



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”
- Mk 16:15b

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Goodbyes can be emotional and challenging, especially if we care deeply about the person leaving. Goodbyes mark a transition in the relationship. Something ends while something new begins. The Ascension of the Lord marks the last time the disciples saw their beloved Jesus in his current state before God assumed him into heaven. Yet this was far from the final encounter with the risen Lord. Jesus continues to bridge the gap between heaven and earth. He lives on through the Christian community, the Eucharist, and in all creation.

The Ascension ushers us into a week of waiting. Jesus has ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit has not yet come down. Pentecost is still days away. Times of waiting can often be uncomfortable, yet this unique time in the liturgical year affords us the space to step back with the original eleven disciples and ponder: What does Christ’s resurrection mean for our lives? How can I carry the hope of Easter into the next season?

Luke opens the Acts of the Apostles with an address to Theophilus, whose name means “Lover of God.” The reading from today, last week and throughout the Easter season remind us of the mutual love we are called to share with God. In the waters of baptism, the Lord invites all of us to be “lovers of God.” The invitation grows each day as God invites us into divine love through our relationships with other people, care for the natural world, celebration of the sacraments, and a myriad of small yet profound ways.

Living Liturgy, p. 127

Everyday Stewardship

In the Church, we observe a liturgical calendar that takes us through the life of Jesus and highlights fundamental doctrines of our faith. Starting with this Sunday, our observance of the Easter Season continues for one more week until the celebration of Pentecost. While many outside of the Church only see Easter as a one-day celebration, we celebrate for an entire season, much like we do during Christmas as well. Of course, this calendar only serves to remind us and point to greater realities.

We are not called to be more generous at Easter or Christmas than we are on other days. We do not choose to love more during one time of the year. The fact is that Jesus is alive right now and at all times is calling us to give of ourselves.

When we make an intentional decision to follow Jesus and adopt a stewardship way of life, we commit ourselves to this journey 365 days a year. We are an Easter people at all times. The high and low points of our journey are not tied to a liturgical year, but instead to our own experiences of life and shortcomings. A season or holiday may make it easier to have a giving attitude, but we need to do the same when little around us is pointing us in that direction. It is sometimes when few are paying attention that love and generosity are most needed. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tue: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Sat: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Sun: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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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, May 13		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Tony & Clara Fischer
TUESDAY, May 14		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Fr, Mike Byron
10am, Mass	Harmony River	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, May 15		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Larry Griep
THURSDAY, May 16		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, May 17		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Fr. Mike Byron
SATURDAY, May 18		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Stanley Nowak
SUNDAY, May 19	Pentecost	
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, May 13		
4pm, A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Assumption	Youth Room	
TUESDAY, May 14		
6:30pm, Home & School	St. Anastasia	Library
Wednesday, May 15		
5-8pm, Men's Ministry: Service, moving Fr. Paul from the Duplex to the Rectory	St. Anastasia	Duplex/Parish Office
7:45pm, Youth Groups	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
THURSDAY, May 16		
9am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
6pm, New Parishioner Gathering	St. Anastasia	
FRIDAY, May 17		
SATURDAY, May 18		
SUNDAY, May 19		
11am, Piano Recital	St. Anastasia	Church

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

Community News

Today we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of New Ulm to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Fr. Jerry Meidl's 50th Anniversary !

By the grace of God, Rev. Gerald S. Meidl is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of New Ulm on June 9, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. You are invited to celebrate with him at a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 9, 2024 at 12:00 noon, followed by a reception in Leifeld Hall. Hope you can make it!"

Cleaning Help Wanted.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame are looking for someone to help clean a 2-bedroom cabin on Lake Manuella approximately 2 times per month from May-October. If interested, please contact Sister Mary Kay Brooks at mkbrooms@ssndep.org or 612-309-6376.



Children's Golf Clubs wanted- St. Anastasia School is looking for used or new children's golf clubs for ages Kindergarten to 8th grade. We would like to add golf to our curriculum. If you want to purchase them or donate money toward them that would be great. Thank you!



Thank you to all who donated to the **Food Shelf**. We took in 27 pounds of food on May 6, 2024.



Common Cup will be collecting Ramen Noodles, laundry soap, personal care items 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. We did receive another check for \$3,638.00. Thank you to all who gave to the DMA!**

Elton John, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly- The TRIPLE TRIBUTE DUO. 2-4pm Sat. June 29th. 3 Sets/3 Stars 1 Show! Litchfield, MN Opera House. David K piano, guitar, vocal & Lana Davis on Viola.

David K rocks the piano as Elton John as Lana Davis enhances with her viola, and also solos beautifully. Hits like; Honky Cat, Levon, Monalissas and Mad Hatters, Daniel, Rocketman, Your Song, Tiny Dancer, Crocodile Rock, Benny & The Jets, Candle in the Wind, Someone Saved My Life Tonight and Good By Yellow Brick Road. Enjoy the costumes, the Elton music, the lyrics of Bernie Taupin and the talent of this duo. David rocks Roy Orbison's multi-octave range covering the late 50s hits, the ballads with Lana on amazing string parts, and the rockabilly, up to the Traveling Wilbury's hits.

Litchfield Opera House is a charming historic building with excellent acoustics, and located one block off the Main Street at 136 N. Marshall Ave., Litchfield, MN. Tickets are \$20 Gen. Adm. and \$30 V.I.P. up front and also receive a FREE David K CD "Lonely Blue Dreams" with 5 Roy O hits and 8 original David K songs in the style of and influenced by Roy, Buddy and Elton. FOR TICKETS: (\$1 additional processing fee per ticket) Either Email: davidk@davidksongs.com and receive a return email with an easy pay by credit card Square invoice. OR simply call David K 612-998-5253 and have your card ready to buy direct. Don't miss this unique show, the amazing sounds from this talented duo, and the hits of three exceptional legends!

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

Baccalaureate Mass! Please, join us in celebrating our graduating class of 2024 & their families! Graduates will be recognized at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 19th. After Mass, the graduates will be taking pictures and sitting down to a meal provided & served by the junior class. It's a wonderful tradition & we really look forward to it!



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>



End-of-the-Year Faith Formation Party! On Wednesday, April 24, Faith Formation students in grades 1-8 gathered along with their teachers to celebrate another successful and fun-filled year of religious education! Together, the students enjoyed games of kickball and gaga ball as well as frozen treats and social time with friends on the playground. This past year, we were blessed to have an amazing team of teachers, including many high school students. A very special thank you to all of our teachers who made this year such a gift for our students!

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!



School News

Students had a fun time making creative Mother's Day gifts. It's so fun to hear all the reasons mothers are loved! We wish you all a "Happy Mother's Day"!

Teacher Appreciation Week: We have wonderful dedicated caring teachers in Kids' Depot and St. Anastasia. They are not only teachers but an extension of your family. They nurture your kids and provide care and support in your absence. Thank you, teachers, for all you do!



One of the Roots to Wings Gala auction items is "Principal for a Day". This year Layla Knorr was able to spend the day in Mrs. Kloss' shoes. She discovered there is a lot to do and schedules cannot always be followed. She greeted students, delivered treats to the classroom teachers and students, and had lunch with Student Council members. When one student asked if they could have no work today she said, "No, I don't think that will be possible." She is a tough one!



Camp Foley experience:

It's raining but that doesn't stop students at Camp Foley! They started their morning with a GPS activity.

Please pray for safety, nice weather and that they find the beauty of God in our environment.



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

OPEN INVITATION— WELCOME

"Come in the evening, Come in the morning,
Come without warning" Thousands of Welcomes you will find here: Serenity/Tranquility/Peace/Calm/ A time to express your gratitude, or just read and relax. The more you come, the more you'll adore it! Love, Jesus

P.S. —Lovingly waiting for your company!
Come for 5-10 min. or an hour— whatever works for You!

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
 Beverly Kostecka Marvin Neumann Jr. Marie May
 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.



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

May 5 Contributions \$ 13,937.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges \$ 1,398,396.96
 Actual Money \$ 686,414.58
 Pledges Need \$ 1,601,603.04
 Actuals Need \$ 2,313,585.42

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

May 5 Contributions \$ 570.00

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 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
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

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month
June 11, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata
Denise Schewecke

usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month
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
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

June 5, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

Knights of Columbus Squires

June 5, 5:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area

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St. Anastasia Cemetery

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St. Boniface Cemetery

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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.