

People with the leprosy skin condition described in today's first reading and gospel found themselves banished to the margins of society. Those in power deemed people with leprosy both physically and morally unclean. They believed the painful skin condition revealed some sort of sinful transgression made by the sick person and that anyone who encountered such a person would also become unclean. Sadly, similar ostracization continues to be practiced today. Time and again people with privilege cast fellow human beings aside because of differences in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income, and abilities. Who are the modern day "lepers" in our community? How can this congregation follow the model of Jesus and encounter those on the margins with mercy and compassion?

Jesus would have been keenly aware of the stigma against people with leprosy. He knew what it meant to be caught speaking, much less touching, someone with this disease. Yet Jesus did not back away. Rather, he moved closer. Jesus touched the scabbed, swollen flesh of the man kneeling in front of him and made him clean.

Jesus' actions remind us of the healing qualities of appropriate touch. Human beings are made to be in communion with each other in physical, embodied ways. We hug, hold hands, offer a pat on the back, and touch in other ways as signs of support and affection. Who in our community is isolated and could use a visit? Who is experiencing grief and might find solace in a hug? After asking for and receiving consent, such actions can be sources of healing. Living Liturgy, p. 59

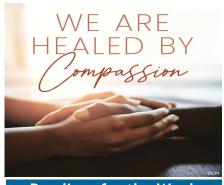
#### Everyday Stewardship

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# Readings for the Week

Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13 Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21 Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Sat:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Sun:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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# This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME LOCATION INTENTION Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday. MONDAY, February 12 5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Domiana Martinez TUESDAY, February 13 7am, Mass St. Anastasia Fr. Eugene Theisen Harmony River Fr. John Haves 10am, Mass WEDNESDAY, February 14 Ash Wednesday - LENT Diane Kostecka, + Terry Bisbee 7am, Mass St. Anastasia 9am, Mass St Anastasia + Msgr John Ward 5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Donald Ludewig 7pm, Mass St. Boniface Laura Stepka THURSDAY, February 15 7am, Mass Bishop Chad Zielinski St. Anastasia FRIDAY, February 16 Fr. Mike Doyle 7am, Mass St. Anastasia 5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross St. Anastasia Fr. Kevin Finnegan 7pm. Mass/Stations of Cross St. Boniface +Milli Navara SATURDAY, February 17 9am, Mass St. Anastasia Fr. John Utecht Day Chapel 3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia 4:30pm, Mass + Bernard Funk St. Anastasia 6pm, Confessions/Rosary St. Boniface Church + Richard Navara 6:30pm, Mass/Bible Study St. Boniface SUNDAY, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

## Calendar of Events

Church

+ Terry Bisbee

For Our Area Faith Community

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia

#### MONDAY, February 12

9am, Mass

7:30pm, Mass

8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary

1pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia Youth Room 4pm, A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: Baptism of the Lord Youth Room 6pm, The Chosen St. Anastasia Youth Room

#### TUESDAY, February 13

4:30m, Gala Committee St. Anastasia Conference Room 5pm, Lectio Bible Study: Mary - Mother of Sorrow Youth Room 6:30pm, Home & School St. Anastasia Library

#### Wednesday, February 14

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

### THURSDAY, February 15

5pm, Lectio Bible Study: The Case for Jesus 6pm, New Parishioner Gathering St. Anastasia 6pm, Young Adult Gather

### FRIDAY February 16

6am, TMIY
St. Anastasia
9am, Stations of the Cross (School) Anastasia
6pm, Middle School Event
St. Anastasia
Hospitality Area
Church
Gym/School/Youth Room

7pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues - St. Boniface

#### SUNDAY, February 18

6pm, RCIA St. Anastasia Youth Room

# **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

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish and Shrimp Fry St. Mary's Bird Island Church Hall on Friday, February 16,2024 from 4-7pm or until fish are gone. Menu: Deep Fried fish, shrimp, potato wedges, coleslaw, corn, buns, milk, coffee and Dessert. Adults \$16.00, Children 6 –12 \$10.00

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether (https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe) also accepts funds for this collection, if you prefer to donate online.

# SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Lenten presentation by Bishop Robert Barron, Wednesdays after Stations of the Cross at St. Anastasia & Fridays after the Stations of the Cross at St. Boniface



**Common Cup** will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the Backpack program. They are also collecting personal care items, laundry soap and dryer sheets.

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.



# Knights of Columbus Hutchinson Council 4797 37th Annual Fish Fry

Date: Friday, February 23rd, 2024

DINE-IN, DELIVERY, OR TAKE OUT

TIME:11:30am—6:00pm or until fish is gone.

PLACE: McLeod County Fair Grounds (840 Century Ave SW~ Hutchinson, MN)

Cost: \$15.00 (Cash or Checks Only)

Menu: Alaskan Pollock, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bread, Cookie, Water, Milk, Coffee

For Deliveries Call 320-583-8086 or 320-894-5352 (2/23 only)



Baptismal Congratulations to:

Eli Nathan Schuch

Son of

Nathan & Hannah

Jace Michael Ludowese Son of Evan & Cassie

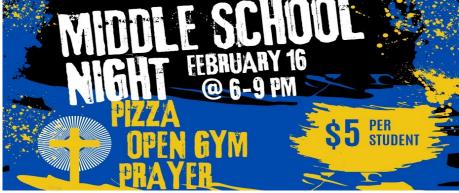
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# Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation



Young Adult Gatherings! We had so much fun getting together in January at Main Street Sports Bar and are very excited for this next gathering! All young adults in their 20's and 30's, single and married, are invited to join us for a night of fun conversations and a delicious dinner at Tokyo Grill from 6-8pm on Thursday, February 15. For more information, please contact Elli Burmis at faithformation@stanastasia.net or Jake Burmis at youthmin@stanastasia.net. We hope to see you there!

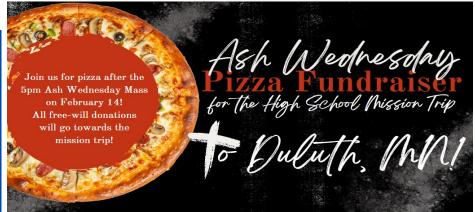




**Middle School Night!** Our second middle school event will be on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.! All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend! Registration is required. Cost is \$5 and friends are welcome to come! The night will be filled with food, faith and lots of fun & games. Adults, we will need you to help play all of the games! Please, reach out to Jake for sign-up & volunteering.







### Mission Trip and Ash Wednesday Pizza Fundraiser!

Our mission trip will look new this year! In addition to moving our trip up to the last week of June (23-28), we are no longer partnering with Youth Works. For the very first time, we will be creating our own experience here in MN! Excitingly, we will primarily be up in the Duluth area for the week! More details are to come, so please reach out if you are interested in being a part of the many aspects of this trip!

Furthermore, all St. Anastasia parishioners, families, and friends are warmly invited to join us for cheese pizza and salad after the 5pm Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14. All free-will donations will go towards the 2024 High School Youth Mission Trip to Duluth! Our envelope fundraising board will be up this same day. We hope you are able to join us and we appreciate your support!

# **School News**

Catholic Schools week is definitely the one time of year we like to make sure we thank all of our shareholders and volunteers. We continue to be amazed at how people offer to support us and who graciously accept our requests! Thank you; Knights of Columbus, CCW, Home and School Committee, and Hutchinson Bus Line for your generous donations (and of course all others!). We appreciate you!

So many volunteers came in this past week to give teachers a break from their lunch and recess duties and to help out with our skating day and muffin day. Time is a wonderful gift to a teacher.



The value of donations that are received are far greater than the actual number. To see students living their faith, sharing and growing together is such a benefit. We welcome you to visit our school and see how your dollars are put in use. Schedule a tour with Mrs. Kloss by calling the school office.

2024-2025 Registration is now available on our website, K-8th grade.

Open houses scheduled for Kindergarten:

February 15, Thursday, from 6:00-7:00 pm and February 20, Tuesday, from 4:30-5:30pm







This is the **last weekend** to support St. Anastasia School in the 2024 Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial. **100% of the proceeds go directly to the school**, our goal this year is **\$17,000**. There are \$45,000 in prizes with the grand prize being a 2024 CHEVY TRAX or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at each Mass this weekend. Thank you for supporting our school.

#### Adoration Moments

### FASTING DURING LENT In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words ... and say Kind words

Fast from sadness

Fast from anger

Fast from pessimism

Fast from worries

Fast from complaints

... and be filled with Gratitude

... and be filled with Hope

... and be filled with Hope

... and be filled with Gratitude

... and contemplate Simplicity

Fast from pressures ... and be Prayerful

Fast from bitterness ... and fill your hearts with Joy Fast from selfishness ... and be compassionate toward others

Fast from grudges ... and be Reconciled

Fast from words ... and be silent so you can Listen

AMEN!

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

MONDAY: NOON / 4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY: 3:00A.M. WEDNESDAY: 10:00am

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

FRIDAY: Midnight

PARISH OFFICE 320-587-6507

ADORATION HOTLINE 320-484-7126- please check this in the winter to find out if Adoration is cancelled.

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

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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

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Tom Donohoo Deb Kalenberg Deb Mundt Colleen Loe Diane Kostecka Special Intention

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.

### REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.



Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting MyCatholicWill.com.

This Lent, protect those you love most in under 15-minutes through the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including the parish in your will.

www.MyCatholicWill.com Use code: **PARISH20** to save 20%

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# Stewardship

#### St. Anastasia

February 4 Contributions \$20,346.00

### **Current Capital Campaign**

Pledges \$ 1,372,899.96 Actual Money \$ 559,091.21 Pledges Need \$ 1,627,100.04 Actuals Need \$ 2,440,908.79

### 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

February 4 Contributions \$881.00



Please provide some contact information for us to reach out to you!				
Name:				
Phone Number:				
Address:	St. Anastasia atholic Community			
Email:				
I would like more information on:				
Education Classes	☐ Volunteer Opportunities			
St. Anastasia School	Eucharistic Adoration			
Confession	Masses			

I would like a call or visit from Father Paul

Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information?

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 Chair: Jim Fahey	usually meets on the February 20, 7pm	υ,	f 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	usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month March 5, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area		
Home & School Association Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata Denise Schwecke	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month February 13, 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 usually meets on t	St Anastasia he 2nd Thursday	parish office each month
STA Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area

STB Council of Catholic Women Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Paul Mraz March 6, 7:30pm St Anastasia

Knights of Columbus Squires March 6, 5:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

TBA, 6pm

St Boniface

basement

cafeteria

# Area Faith Community Staff

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St. Boniface Cemetery Terry Maiers, Co-Manager Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stews 320-894-8758 320-583-4345	art on City Rd 7

TO REPORT ABUSE: TO REPORT ABUSE: Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at <a href="https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse">https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse</a>.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

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