



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does
wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward
the light, so that his works
might not be exposed.
- Jn 3:20

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Today's well-known gospel is set in the darkness of night. Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and Pharisee, visits Jesus after the sun goes down to avoid being seen with the man who makes the religious leaders of the day tremble. Professing belief in Jesus brings about real consequences. We may be judged or dismissed by others. Perhaps even more difficult, we may have our own sinfulness exposed as we strive to live in the light of Christ.

Lent is a season of transition as we journey with Jesus from the darkness of death to the Easter light of new life. Consider spending time this week intentionally reflecting on your sins. Ask for God's healing mercy through the sacrament of reconciliation or in the quiet of your prayer time.

The reading from the Second Book of Chronicles details the darkness that has befallen the Jewish people in the wake of the desecration of the temple and Babylonian exile. Their suffering is real and profound-and still, God shows up. God's love for the people remains steadfast and strong. God's mercy is at work in the actions of King Cyrus of Persia, who is not Jewish but recognizes the centrality of the temple for the Jewish people and allows them to return to rebuild it. God shines the divine light on the people in their darkness hour. This is the same light that came into the world for the salvation of all creation. The light we are baptized with. The light which reveals the truth and draws people toward the truth. *Living Liturgy, p. 79*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4,5-6,11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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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, March 11		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Fr. John Goggin
TUESDAY, March 12		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ John Krebsbach
10am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
WEDNESDAY, March 13		
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	+ Marilyn Smida
THURSDAY, March 14		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
FRIDAY, March 15		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Diane Kostecka
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
7pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Boniface	++ Paul & Margaret Maiers
SATURDAY, March 16		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	l & d Art Simons Family
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Norbert Messer
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass/Bible Study	St. Boniface	+ Stanley Nowak
SUNDAY, March 17		
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Sheldon Nies
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, March 11		
1pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
4pm, A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: Institution of the Eucharist		Youth Room
TUESDAY, March 12		
4:30pm, Gala Committee	St. Anastasia	Conference Room
5pm, Faith Formation: Divine Mercy	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
6:30pm, Home & School	St. Anastasia	School Library
Wednesday, March 13		
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, March 14		
12n, Finance Council	St. Anastasia	Conference Room
FRIDAY March 15		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
7pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues -	St. Boniface	
SATURDAY, March 16		
9-11am, Preschool/Kindergarten-Open House		St. Anastasia School
SUNDAY, March 17		
2pm, Penance Service	St. Anastasia	Church
6pm, RCIA	St. Anastasia	Youth Room

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

Community News

HOLY WEEK MASSES AND SERVICES

✠Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 23: 4:30 PM - A, 6:30 PM - B

Sunday, March 24: 9 AM - A, 7:30 PM - A

✠Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28: 5 PM - B, 7 PM - A

✠Good Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, March 29: 3 PM - A, 5 PM - A (Stations of the Cross), 7 PM - B

✠The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Saturday, March 30: 8 PM - A

✠Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday, March 31: 7 AM - A, 9 AM - B, 11 AM - A



CCW Rummage Sale: CCW Spring Rummage Sale March 28 & 29. Thursday 8 am to 6 pm, Friday 8 am to 4 pm. We will start taking donations on Saturday March 23. We need lots of help— come join the fun! There will be a sign up sheet for workers needed during the sale. Please no large furniture or appliances. Questions contact: Lori Dahlberg dahlberg@hutchtel.net or 583-3422.

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 Judy4life@meltel.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.

This week we take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection** to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. Be as generous as you can.

March Food Shelf Campaign– Drive away hunger. Please be as generous as you can. Runs thru April 6.



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.**

Envelopes: Starting in May we will be changing how we get our collection envelopes. They will come monthly instead of every 2 months.

The **Bishop Lucker Lecture** is scheduled for Friday, March 15 and will feature Dr. Edward Sri, noted theologian and founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Ministries. This year the event will include Mass at 6:00 PM followed by the presentation at 7:00 at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Everyone is also invited to the day program March 15 beginning at 9:00 AM with Dr. Sri. Please visit www.dnu.org for more information and to register for the day program.

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
Mar 12,15	Exercise– Brawn Builds Brains
Mar. 19, 22	Accentuating the Brain's Reserve– Neurobics
Mar. 26, 29	Stress, Forgiveness, and Healing

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

College care package! Are you a parent or grandparent of a current college student from the Diocese of New Ulm, DNU? Get us their mailing address and the Office of Vocations will send them a special “#DNU Care Package” just in time for stressful Mid-Term Exams! The package will include things like rice krispie or scotcheroo bars, beef jerky, and a Miraculous Medal blessed by Bishop Zielinski. When you email us your name, please include: the first and last name of your college student, mail address at college, year they will graduate, hometown, and home parish. You can email us at: vocations@dnuc.org

Young Adult Gathering with Pie & Ice Cream on Thursday, March 14 from 6-8pm in the Youth Room !



Lifeline! On Saturday, March 2, St. Anastasia high school students travelled to the Net Ministries Center in West St. Paul for Lifeline, a youth ministry event featuring praise and worship music, Mass, a special guest speaker, and Adoration. Additionally, the students also had the opportunity to enjoy a meal and discussion together. During this Lifeline event, special guest speaker Chenele Shaw discussed the importance of being one's best self for Christ and seeking Him in the Eucharist. The students had a blast and cannot wait for the next Lifeline event on April 20, which will include a Christian concert!! If students are interested in attending, please contact Jake!



Middle School Night! Our next Middle School Night will be on Friday, March 22 from 6-8pm! Students will gather with friends for pizza, games, and prayer. If interested, please contact Jake or sign-up on our website!



School News



We are looking for parishioners who know how to braid palms to come and teach the school children how to braid them on Wednesday, March 20 at 11am. If you can help us please let the school office know.

STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) promotes critical thinking, curiosity, persistence, decision-making, leadership, entrepreneurship, and acceptance of failure plus much more. All of our students have many opportunities for STEM this year. They are loving it!



Our Middle School students STEM project: Marble Run

After studying Sir Isaac Newton and his three Laws, as well as friction and gravity, students were to design a marble run with the slowest run time. The winning team had a 49 second run.



Did you know that 19 of our St. Anastasia graduates, plus 8 others that went to school here, are on the Hutchinson High School Trimester 1 Honor Roll?

Nice work, Alumni! We're proud of you!



Thank you to all who donated to the Food Shelf. We took in 20 pounds of food & a \$100 monetary donation this week.



Kids Depot is also a part of the on-line giving. The staff would be appreciative of any donations.

Preschool Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Please email Michelle at depot@stananastasia.net for registration paperwork

Open Houses for Daycare, Preschool and our School Age Program are coming soon.



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:	3:00A.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 Tom Donohoo
 Deb Kalenberg Deb Mundt Colleen Loe Diane Kostecka
 Special Intention Megan Caroline Arlt Jennifer Holte
 Troy & Mackenzie William Zivkovich Janet Hall
 Elaine Marie Ostlund Ramona Greenhaw
 For peace in our world For those who serve our country



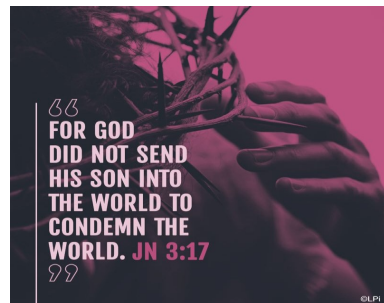
Names will be listed for one month unless we are told otherwise. If you would like to continue your prayer request after that time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.

FOOD SHELF BINGO sponsored by St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial in Gibbon— Sunday, March 17th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the St. Willibrord's social hall. All proceeds will go to the Sibley County Food Shelf. - Come for an enjoyable afternoon! Fun for all ages! This event is sponsored by a grant from Catholic United Financial.



Pray Every Day

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



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

March 3 Contributions \$17,606.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges	\$ 1,375,613.96
Actual Money	\$ 604,282.58
Pledges Need	\$ 1,624,486.04
Actuals Need	\$ 2,398,717.42

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

March 3 Contributions unavailable

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 |

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
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
April 2, 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

April 3, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

April 3, 5:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

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Mike Schall, Manager

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St. Boniface Cemetery

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Adam Tanata, Co-Manager

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320-583-4345

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.