

The scene that plays out in today's gospel is likely familiar to many of us. We are gathered for an important occasion: a church service, a keynote speaker, or a business meeting, when suddenly someone begins to shout. Heads turn in horror. People begin to murmur: what's wrong with this person? Some may feel afraid or angry over the disruption. As Christians, how are we to respond in such a scenario?

Jesus models the way. Early in his public ministry, Jesus is teaching in the synagogue when a man with an unclean spirit cries out. Presumably the authorities would have tried to remove the man as quickly as possible. But Jesus recognizes the troubled man's humanity. He does not send the man away. Rather, Jesus exorcises the demon out of the man's body. He moves to help. We too are called not to judge those who cry out but to address their needs with compassion.

Jesus acts with authority over the unclean spirit. This is one of many instances where Jesus takes on the supposed power of demonic forces and emerges victorious. Those gathered in the synagogue witness Jesus' exorcism and wonder in amazement, "What is this?" Acceptance of Jesus' authority remains a challenge for the faithful today. Many of us benefit from demonic forces like racism, sexism, capitalism, or other social structures. How might our lives change if we refused to be tempted by the perceived benefits of those demons and instead placed all our trust in Jesus' saving power? *Living Liturgy*, p. 51

Everyday Stewardship

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 **Tue:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps

24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 **Wed:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5,

27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thu: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 **Fri:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk

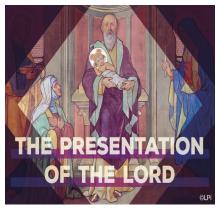
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Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk

4:35-41

Sun: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk

1:21-28



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME LOCATION INTENTION

Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.

MONDAY, January 29

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Domiana Martinez

TUESDAY, January 30

7am, Mass St. Anastasia + Pat Norton

WEDNESDAY, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Bernie Aritt

THURSDAY, February 1

9am, Mass St. Anastasia + Wayne Welch

FRIDAY, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord St. Anastasia + Cleo Karl

10am, Mass Pines & Oaks +

SATURDAY, February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

9am, Mass St. Anastasia +++Kathleen Baysinger, Al &

Kitty Eggert

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia Day Chapel

4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia Successful Cancer Treatments

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SUNDAY, February 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary St. Anastasia Church

9am, Mass St. Anastasia ++Tanker Ruhland, Sue Dwyer 7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

MONDAY, January 29

1pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia Youth Room

4pm, A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation Youth Room

6pm, The Chosen

St. Anastasia Youth Room

TUESDAY, January 30

5pm, Lectio Bible Study: Mary - The Queen Mother Youth Room

Wednesday, January 31

6:30pm, ALPHA St. Anastasia Hospitality Area 6:30pm, Religious Education St. Anastasia School & Church 6:45pm, Exodus 90 St. Anastasia Side Chapel 7:45pm, Youth Groups St. Anastasia Youth Room

THURSDAY, February 1

5pm, Lectio Bible Study: The Case for Jesus Youth Room

FRIDAY February 2

6am, TMIY St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

SATAURDAY, February 3

10am, 1st Communion Parent Meeting St. Anastasia
Throat Blessing/Masses St. Anastasia/St. Boniface

SUNDAY, February 4

Throat Blessing/Masses St. Anastasia/St. Boniface 6pm, RCIA St. Anastasia Youth Room

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

Community News

Diocese of New Ulm National Eucharistic
Preacher – The Eucharist: Leading us to the
Sacred Heart with Fr. Joe Laramie. There will be a
talk, Adoration 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



Don't miss your opportunity to support St.
Anastasia school in the 2024

Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school because 100% of the proceeds go directly to the school, our goal this year is \$17,000. The grand prize is a 2024 CHEVY TRAX or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at each weekend Mass January 13-February 11 and from all St. Anastasia School and Kids' Depot Preschool students. Thank you for supporting our school.



<u>Widows of Joy – February 3, 2024 @</u> 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, February 3, 2024. The gathering will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by fellowship, continental breakfast, a reflection talk on "What Do I Live For Now". You'll learn why moving forward is necessary, why it's a process, and why peace and pain will always coexist! Come join us and meet new friends! Registration is requested for meal planning. Due to church reconstruction, Mass and gathering will be located at Holy Trinity Catholic School, please enter at Door #4. To register: Call HT Parish @ 320-485-5651. Sign-up online @ https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FACA72BA6F85 -widows1



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 individuals and families across the diocese, providing family and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminarians. 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/. Either way, those ministries designated in the DMA brochure-ministries that are vital to our diocesan church- as well as our own project-additional funds for the cemetery. (We received our first check back from the Diocese from the DMA in the amount of \$7.432.87 that goes toward the columbarium in the cemetery.) Please give to the DMA!

Youth Benefit Concert— Church of St. Willibrord(1032 Ash Ave, Gibbon, MN) on Sunday, February 11 at 2pm. The tickets can be purchased by calling Tina Nachreiner (507) 829-8906 or Berny Berger (320)-583-7975 or from any AFC youth. The Cogley Sisters will be performing 50's and Christian Music. The ticket also includes dessert/coffee/beverages and there will be a Bake Sale. This Benefit is to help our All Saints AFC send our students to Steubenville.

CCW Update:



CCW dues are \$10 and due now. We are planning our Spring Rummage Sale on March 28 & 29 (during Spring Break and Holy Week). Our next meeting

will be February 8th at 10 am. We are helping organize the Sunday

morning coffee times - it is so niceto be able to visit and maybe meet someone new. If you are interested in doing some baking for this - please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number and we will be calling. Also we are looking for groups or individuals to host these events -interested let us know.

Stay warm and be careful outside. Lori Dahlberg (dahlberg@hutchtel.net 320-583-3422) and Betty Neilsen (nielsen.betty@medicombb.net 320-455-1125)

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Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation



New Family Gathering, Thursday, January 18. 7 families gathered and shared a social time together, learning and talking about their families, jobs, parishes they have come from, and what is going on at St. Anastasia. We also toured the school and talked about future plans. 3 of the 7 families will baptize their children shortly. Next gathering Thursday, February 15.



Young Adult Gatherings! On Friday, December 22, young adults and youth group alumni gathered together for a Christmas celebration. This month on Thursday, January 18, more young adults gathered at Main Street Sports Bar for social time, pizza, and fun conversations about their faith, work, and personal lives.



Next gathering Thursday, February 15.



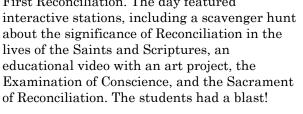


Middle School Night! On Friday, January 19, 25 students gathered for the first Middle School Night! They shared a meal and enjoyed several games together. The night finished in the Church with prayer and devotional time. Stay tuned for the next Middle School Night on Friday, February 16!





First Reconciliation! On January 13, St. Anastasia's second-graders celebrated their First Reconciliation. The day featured about the significance of Reconciliation in the lives of the Saints and Scriptures, an educational video with an art project, the Examination of Conscience, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students had a blast!







The following Wednesday on January 17, the faith formation program hosted a special Dessert Social to celebrate the second-graders First Reconciliation with students of all ages! Both school and faith formation families were excited to join us for cookies, pie, punch, and some open gym time!





School News



Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 2, 2024 Sunday, January 28 Theme: Celebrate our Parish

9am Mass- Students sing a song before Mass- Open House 10am-11am Family Swim- All are welcome 2:00-4:00pm at Carlson Pool at the Middle School (sponsored by Home & School)

Monday, January 29- Theme: Celebrate our Community

Catholic Schools Sports Day: (dress as a athlete or in a jersey of your favorite team or something related United in Faith and Community to sports) Ice Skating at Burich Arena 12:45pm-2:30pm (bring your ice skates or wear your boots) Hot Chocolate in the cafeteria when we return at 2:45pm.

Tuesday, January 30 Theme: Celebrate our students Wacky Tacky Mismatch Clothes & Hair Day, Mini Course Day

Wednesday, January 31 Theme: Celebrate the Nation Animal/Camouflage Print Day, Lyceum

Thursday, February 1 Theme: Celebrate Vocations

Black out Day: (wear all black) Pray for our priests, religious sisters and seminarians.

Friday, February 2 Theme: Celebrate Faculty, Staff & Volunteers Pajama & Muffin Day: (dress in pajamas) Muffin breakfast for students and parents 8:30-9:00 am in the cafeteria). Movie & Popcorn

Service Project for LEAST (Loving the Elderly and Satiating His Thirst) from Guatemala.)

Monday- pennies, Tuesday- nickels, Wednesday- dimes, Thursday- quarters Friday- empty pockets of coins that add up to a \$1.00





Welcome our new 3rd grade teacher!

Hi my name is Macee McGill. I graduated from Bemidji State University in December 2023 with a degree in Elementary Education. I attended St. Anastasia as a student and am very happy to be back in the community as a teacher! I have so many great memories from my time here as a student. I am excited to be a part of the St. A's traditions that made my experience so memorable! To share a little about myself, I am the oldest child of 4, my parents are Randy and Tina McGill. My siblings are Kaleb, Braeden, and Averie who also attended school here. In my free time I enjoy baking, traveling, and love to be outside in the summer. I am looking forward to teaching 3rd grade and enjoying all the Catholic school has to offer!

Guiding students to develop their hearts and minds to become successful and productive individuals having a full appreciation of their roles as followers of Christ and servers to others





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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 Deb Mundt Colleen Loe

Diane Kostecka Jerome Warzecha

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.

Adoration Moments

We all need REVIVAL! The root word itself-revive-means "to live again." The Eucharist is the privileged place where we go to be revived, the source and summit of life itself—Jesus Christ.

Welcome the Challenge...just as the Holy Spirit brought Revival at Pentecost, spend 10-15 SILENT minutes every day...Reflect and Pray for an open heart... COME HOLY SPIRIT. Amen

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

MONDAY: 7:00 A.M sub- Jan, Feb-March/ NOON

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

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

January 21 Contributions \$11,185.00

Current Capital Campaign

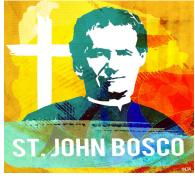
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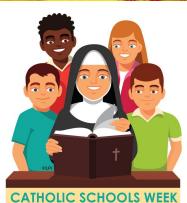
TRY ONLINE GIVING AT ST A'S!

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

January 21 Contributions \$1,459.50





ï	Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information?			
i	Please provide some contact information for us to reach out to you!			
ļ	Name:			
i	Phone Number:			
l	Address: St. Anastasia			
i	Email:			
 	I would like more information on:			
ļ	Education Classes Volunteer Opportunities			
i	St. Anastasia School Eucharistic Adoration			
I	Confession Masses			
ŀ	I would like a call or visit from Father Paul			
i	Other: 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. You can register on-line.

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 usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
Chair: Jim Fahey February 20, 7pm St Anastasia parish office

STB Administrative Council

Chair: Mark Maiers TBA, 9am St Boniface church basement

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month

usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month

Cemetery Committee

Chair: Jeff Lehn TBA, 3pm St Anastasia parish office

School Advisory Committee

Chair: Berit Spors February 6, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata February 13, 6:30pm St Anastasia librar Denise Schwecke

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 usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month

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 February 7, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires February 7, 5:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

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St. Boniface Cemetery Terry Maiers, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 $320-894-8758$	

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.

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Adam Tanata, Co-Manager