



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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Today's readings focus on two beloved sons of adoring parents: Isaac, the child promised to Abraham and Sarah; and Jesus, the Son of God. In the first reading, Abraham faces an unimaginable call from God to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. The same God who promised Abraham that his descendants would be "as countless as the stars of the sky" is now asking him to give up his only son? No doubt with an aching heart, Abraham responds to Creator: "Here I am!"

Abraham displays incredible trust in God and God's ability to fulfill promises in new, mysterious ways. God rewards Abraham's trust by allowing a ram to take Isaac's place on the altar of sacrifice. God may never ask us to make such a dramatic sacrifice, but God does ask us for complete trust. Especially in times of destruction and death, God wants us to be assured of God's steadfast love for us. We will surely be tested, and as with Abraham, God will give us the strength to persevere.

The gospel of the transfiguration also centers on a son who will be sacrificed. The cross is a scandalous and integral part of Jesus' narrative. We cannot jump to resurrection without journeying through the pain of the cross. From the cloud, God calls Peter, James, John, and all disciples in the future to listen to God's beloved Son. Listen to his passion. Listen to his death. Listen for his glory in the world to come. *Living Liturgy, p. 71*

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

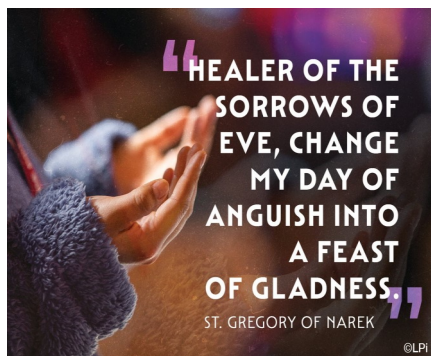
It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us. We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thu: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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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 26		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Robert Hanson, Aritt Family
TUESDAY, February 26		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Sr. Lucille Haas
10am, Mass	Harmony River	+ Sr. Nathaniel Brown
WEDNESDAY, February 28		
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	Fr. Steve Verhelst
THURSDAY, February 29		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. Matt Wiering
FRIDAY, March 1		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ John Krebsbach
10am, Mass	Pines/Oaks	Fr. Joe Gifford
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	Bishop Robert Barron+ David Troska
7pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Boniface	+ Milli Navara
SATURDAY, March 2		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	Fr. Mike Miller
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Successful cancer treatments
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass/Bible Study	St. Boniface	+ Dick Navara
SUNDAY, March 3		
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Vincent & Marion Forcier
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, February 26		
1pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
4pm, A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: Proclamation of Kingdom		Youth Room
6pm, The Chosen	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
TUESDAY, February 27		
Wednesday, February 28		
5pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues - St. Anastasia		
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 29		
5pm, Lectio Bible Study: The Case for Jesus		Youth Room
Teacher Conferences	St. Anastasia	School
FRIDAY March 1	NO SCHOOL	
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
7pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues - St. Boniface		
SATURDAY, March 2		
SUNDAY, March 3		
6pm, RCIA	St. Anastasia	Youth Room

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

Community News



Widows of Joy – March 2, 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, March 2, 2024. The gathering will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by fellowship, continental breakfast, a reflection talk on **"Is This Normal?"**. You'll learn why your grief experience is harder than you imagined, why the intensity and duration of your emotions are normal and appropriate, and despite how you feel right now, there is a reason for hope! 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: 1) Call HT Parish @ 320-485-5651 or 2) QR Code. Register by Thursday, February 1, 2024. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727. Invite a widowed friend to join our next gathering!



COME BOLDLY WITH CONFIDENCE-Join us for Prayer, Fasting, Peaceful Witness February 14– March 24, 2024 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Monday– Friday 7am-7pm at Planned Parenthood 451 East St Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN contact Judy at judy4life@metel.net or Jan at hoelscherhorj@charter.net

You can protect mothers & children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray & fast for an end to abortion! You can also join us on Saturday, March 23 at 11am at St. Augustine Church 442 2nd ST SE- St. Cloud, MN for Prayer Action Persistence.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roselyn Peterson whom we buried this week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Thank you to all who donated food for the Food Shelf. We took in 22 pounds of food.



Common Cup will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the Backpack program. They also collect person 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.**



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 Mid-night Thurs., February 29. Menu: All You Can Eat Fish Fillets and sides Raffle Prizes, Bring your family and friends! CCW Bake Sale.

Remembering Jesus: A Catholic Approach to Alzheimer's Disease on HCVN public access, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hosted by Dr. Vincent Fortanasce and Fr. Roger Landry goes beyond a medical analysis of Alzheimer's and other dementias and gets people to see the person behind the disease. A much needed Catholic perspective in today's culture's disregard for the sanctity of all stages of life, the powerful insights presented in *Remembering Jesus* make it a must see for everyone - especially for those who know or care for someone suffering with dementia.

Date	Episode
Feb. 27, Mar 1	Do I have Alzheimers
Mar 5, 8	Alzheimer's Diet, Menu and Supplements
Mar 12, 15	Exercise– Brawn Builds Brains

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation



Middle School Night! Our middle school students had so much fun getting together for pizza, games, and prayer! Several students joined us for the second Middle School Night on February 16. Please stay tuned for more information about our next event!

COR Night! On Sunday, February 18, St. Anastasia high school students travelled to St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN for COR Night, a Diocesan youth ministry event featuring special guest speaker, Lisa Cotter. In addition to Cotter's talk on healthy Christian relationships and friendships, the evening also featured praise and worship music, Adoration, and Reconciliation.



Young Adult Ministry! On Thursday, February 15, St. Anastasia young adults gathered together at Tokyo Grill for a night of faith, fun, and flavorful food! We had a blast and would encourage anyone interested in joining us for more upcoming events to reach out to Elli Burmis (faithformation@stanastasia.net) or Jake Burmis (youthmin@stanastasia.net).



Ash Wednesday Pizza Fundraiser! Following the 5pm Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14, St. Anastasia high school students and their families gathered to serve pizza and salad to the parish community. All free-will donations went towards supporting the high school youth mission trip to Duluth this coming summer! Thank you to all of the families and parishioners who joined us for this special meal together and for all of your support.



Youth Mission Trip to Duluth! 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, partnering with the Diocese of Duluth for service work in various ministries! More details are to come, so please reach out to Jake if you are interested in being a part of the many aspects of this trip!

School News



Record Breaking Year!

St. Anastasia and Kids' Depot students sold **\$18,130** of raffle tickets.
100% of the money stays with our school.

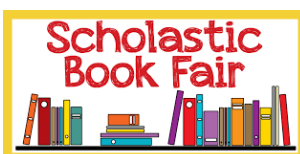
Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets to support our school.

Their goal was \$17,000 and for reaching goal, they earned a **Movie and Popcorn Party**.

Top Seller was William & Adelynn Skoog family selling \$1,650 of tickets.

Catholic United Financial will reward them with a **3Doodler Start+ Essentials 3D Printing Pen Set.**

Raffle drawings will be held Thursday, March 7. Good Luck!



The Scholastic book fair will take place in the school foyer on Saturday, February 24 after Mass, Sunday, February 25 after Mass, Monday & Tuesday, February 26 & 27 from 3:30-6pm, Wednesday, February 28 from 3:30-6:45pm and Thursday, February 29 3:30-7:30pm. Come and check it out!



Our teachers prepared a Lenten prayer board so that our students and school community can unite in prayer this season. It is literally a "prayer chain". Students and staff are able to write out prayer petitions and they get looped with all the other prayers on the chain. It is a visual reminder to pray for those intentions every time we walk by the bulletin boards.



Kid's Depot- is also now a part of the Online giving. The Kids' Depot staff is appreciative of any donations given. **Valentine's fun at Kid's Depot!**



Adoration Moments

LENT 2024 !

The most important thing anyone can do for LENT is to "return to the Lord with your whole heart." (Joel 2:12) ... That is the root meaning of repent: to turn around.... We all need help to return back to GOD (Great examples: Rosary-Daily Mass-Stations of the Cross-Adoration) . . . LENT is the perfect time to stop by the Chapel for an extra personal visit with JESUS! Stop anytime – the door is always open Monday thru Friday (6:00 AM – 5:30 PM - *Except Friday-Noon)
PLEASE HELP FILL THESE OPEN TIMES IN THE CHAPEL FOR ADORATION:

MONDAY:	NOON /4:00P.M.
TUESDAY	3:00 A.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 Tom Donohoo
 Deb Kalenberg Deb Mundt Colleen Loe Diane Kostecka
 Special Intention Megan Caroline Arlt Jennifer Holte
 Troy & Mackenzie 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.



Pray Every Day
 This Lent

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

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

February 18 Contributions \$17,923.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges	\$ 1,374,179.96
Actual Money	\$ 562,912.23
Pledges Need	\$ 1,625,820.04
Actuals Need	\$ 2,437,087.77

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 18 Contributions \$539.00



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"/> I would like a call or visit from Father Paul | |
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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! 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
March 19, 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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Adam Tanata, Co-Manager

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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.