

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“And when I am lifted up  
from the earth, I will draw  
everyone to myself.”  
- Jn 12:32

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We come to know God through forgiveness. Today’s first reading from Jeremiah tells of God’s covenant with the house of Israel. God assures the people that they will no longer have to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. That relationship, God says, is built through mercy: “All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more.” In these waning days of Lent, we too are called to open our hearts to God’s forgiveness.

Jeremiah tells of God’s decision to “place my law within the people and write it upon their hearts” during a time of deep despair. The prophet wrote at the beginning of the sixth century BCE, when the Israelites carried great anxiety over the looming fall of Jerusalem and Babylonian exile. It seemed their God was nowhere to be found in the face of such suffering. Yet Jeremiah insists “the days are coming” when God will breathe new life into the people. God will not just write the new covenant in stone, but rather on the very hearts of the people. Here God will make an intimate promise: “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Now is the time to remember the new covenant etched in our hearts through the waters of baptism and affirmed in the Eucharist. Christ Jesus, through his suffering, death, and resurrection, draws us into the hope of eternal life. *Living Liturgy, p. 83*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it’s tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it’s okay to be scared, that it’s something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn’t the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.” This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tue: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

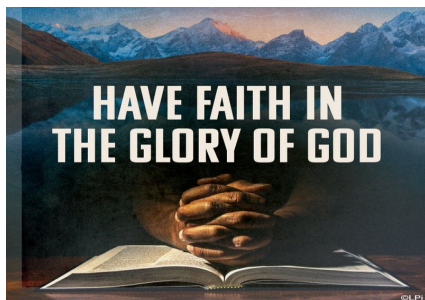
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thu: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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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>		
<b>MONDAY, March 18</b>		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
<b>TUESDAY, March 19</b>		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Roselyn Peterson
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 20</b>		
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	+ Terry Bisbee
<b>THURSDAY, March 21</b>		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
<b>FRIDAY, March 22</b>		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Diane Kostecka
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
7pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Boniface	+ Clemance Citterman
<b>SATURDAY, March 23</b>		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	+Carol Dummer
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Bernard Funk, Robin Young
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass/Bible Study	St. Boniface	++Grace & Dennis Kosek
<b>SUNDAY, March 24</b>	<b><i>Palm/Passion Sunday of Lent</i></b>	
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Joyce Friebe, Robin Young
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community

## Calendar of Events

<b>MONDAY, March 18</b>		
1pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
4pm, A Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries: Agony in the Garden	Youth Room	
<b>TUESDAY, March 19</b>		
5pm, Faith Formation: Divine Mercy	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
7pm, Administration Council	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>		
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
<b>THURSDAY, March 21</b>		
6pm, New Parishioner Gathering	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
<b>FRIDAY March 22</b>		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
7pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues -	St. Boniface	
<b>SATURDAY, March 23</b>		
CCW Rummage Sale Set-up	St. Anastasia	Gym
<b>SUNDAY, March 24</b>		
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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



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 @  
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.

**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.

### Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to donate flowers for the Easter season at either St Boniface or St Anastasia, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Flowers" and drop it in the collection plate at either church. Please include the name(s) of the people you would like remembered in prayer. Please have your names in to the parish office by **March 17** to make the bulletin deadline. Thank you!



**Common Cup** will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the Backpack program. We are collecting coats for the coat drive.

**Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2023 (DMA):** Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. 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.**

**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](mailto:dahlberg@hutchtel.net) or 583-3422.



*Baptismal Congratulations to:*

*Keegan James Schmidt &*

*Sadie Rae Schmidt*

*Son & Daughter of Kerry & Calliegh*



**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. 19, 22	Accentuating the Brain's Reserve– Neurobics
Mar. 26, 29	Stress, Forgiveness, and Healing
Apr. 2, 5	Sleep, Prayer, and Graceamine

## Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation



**Lifeline!** On Saturday, April 20, St. Anastasia high school students will have the opportunity to travel to the Net Ministries Center in West St. Paul for Lifeline, a youth ministry event featuring praise and worship music, Mass, and a live Christian concert!! Additionally, the students will be able to enjoy a meal and discussion together. If students are interested in attending this exciting event, please contact Jake for more information and to sign-up!!



**Middle School Night!** Everyone had so much fun at our last few Middle School events! Our next Middle School Night will be on Friday, March 22 from 6-8pm! Students are invited to join us for pizza, games, prayer, and time with friends! If interested, please contact Jake or sign-up on our website!



**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!



**Thank you!** A special thank you and shout out to our High School Youth who do such an amazing job of teaching our younger RE students! as Catechists!





## School News



Here are a few things that sets St. Anastasia apart from other schools...

We provide students with a faith-based education that focuses on academic excellence, moral and social development, and a sense of community.

We do this through:

Daily religion classes, weekly Mass in which students prepare and participate, and Saint Partners. The upper grades take a yearly trip to the Cathedral in New Ulm for Mass with other parishes in the Diocese. At this Mass our students have led the music and the Rosary during their visits. On this day they also walk the *Way of the Cross* path. We have a caring committed staff. Organized Saint Partner projects provide cooperation and leadership opportunities for all students. Planned activities that help students grow in their self-confidence by reading to and teaching others. Your support ensures that we can continue to provide this education.

If you are new to the area or are just looking for a school choice for your child we welcome you to come for a tour. Do you know of any families that are looking for something more for their child's education? Refer them to us and we will share all the wonderful things our school has to offer. Thank you!



**GOOD FRIDAY NEIGHBORHOOD WALK OF THE CROSS** on Friday, March 29 at Noon. Come and proclaim together our Good Friday message of the Cross! Beginning at St. A's, we will carry the cross through our church neighborhoods, ending at Christ the King.

### Roots to Wings Gala on Saturday, April 20, 2024

Gala tickets are \$100 for the event, dinner and program. Reserve a table for \$1,000 for 8 people. Includes a complimentary bottle of red and white wine for the table. Get your tickets on-line. Questions contact Sarah Skoog at 320-583-7717. Looking for business sponsors.

**Kids Depot**— is now a part of the Online giving. The Kids' Depot staff is appreciative of any donations given.

Preschool Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Please email Michelle at [depot@stananastasia.net](mailto:depot@stananastasia.net) for registration paperwork.



### Adoration Moments

**PRAYER IS ADORATION AND ADORATION IS PRAYER**

Adoration is the act of rejoicing in the Lord.

Adoration can be as silent as a sunset  
as loud as Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

Either way— Adoration feels good!

Be still, my soul, and let me praise my Lord and my God

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 Colleen Loe Diane Kostecka  
 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.

**MN Food Share March Campaign**— We will be collecting for the food shelf through April 6th. Please drop off any donations to the food shelf bin in the front of church. **Every monetary donation will be multiplied.** Items they could use: Whole Grains (barley, dry popcorn, cereal), Unsalted Nuts & Nut Butters (all varieties), Cooking & Baking Items (all varieties of flour, spices, seasonings, salad dressings. Meal/ Side Dishes (boxed potatoes, rice, pasta, canned soup). Personal Care Items (full-size shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, tampons, toilet paper)

## Stewardship

### St. Anastasia

March 10 Contributions \$28,936.52

### Current Capital Campaign

Pledges	\$ 1,375,848.96
Actual Money	\$ 606,622.04
Pledges Need	\$ 1,624,151.04
Actuals Need	\$ 2,393,377.96

### 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](http://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](http://OLGapp.com). Register by entering our church ID of 78.

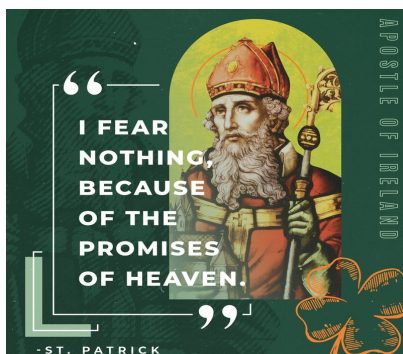
### St. Boniface

March 3 Contributions	\$ 909.00
March 10 Contributions	\$ 272.00

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish & Shrimp Fry at St. Mary's Church Hall in Bird Island, MN on Friday, March 22 from 4pm-7pm. Menu: Deep Fried Fish & Shrimp, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Corn, Buns, Milk, Coffee and Dessert

Adults \$16

Children 6-12 \$10



**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 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*  
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*  
April 7, 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

## Area Faith Community Staff

Fr. Paul Wolf, Pastor

507-829-0965 (cell) pwolf@stanastasia.net

### St. Anastasia Parish Staff

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Bobbi Ludewig, Secretary  
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### St. Anastasia Cemetery

Mike Schall, Manager

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### St. Boniface Cemetery

Terry Maiers, Co-Manager  
Adam Tanata, Co-Manager

1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7  
320-894-8758  
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.