

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Where is your Calvary? No person is exempt from suffering. Until God's kingdom fully and finally comes, we live in a world mixed with joy and sorrow, suffering and hope, death and resurrection. We will all find ourselves at the foot of the cross at some point. Perhaps the death of a loved one or the end of an important relationship brought you there. Maybe it was a painful injustice or a tragic accident. Spend some time this week reflecting on the realities of your life that bring you to Calvary, to the foot of the cross.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul puts forth the image of Jesus emptying himself. The Son of God took on the form of a slave, emptying himself of all divine privileges so that he might fully enter the suffering of humanity. Jesus' act of emptying created space for him to be filled again with the glory of God. Emptying can be difficult work - and it can also be life-giving in the end. Consider how you might empty yourself this Holy Week so that you might have more space to receive the joys of resurrection at Easter.

Over the coming days, the church invites us to accompany our brother Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The liturgies of Holy Week offer chances to feel with Jesus and his disciples - the palm branches waving in the streets, the water that washes over our feet, the bread and wine share in memory of Christ, the wood of the cross. *Living Liturgy, p. 89* 

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**Readings for the Week** 

**Mon:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1 -11

**Tue:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thu:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Fri:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

**Sat:** *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7

**Sun:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



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# This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION			
Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.					
MONDAY, March 25	Ct. A	C. L. D. mater			
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory			
TUESDAY, March 26	<b>a</b>				
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Sheldon Nies			
10am, Mass	Harmony River	Souls in Purgatory			
WEDNESDAY, March 27					
5pm, Mass/Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia	+ Doris Neske			
THURSDAY, March 28 Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper					
5pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Brent Markgraf			
7pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer			
FRIDAY, March 29 Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord					
3pm, Good Friday Service	St. Anastasia	-			
5pm, Stations of Cross	St. Anastasia				
7pm, Good Friday Service	St. Boniface				
SATURDAY, March 30	The Easter Vigi	l in the Holy Week of Easter			
8pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+++ Virgil Voigt, Robert & Don Cady			
SUNDAY, March 31	Easter Sunday	of the Resurrection			
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+++Bob & Carol Cogley, Donald Ludewig			
9am, Mass	St. Boniface	+++ Anna, Arthur & Lyle Burge			
11am, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community			
Calendar of Events					
MONDAY, March 25 - MONDAY, April 1		NO SCHOOL - Spring Break			
MONDAY, March 25 - WEDNESDAY, March 27		27 CCW Rummage Sale Set-up			

**THURSDAY, March 28 - FRIDAY, March 29** CCW Rummage Sale 5pm, Faith Formation: Divine Mercy St. Anastasia Youth Room

#### MONDAY, March 25

1pm, GriefShare St. Anastasia Y

tasia Youth Room

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

4pm, A Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries: The Crowning of Thorns Youth Room

## **TUESDAY, March 26**

#### Wednesday, March 27

5pm, Mass/Station/Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues - St. Anastasia

THURSDAY, March 28Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper10am, Card MinistrySt. AnastasiaConference Room

St. Anastasia

FRIDAY, March 29 6am, TMIY

SATURDAY, March 30 The Easter Vigil in the

Holy Week of Easter

SUNDAY, March 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection



Hospitality Area

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

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# **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





## 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.





**Common Cup** will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the Backpack program. Common Cup will collect winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats, mittens the month of April. Items can

be put in the coat box or bin.

**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.

**CCW Rummage Sale:** CCW Spring Rummage Sale March 28 & 29. Thursday 8 am to 6 pm, Friday 8 am to 4 pm. 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 <u>dahlberg@hutchtel.net</u> or 583-3422.

**Grounded in Faith Together**– Three-Day (Gift) Pilgrimage to Bemidji, Lake Itasca and Watkins from May 17– May 19, 2024. Sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm. Spiritual guidance by Fr. Bob Mraz & Fr. Shawn Polman. Check out the poster on the bulletin board to see how to sign up. More information please call Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727.

**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)

# Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

Here are some pictures of the resurrection planters the students at **St. Boniface** made representing Holy Week. On Holy Thursday the rock is off to the side representing an open tomb. That was the day Jesus shared the last supper and washed the feet of his apostles representing the first Mass. On Good Friday Jesus was crucified and put in the tomb, and a rock was put in front. And on Easter Sunday the students will turn their rock around and place it to the side, representing "He has Risen".













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 the last Lifeline event of the year! This Lifeline will be a youth ministry event featuring praise and worship music, Mass, and a live Christian concert!! Amazingly, the concert will feature three passionate Catholic artists and is completely free of charge! 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!!



**Pie Parties for Faith Formation and Young Adults!** Before RE classes started on Wednesday, March 13, students celebrated International Pie Day with a pie party. Thank you to all of the families who donated to make this possible! The following evening, the young adults gathered for pie, ice cream, and fun social time together! 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**

Middle School grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> now enrolling. St. Anastasia is a viable option for school choice in Hutchinson. For over 70 years we have provided area students with faith-based education helping them learn moral and social development and grow within our community. Contact Principal Kloss for information and to schedule a tour.

Welcome our new Middle School teacher Katie Kennedy. "I am from Chaska, MN and currently live in Hutchinson, MN. I was born and raised Catholic and it has always been a big part of my life. I joined the church of St. Anastasia's last year when my boyfriend was confirmed. I graduated in 2020 from Luther College in Decorah, IA. I am an avid reader and swimmer and enjoy spending time with my loved ones outside of school. I am very excited to be joining the staff at St. Anastasia and being able to include my faith in my daily work as well as my life." Katie will start in the fall.





Grade 2 learned about germs. Thank you to Josh Dumas (Anthony & Millie's Dad) for teaching us about germs! They started by reading "The Giant Germ Magic School House" book. Then with the help of lotion and a blue light they saw germs on their hands and how many germs were left on their hands after washing them. After that they went around the room and touched different things. Then they opened a petri dish that had a little gel (food) in it. They touched the gel to place the germs from around the room on it. They made the containers airtight by taping the lid to the bottom. In a few days' time germs started growing. They are not harmful germs; they are observing them with magnifying glasses. After a few days they will be disposed of.



A new fundraiser from our Home and School committee is from Qdoba. Students will be selling coupon sheets at a cost of \$10 each. You pre-order and pay up front by April 5. The coupon sheet will be delivered April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in ordering a sheet stop by the office by April 5 for more information. Eighty percent of the sale goes directly to the school!



We are now on On-line giving. Kid's Depot staff would appreciate anything that you can give.

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





## **Adoration Moments**

**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-Friday 6:00 AM-5:30 PM.

Adoration is the act of rejoicing in the Lord Adoration can be as silent as a sunset.

Ask Him for a favor / Express sorrow for a wrong doing /Thank Him for a blessing received /Just sit in silence and enjoy His presence. "Be still, my soul, and let me praise my Lord and my God." Amen

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

March 24, 2024

# **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 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.

> **Blessed** is he who the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.



# **Stewardship**

## St. Anastasia

Financials unavailable due to early bulletin deadline

## **Current Capital Campaign**

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# 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 17 Contributions \$2.226.00

Are you new to St. Anastasia? Want more information? Please provide some contact information for us to reach out to you! I Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_ St. Anastasia Address: \_\_\_\_\_ atholic Communitu Email: I would like more information on: **Education Classes** Volunteer Opportunities St. Anastasia School **Eucharistic Adoration** Masses Confession I would like a call or visit from Father Paul I Other: 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

<b>STA Administrative Council</b> Chair: Jim Fahey	<i>usually meets on</i> April 16, 7pm	<i>the 3rd Tuesday o</i> St Anastasia	of each month parish office
<b>STB Administrative Council</b> Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
<b>Cemetery Committee</b> 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 Schwecke	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month April 9, 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	St Anastasia the 2nd Thursday	parish office weach month
STA Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	April 3, 7:30pm S	t Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	April 3, 5:30pm S	t Anastasia	hospitality area

# Area Faith Community Staff

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<b>Kids' Depot Daycare &amp; Preschool</b> Michelle Nies, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net	
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<b>St. Anastasia Cemetery</b> Mike Schall, Manager	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 320-583-7199 mgschall@mediacombb.net		
<b>St. Boniface Cemetery</b> 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.