans. If you have not had the opportunity to make your
pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the back of
church. You may return your pledge in the collection
basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also
make your pledge or gift online at [https://www.dnu.org/
dma/](https://www.dnu.org/dma/). Either way, those ministries designated in the
DMA brochure– ministries that are vital to our dioce-
san church– as well as our own project– **additional
funds for the cemetery.**

Retirement Fund for Religious

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister
shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think
we would make it without them." Thank you for giving
to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your
donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly wom-
en and men religious. To learn more about how your
gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity–
will be held on Sunday, January 21st, 2024 at 3:00pm
at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Indi-
viduals, and Congregations, representing several dif-
ferent Christian denominations in southwest and west-
central Minnesota, will gather together for an Ecumen-
ical Celebration of the Word of God. The Service is held
as part of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Uni-
ty, There will be a reception to follow.

Diocese of New Ulm National Eucharistic

Preacher– The Eucharist: Leading us to the Sacred
Heart with Fr. Joe Laramie. There will be a talk, Ado-
ration with prayer teams & confession and a reception.
There will be three opportunities :

Friday February 23, 2024 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at St.
Peter, St. Peter, MN

Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 10am-Noon at St.
Anastasia, Hutchinson, MN

Sunday, February, 25 from 2pm, 4pm at St. Edward,
Minneota

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

Adult Gatherings with Hospitality and Formation.

Our parish is ever changing and welcoming new members and saying good-bye to friends. We would like to address some of these changes with gatherings. We are not exactly sure what these gatherings will look like as they develop but it is an opportunity for us to become more aware of the changing dynamic of our parish. To this end, we are proposing a number of gatherings: “Young Adult: Single and Married,” “New Parishioners,” and expanding our “GriefShare” group, which meets weekly for thirteen week to include a “GriefShare” social to include all who have lost a loved one recently to many years.

Young Adult: Single and Married. Pizza and Beverage. Ages: 18 to 35. Youth Room of the Church. 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6pm, starting January 11. Social activities, formational understandings of the church, support to live a Christian life, and prayer.

New Parishioner. Potluck, bring a dish to pass or serve, deserts are always welcomed! All ages and families, new and old parishioners. Hospitality Area. 3rd Thursdays of the Month at 6pm, starting January 18. Informal gathering of new and old parishioners, with introductions so we can get to know each other and support the new members in our community. Social activities, formational understandings of the church, support to live a Christian life, and prayer.

GriefShare Social. Potluck, bring a dish to pass or serve, deserts are always welcomed! All ages, anyone who has lost a loved one (spouse, child, parent, or friend). Hospitality Area. 4th Thursday of the Month at 6pm, starting January 25. Social gatherings and support for one another.

Our hope is to form some kind of leadership in each group that will help steer the activities and support the group. Please consider joining a group and taking the opportunity to help and support our faith community grow.

ALPHA coming in January –
Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30pm.



Lectio: Mary with
Dr. Brant Pitre – Tuesdays at
5pm, starting January 9.



Lectio: The Case for Jesus with
Dr. Brant Pitre – Thursdays at
5pm, starting January 11.



A Bible Study on the Mysteries
of the Rosary. Mondays at 4 &
7pm, starting January 8.

GriefShare, those who have lost a
Loved One Support Group.
Mondays at 1pm, starting
January 8.



The Chosen, Mondays 6pm,
starting January 8.

That Man Is You - TMIY, Fridays
6am, starting January 12



What is Adult Faith Formation?

Adult Faith Formation is the lifelong process of finding and falling in love with God in the midst of our human lives. Every one of us, by virtue of our Baptism, is on a life-long journey of faith. Consequently, Adult Faith Formation has as its purpose to support, nourish, and challenge adults as they explore their faith, experience its power, grow in relationship with God. Thus, we strive to offer, plan, and implement a wide variety of faith forming programs and opportunities for all adults.

Why do we need Adult Faith Formation?

In their document *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, the US Bishops renewed a commitment to fostering faith formation for adults. Since we all are continually being formed in our faith as we walk our journeys of life, a renewed commitment to adult faith formation necessitates a need for quality programming and a variety of opportunities for all adults.

What are the goals of Adult Faith Formation?

Inviting and enabling ongoing conversion to Jesus in holiness of life by:

- ✠ helping adults acquire an attitude of conversion to the Lord
- ✠ helping adults make a conscious and firm decision to live the faith through membership in the Christian community

School News

Our Christmas Program, “*The Mystery of Simon Shepherd*” was a big hit. It will be televised on Hutchinson Community Video Network (HCVN) channel 7 December 31 at 3 pm.

The live stream has been added to the website. It is under the School Dropdown or you can also use this direct link: <https://www.stanastasia.net/2023-christmas-program-live-stream/>

Shout out to our Home and School Committee for sponsoring the cookie reception and to the school families for donating the cookies. They were delicious!

School students and staff wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are so blessed to have the support of our parish and school families for the continued growth of our school.



Charitable Gifts Mean More Than Saving On Taxes

“Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet, big, though small, a diamond in wood-nails. It’s story is old, the plot worn and the pages too, but we read this book anyway, over and over again.” (Alberto Rios)

Chris Farrell wrote in the Minneapolis Star Tribune on December 17, 2023, “Giving repeatedly and regularly makes a difference to ourselves and our community. It is the underappreciated foundation of good money management. The amount of money given away typically pales compared to retirement savings contributions and mortgage payments.

What matters is the mindset. When we give away money, we’re actively showing what matters to us. The mindfulness of giving and the connections the act forges in our community can also inform the rest of our personal finance decisions, including spending and investing.”

Please consider adopting St. Anastasia as another member of your family in the new year. Your commitment or contribution to help improve St. Anastasia’s home will move us closer to raising enough financial support to begin planning for the second priority in our facility master plan, the school and church office remodeling.

Thank you!

Adoration Moments

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 distraction we have in our lives! JESUS is waiting in the Day Chapel for us.

For New Years Adoration we will be closed and we will re-open again on Tuesday, January 2nd after the 7am Mass. Thank you for your commitment to Adoration.

PLEASE HELP FILL THESE OPEN TIMES IN THE CHAPEL FOR ADORATION:

MONDAY: 7:00 A.M sub- Jan, Feb-March/
NOON/8:00pm sub -Jan, Feb-March
WEDNESDAY: 9:00AM/ 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY: 1:00 A.M. /11:00 P.M.
FRIDAY: Midnight

PARISH OFFICE 320-587-6507

ADORATION HOTLINE 320-484-7126

ADORATION HOURS: Mon. 6:00AM to Fri. Noon



Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Jenny Trettin Bonita Quast
 Brenda Popp Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei
 Donna Conrad Marilyn Stevens
 Phyllis van der Hagen Nellie Czech Gladys Homan
 Cathy Plath Tom Donohoo Deb Kalenberg
 Virgil Voigt Deb Mundt 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

December 17 Contributions \$13,976.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges	\$ 1,227,460.00
Pledge Amount received	\$ 370,208.35
Unpledged amount received	\$ 81,989.00
Actual Money	\$ 452,197.35
Pledges Need	\$ 1,772,540.00
Actuals Need	\$ 2,547,802.65

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

December 17 Contributions \$978.00

**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 |

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
 —2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

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-4:00pm 320-587-6507.

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> January 16, 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> January 2, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
Home & School Association Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata Denise Schwecke	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month</i> January 9, 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 <i>usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month</i>
STA Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	January 3, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	January 3, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area

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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	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.