

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd has more depth than perhaps first considered. Those of us with little experience herding sheep may picture an idyllic scene: a happy shepherd surrounded by cute, playful lambs on a luscious green countryside. The reality of a shepherd's work is much less romantic. Sheep get to be heavy and dirty. They do not always follow directions and often face threats from predators.

Shepherds, then, have the difficult but necessary task of protecting the sheep. The imagery from today's gospel invites us to picture Jesus defending his people from evil and getting into the messy realities of human life. The Good Shepherd lays down his life out of great love for his sheep. How might we lean into the Good Shepherd's model of servant leadership in our communities today?

Jesus tells the people, “there will be one flock, one shepherd.” His vision can lead us to consider the important work that lays ahead for the Christian church so that one day we may indeed live as one flock. Strides toward greater Christian unity have certainly been made over the years. The Second Vatican Council put forth a decree on ecumenical relations and called for the restoration of unity among all Christians. Imagine what it could look like for Christians of all different traditions to come together in our shared beliefs. Imagine all we can learn from one another across our differences in worship styles, ecclesial structures, and advocacy practice.

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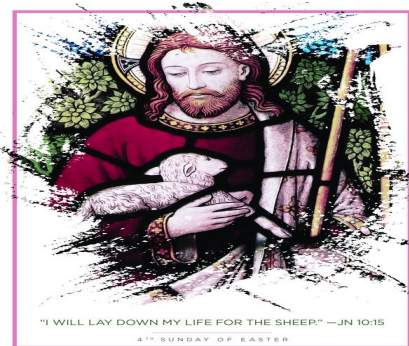
Everyday Stewardship

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thu: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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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, April 22		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Vincent & Marion Forcier
TUESDAY, April 23		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Diane Kostecka
10am, Mass	Harmony River	+ Lois O'Fallon
WEDNESDAY, April 24		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Carol Dummer
THURSDAY, April 25		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Myron & Jean Seifert
FRIDAY, April 26		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Diane Kostecka
SATURDAY, April 27		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	++ Brittany & Mitchell Larson
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Shirley Hajicek
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	++ Grace & Dennis Kosek
SUNDAY, April 28		
<i>Frist Communion</i>		
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Jim Clouse
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, April 22		
4pm, A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Resurrection Youth Room		
TUESDAY, April 23		
5pm, Faith Formation: Divine Mercy St. Anastasia Youth Room		
Wednesday, April 24		
6:30pm, Religious Education	St. Anastasia	School & Church
7:45pm, Youth Groups	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
THURSDAY, April 25		
9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
6pm, GriefShare Gathering	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
FRIDAY, April 26		
School Day for St. Anastasia School		
1:30pm, Grandparents' Day	St. Anastasia	Church
SATURDAY, April 27		
SUNDAY, April 28		
9am, First Communion	St. Anastasia	Church

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

Community News

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully, consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold their 41st Annual Tootsie Roll Drive after Masses on April 27 & 28.

100% of the proceeds will go to organizations providing service to people with developmental disabilities.

This year Averyon Homes, McLeod County ARC, Hutchinson Special Olympics and KC Special Olympics will receive funding.

Chairs: Mike Heinen & Art Winkler (St. A's)
Louis Stifter & Mark Maiers (St. B's)

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

Food Shelf: Thank you to all who donated to the Food Shelf. We took in 27 pounds of food on April 10, 2024



St. Boniface Catholic Church Confirmation Class is collecting clothing to Benefit

Common Cup Ministries

Bring your clean, gently used clothing to the St. Boniface Church Basement between: April 1– April 30, 2024

Clothing, Jackets, Shoes, Boots

All clothing is donated to Common Cup Ministries Thrift Store, Glencoe MN, where clothing is sold and proceeds used to benefit Common Ministries Clients. Monetary donations are also accepted. Pick up of your donations can be arranged. Contact Lisa Stifter: 320-562-2305



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 .



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.**

St. Boniface C.C.W-Mother/Daughter/Friend Spring Luncheon

'Life Is A Gift' Saturday May 11th 2024.

St. Boniface Catholic Church Social Hall, 551 Main Street Stewart, MN 55385.

10:30am: Arrival/Social time:

11:00am: Luncheon

11:45am: Speaker:

Barb Verly, from Marshall, MN, a devout Catholic mom, nurse, and farm wife will share her life story.

Cost: \$15/person Space is limited, Reserve your spot by Sunday, May 5th

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
Apr 23, 26	Alzheimer's– Begins in Childhood
Apr. 30, May 3	Alzheimer's and Its Stages

2024 **MAY**
Friday 3rd + Saturday 4th

St. Anastasia
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
HUTCHINSON | MINNESOTA

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

RESTORED

PARISH MISSION



FRIDAY FOR ALL

6:30 pm
FROM ADDICT TO EVANGELIST
John's Powerful Conversion Story

7:45 pm
Reception Meet + Greet



Scan here to register.

eventbrite

MEN ONLY SATURDAY
11:15 am - 1:00 pm

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Light Breakfast

9:00 am **RESTORING YOUR IDENTITY**
Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here

10:00 am Break

10:15 am **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING**
A Personal Relationship with Jesus

11:15 am Mission Ends

Men's Lunch + Men's Ministry Training

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Totus Tuus! Our church will be hosting the Totus Tuus missionaries from July 12-19! There is a daytime program for the younger kids, as well as an evening program for the older. Not only will we need help during that week with the daytime program, we will also need host families that would be willing to house the missionaries during their week here. If interested in being a host family, a volunteer for the day program and/or hosting these four missionaries for a meal one evening, please reach out to Elli Burmis at faithformation@stanastasia.net! To sign your child(ren) up for Totus Tuus, please use the following link:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-anastasia-hutchinson/forms/totus-tuus>



Young Adult Ministry! Our young adult group met on Thursday, April 11th at Below Zero for frozen yogurt, faith-based discussions, and testimony sharing. Although small right now, our group continues to grow & meet regularly each month. It's been great to spend time with each other & we hope that others will join with us, too! Watch the Mass slides for more information on events that come up each month! Additionally, if interested, please reach out to Jake or Elli Burmis for more information & to get on the email list! Thank you!

youthmin@stanastasia.net
faithformation@stanastasia.net

KC Free Lunch for High School Students on May 23rd! St. Anastasia, with the help of the Knights of Columbus, will be serving the last free lunch of the year for the high school students on Thursday, May 23rd! This takes place over at Cross Point Church. Volunteers are needed! If interested in helping prepare, serve and clean-up the meal, please reach out to Jake for more information. Thanks!

youthmin@stanastasia.net



School News



St. Anastasia Kid's garage sale located in the school gym: Friday, May 10, 4:30-7:30 pm and Saturday, May 11, 8am-noon. Baby, Kid and Teen: name brand clothes, sports equipment, toys, bikes, furniture & more! Most items only .50 cents.

Student council report: student council this year is comprised of 5th grade students. They chose to sell popcorn to raise money for other school activities. They also advocated for strawberry milk and after school open gym. These events have been popular with the kids.



The construction has begun on the school kitchen. As the renovation continues we will post periodic pictures of the progress. This is an exciting time for our parish and school. Cooks, students, and staff have been amazing in this initial transition. We have moved our "lunchroom" to the hospitality area.



School choice: Looking for something new? Something different? Our Middle School offers grades 6-8th just that. We welcome you to come take a tour and see what we can offer your child.





Kid's Depot—we are now on on-line giving. Kid's Depot staff would appreciate anything that you can give. Summer Registration is open. Please email Michelle at depot@stanastasia.net.





Adoration Moments

God is Patient with Us

God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to him, he is ready to embrace us.

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 Benita Quast
 Brenda Popp Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei
 Donna Conrad Marilyn Stevens Phyllis van der Hagen
 Nellie Czech Gladys Homan Tom Donohoo
 Deb Kalenberg Diane KostECKa Megan Caroline Arlt
 Jennifer Holte William Zivkovich Janet Hall
 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.

Congratulations to Enrique Garcia from St. Boniface, Stewart on receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on April 13, 2024.



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

April 14 Contributions \$ 13,586.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges \$ 1,395,521.96
 Actual Money \$ 662,853.31
 Pledges Need \$ 1,604,478.04
 Actuals Need \$ 2,337,146.69

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

April 14 Contributions \$ 1,095.00



**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"/> 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	<i>usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month</i> May 21, 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	<i>usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month</i> May 7, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
Home & School Association Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata Denise Schewecke	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month</i> May 14, 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 <i>usually meets on the 2nd Thursday each month</i>
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	May 8, 7:30pm	St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	May 8, 5:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area

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St. Anastasia Cemetery		
Mike Schall, Manager	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery		
Terry Maiers, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7 320-894-8758	
Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	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.