



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”
- Jn 15:1-2

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Today’s passage from John’s Gospel recalls the wisdom Jesus shared during his last meal with the disciples. The Son of God uses images from creation to break open his hopes for how the disciples are to be in relationship with one another and with God. Such images would have been familiar to the people of God who prayed with Old Testament images of Israel as the great vine. Jesus tells the disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.” Their followers, then and now, are the branches.

What do these images say about the Christian community? The people of God are all of great value. Branches in a vine mix with each other such that it can be difficult to tell when one branch starts and another ends. So too are our lives interconnected with one another. We cannot be church alone. Further, the Christian community gains its energy from Christ the Vine. Like branches need a strong vine in order to bear fruit, so too does the Christian community need the spirit of Christ in order to bear fruits of service in the world.

Finally, the image of God as the vine grower signals the importance of pruning within the Christian communities. We are not perfect on our own. We need the mercy of God to prune away the sins that stunt our growth and harm others. God created humankind with the capacity to bear great fruit. In order to do so, we must humbly open our hearts to the tending of the vine grower.

Living Liturgy, p. 119

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Branching Out Isn’t Always What It’s Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred.

- ST. EUPHRASIA

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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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 29		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Lawrence Krebsbach
TUESDAY, April 30		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Diane Kostecka, Successful surgery
WEDNESDAY, May 1		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Brittany & Mitchell Larson
THURSDAY, May 2		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Patty Kummet
FRIDAY, May 3		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Diane Kostecka
10am, Mass	Pines/Oaks	+ Carol Dummer
SATURDAY, May 4		
8am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Shirley Hajicek
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Alvin & Margaret Schlueter, + Rosemary Dudek
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Milli Navara
SUNDAY, May 5		
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Ron Dostal, Lori (Dostal) Matousek

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, April 29

4pm, A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension Youth Room

TUESDAY, April 30

5pm, Faith Formation: Divine Mercy St. Anastasia Youth Room

Wednesday, May 1

7:30pm, Knights of Columbus St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

7:45pm, Youth Groups St. Anastasia Youth Room

THURSDAY, May 2

9am, School Mass St. Anastasia Church

FRIDAY, May 3

School Day for St. Anastasia School

6:30pm, Mission: Restored St. Anastasia Church

SATURDAY, May 4

8am, Mass/Mission: Restored St. Anastasia Church

1pm, Wedding St. Boniface Church

Kids garage sale set-up St. Anastasia Gym

SUNDAY, May 5

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

Community News

Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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
 Contact: Lisa Stifter 320-582-2404 or Wendy Tanata 320-562-2237 to purchase tickets.



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

CLOTHING DRIVE
 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



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)



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.**

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– Than you to all who donated to the food shelf we took in 7 pounds on April 19, 2024.



Baptismal Congratulations to:

Kepler Steve Fink

Son of Samuel & Katherine Fink

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

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
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YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

RESTORED

PARISH MISSION



JUST A GUY IN THE PEW
JOHN EDWARDS

FOUNDER + EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEW MINISTRIES + HOST OF JUST A GUY IN THE PEW PODCAST

FRIDAY FOR ALL	SATURDAY FOR ALL	
6:30 pm FROM ADDICT TO EVANGELIST John's Powerful Conversion Story	8:00 am Mass	10:00 am Break
7:45 pm Reception Meet + Greet	8:30 am Light Breakfast	10:15 am THE MOST IMPORTANT THING A Personal Relationship with Jesus
	9:00 am RESTORING YOUR IDENTITY Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here	11:15 am Mission Ends

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

Men's Lunch + Men's Ministry Training

Scan here to register.



eventbrite

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. 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>



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. Thanks!

Middle School Night! Our middle schoolers bowled during Thunder Alley on Friday, April 19th! Our next middle school event is scheduled for **Friday, May 10th from 7-9 p.m.**, weather permitting.



Lifeline! Our high school youth group joined together for the last Lifeline event of the year, down at the NET Ministries Center in West St. Paul on Saturday, April 20th! Our group went out for dinner, attended Mass & listened to a concert put on by three different Catholic artists. It was a great night! We really enjoyed getting to attend these events down in the Archdiocese this year!



School News

Our Roots to Wings Gala event was a great success.

It was fun to see so many St. Anastasia families – current and alumni – coming together to support our school. We sincerely thank all of the live and silent auction donors, the Gala committee members, the teachers, Cindy



Meier, Mrs. Schwartz for music entertainment, Jim Fahey auctioneer, and our speakers; Jack & Molly Daggett and Sandy Froning. Plus, so many more that are too numerous to list. We are so grateful for your support before, during and after our event. We raised nearly \$40,000!



Week One of Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovation: Removal of Equipment-and Asbestos Abatement



Kid's Depot—we are now on Online 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

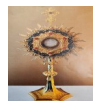
God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, bright days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth...Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring.

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some arrive uninvited! To all these changes, we ask for the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope and rebirth...Awaken us to new life, for we pray in Jesus' name. 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

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

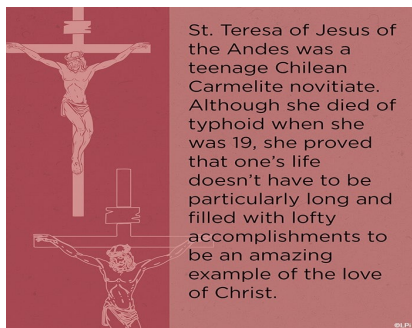


Names will be listed for one month unless we are told otherwise. If you would like to continue your prayer request after that time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.



Widows of Joy – May 4, 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, May 4, 2024. The gathering will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by fellowship, continental breakfast, a reflection talk on "**Challenges of Grief**". 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, May 2, 2024. Questions? Contact Roxanne Felder @ 612-396-0727. Invite a widowed friend to join our next gathering!



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

April 21 Contributions \$ 24,570.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges \$ 1,396,085.96
 Actual Money \$ 673,243.23
 Pledges Need \$ 1,603,914.04
 Actuals Need \$ 2,326,756.27

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 21 Contributions \$1, 319.00

**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:

- Education Classes
- St. Anastasia School
- Confession
- I would like a call or visit from Father Paul
- Other: _____
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Masses
- 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

Area Faith Community Staff

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St. Anastasia Cemetery		
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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.