



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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Today's readings remind us of the divine presence in the created world. The first reading from Genesis tells of God's covenant with Noah and all living creatures. God promises to set a rainbow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant with earth. Never again will flood waters be used to destroy humankind.

The gospel situates Jesus in an opposite type of climate: the desert. Satan tempts Jesus on harsh, barren land and still, the Son of God comes out victorious. Let today's reading serve as an invitation to spend time in nature this Lent. Try to get out on those pristine days where the temperature feels just right, as well as days when the climate pushes you out of your comfort zone. Remember that the divine is present in all times and places.

The second readings throughout Lent assert the importance of baptism as the entryway into the paschal mystery of Jesus. In the waters of baptism, God's mercy embraces us. We are clothed as a new creation and welcomed into the life of Christ. Lent is a time to recall our own baptismal promises, as well as journey with the catechumens who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The presence of catechumens is a great gift to the church. They remind us of our commitment to Christian discipleship and the power of saying "yes" to God's call. Let us keep all catechumens and their sponsors in prayer this Lent. *Living Liturgy, p. 67*

Everyday Stewardship

When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings for the Week

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

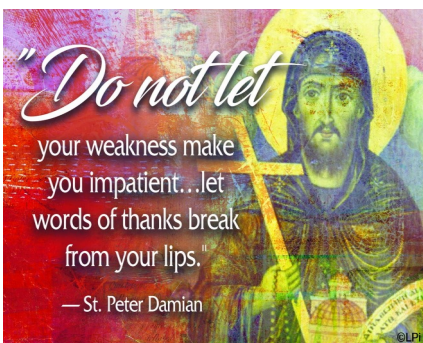
Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thu: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



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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>		
MONDAY, February 19 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dale Douglas
TUESDAY, February 20 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. Pat Casey
WEDNESDAY, February 21 5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	Fr. Mike Skluzcek
THURSDAY, February 22 9am, Mass/School	St. Anastasia	Fr. Jerry Meidl
FRIDAY, February 23 7am, Mass 5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross 7pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface	Diane Kostecka + Fr. Henry Burns Diane Roche
SATURDAY, February 24 9am, Mass/Confessions 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass 6pm, Confessions/Rosary 6:30pm, Mass/Bible Study	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Boniface	+ Bishop Raymond Lucker Day Chapel + Tom Callier Church ++ Grace & Dennis Kosek
SUNDAY, February 25 8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary 9am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Church + Bishop John McRaith For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, February 19 1pm, GriefShare 4pm, A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: Wedding at Cana 6pm, The Chosen	NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Youth Room Youth Room Youth Room
TUESDAY, February 20 5pm, Lectio Bible Study: Mary - Mother of Sorrow 7pm, Administration Council	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Youth Room Hospitality Area
Wednesday, February 21 5:00pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues - 6:30pm, ALPHA 6:30pm, Religious Education 6:45pm, Exodus 90 7:45pm, Youth Groups	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	St. Anastasia Hospitality Area School & Church Side Chapel Youth Room
THURSDAY, February 22 10am, Card Ministry 5pm, Lectio Bible Study: The Case for Jesus 6pm, Grief/Share Gathering	St. Anastasi St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Conference Room Youth Room Youth Room
FRIDAY February 23 6am, TMIY 7pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues -	St. Anastasia St. Boniface	Hospitality Area St. Boniface
SATURDAY, February 24		
SUNDAY, February 25 2pm, Penance Service 6pm, RCIA	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Church 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

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) For Deliveries Call 320-583-8086 or 320-894-5352 (2/23 only) Help Needed-Assembling Takeout Meal Condiment Packets on Thurs Feb 22 - 5:30 PM St A's School Gym

Thank you for your generous contributions to the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** last week! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ceec.

#iGiveCatholicTogether ([https://](https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe)

usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.



Thanks to all who donated food to the **Food Shelf** we took in 9 pounds.

St. Anastasia CCW update

We received a very cool home made Thank You card from St. Anastasia School -- we provided the funds for them to attend a movie and get popcorn on Friday of Catholic Schools Week! They all had a fun time!!

Events Coming Up: Saturday March 9th Deanery 3 Spring Gathering at St. Boniface in Stewart. 8-9 am Reconciliation with Father Bob Mraz, 8:30 am Holy Rosary Led by Lisa Stifter, 9 am Holy Mass with Monsignor Lozinski, 9:45 am Brunch and then our Speaker Deacon Mile McKeown speaking about "Healing Ministry". We will need a count of how many will be attending by March 6th. All are Welcome! Call the Parish office and get on the list.



Common Cup will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the backpack program. They are also collecting personal care products, 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.**

CRS– Rice Bowl- During Lent, we are invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another. We can do this in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program— invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars and by reflecting on how the Eucharist—the Bread of Life—compels us to share bread for life with all members of our human family.

This year, journey with CRS to Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia to learn how issues like hunger and climate change are impacting our sisters and brothers around the world. Find out how families—with the support of faith communities like yours—are working hard to provide nutritious food for their children, build sustainable livelihoods and create healthy and thriving futures.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our global human family.

Kid's Depot: Preschool Registration for the 2024/2025 school year will open to current registered families and Parish families on February 20, 2024. Please contact Michelle Nies at depot@stanastasia.net to receive a form. **Kids' Depot is also now a part of the Online giving.** The Kids' Depot staff is appreciative of any donations given.



LifeLine-NET Ministries Event!

Our next high school Lifeline night, down at the NET Ministries Center, in West St. Paul, is on Sat., Mar. 2nd! Our group leaves in the afternoon, gets dinner together, attends Mass and hears a keynote speaker and discusses what we've heard on the car ride home. It's a great time. Open to all those in grades 9 & up! Sign-up on the Youth Ministry tab on our website!



National Eucharistic Preacher! On Saturday, February 24, National Eucharistic Preacher Father Joe Laramie will be sharing his message, "The Eucharist: Leading Us to the Sacred Heart." The event will run from 10am-Noon and will feature a talk with a reception to follow as well as time for Adoration with prayer teams and Confession. Please invite your families. We hope to see you there!

Diocese of New Ulm
National Eucharistic Preacher

THE EUCHARIST: LEADING US TO THE SACRED HEART

with **FR. JOE LARAMIE**

TALK ADORATION WITH PRAYER TEAMS & CONFESSION RECEPTION



Totus Tuus (VBS) for Grades 1-12! Mark your calendars! We were just given our dates for our summer program! The Totus Tuus missionaries will be here with students from July 14-18! Those in grades 1-6 will meet from 9am-2pm, Monday through Thursday! Upper grades will meet from 7:30-9:30pm Sunday through Thursday! We will need host families for both the guys and the girls, as well as for many families to help with volunteering during the day program and hosting the missionaries for a meal or two, in the evening! Stay tuned for more!



The Pledge of Deeper Commitment! On February 18, candidates of the 2024 Confirmation class took their Pledge of Deeper Commitment at the 9am Mass. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

2024 Youth Mission Trip to Duluth, MN! 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 and partnering with the Diocese of Duluth! Please reach out to Jake if you are interested in being a part of the many aspects of this trip! Thank you for all of your support. We truly appreciate it more than you know!

School News

So many fun things happen simultaneously with learning at St. Anastasia School.

Our service project during Catholic Schools Week was to raise money for the L.E.A.S.T. program in Guatemala. The students did this by dropping coins in a fish bowl while trying to get their coin into a little jar. They raised \$129.69 through this coin drop.

Kindergarten

100th Day of School Fashion Show: Students decorated a t-shirts with 100 items. T-shirts included fishing lures, pom poms, stickers, bows and more!



First graders

100th Day predictions: students walked 100 steps in the hallway, counted 100 coins, and predicted how much liquid 100 droplets of water filled a cup.

K, 1st & 2nd grades STEM: Bee Bots Students programmed the Bee to move to specified locations on the grid.



Lent with Brother Francis:

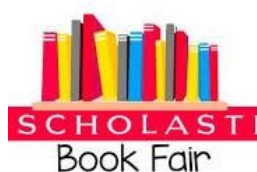
Learn and pray with Brother Francis in any of the four seasons offered below!

Season 1: Daily Meditations (New This Year!)

Season 2: 4-part Series

Season 3: Let's Learn about Lent

Season 4: The Stations of the Cross
FORMED.org,



Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming

lifelong readers. And—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from Saturday, February 24—Thursday, February 29 in the School Foyer.

Saturday, Feb. 24 after Mass for 1/2 hour

Sunday, Feb. 25— after 9am Mass for 45 minutes

Monday& Tuesday Feb. 26 & 27 -3:30-6pm

Wednesday , Feb. 28- 3:30pm– 6:45pm

Thursday, Feb. 29 -3:30pm-7:30pm

Adoration Moments

FASTING DURING LENT

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words	... and say Kind words
Fast from sadness	... and be filled with Gratitude
Fast from anger	... and be filled with Patience
Fast from pessimism	... and be filled with Hope
Fast from worries	... and have Trust in God
Fast from complaints	... 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:	10:00A.M.
THURSDAY:	1:00 A.M. /11:00 P.M.
FRIDAY:	Midnight

PARISH OFFICE 320-587-6507

ADORATION HOTLINE 320-484-7126— please check this if the weather is bad to see if Adoration is closed.

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 Deb Mundt Colleen Loe
Diane Kostecka Special Intention Megan Caroline Arlt
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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Kummert and Carol Dummer whom were buried this week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Pray Every Day

This Lent

Join Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie on **Hallow**, the #1 prayer app, try Hallow for free this Lent.



Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Council 1841's 60th Annual Fish Fry

Date: Friday, March 1, 2024

DINE-IN, Adult Carry Out orders only

TIME: 4:30am—7:00pm or until fish is gone. PLACE: Silver Lake Auditorium

Cost: \$14 advance, \$16 at door, Children Age 4-10 \$8, under age 4 -FREE. Advance tickets available until Midnight Thurs., February 29. Menu: All You Can Eat Fish Fillets and sides Raffle Prizes, Bring your family and friends! CCW Bake Sale.

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

February 11 Contributions \$ 20,191.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges	\$ 1,373,234.96
Actual Money	\$ 561,375.77
Pledges Need	\$ 1,626,765.04
Actuals Need	\$ 2,438,624.23

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 11 Contributions \$ 279.00

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:

☐ Education Classes

☐ St. Anastasia School

☐ Confession

☐ I would like a call or visit from Father Paul

☐ Other: _____

☐ Volunteer Opportunities

☐ Eucharistic Adoration

☐ Masses

☐ 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 premartial 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 3rd Tuesday of each month
February 20, 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

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month
March 5, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata
Denise Schewecke

usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month
March 12, 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
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

March 6, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

March 6, 5:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

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St. Anastasia Cemetery

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St. Boniface Cemetery

Terry Maiers, Co-Manager

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320-894-8758

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 <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>.

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.