



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



“Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.”
- Mt 25:34

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We have come to the end of another liturgical year. Before we jump too far into the freshness of Advent, let us pause and take stock of this past year of Christian living. Where did we encounter Christ? When did we act as Christ for another? In what ways did we succeed-and fall short-in answering the Christian call? Today's gospel reminds us of our core Christian practices: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Each of these actions makes the love of Christ known in the world. As we reflect back on the past year, may God draw our awareness to the people and places that benefited from our Christian practices and the areas in which we can grow in the year ahead.

Today's gospel paints a vivid picture of the end times. Over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus preach about the ways we are to live as we await the coming of God's kingdom. Matthew leaves little to the imagination in this final scene. When the Son of Man comes in glory, we will be judged by how we treated the poor and the marginalized.

Caring for our neighbors in need is challenging work. How easy it is to walk by the person asking for grocery money or to keep at arm's length the immigrant family new to town. Yet easy is not the Christian way. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we can do the hard work of loving our neighbors. *Living Liturgy, p. 255*

Everyday Stewardship

One day when I was walking the city streets where I was giving a series of talks, I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched over with a sign asking for help. At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local drugstore. But then I came back around when I realized that I had not been very mindful upon first seeing her. I didn't have much cash to give her, but as I always tell everyone else in my talks, oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone to at least acknowledge them. I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had and I simply said, "Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."

When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably only about sixteen years of age and she was very beautiful. She smiled immediately and said how much this meant to her. She gathered up her few belongings and I watched her walk to a café for a meal. I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to myself, "She could have been my daughter." That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying, "Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbor? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many forms: stranger, neighbor, daughter, and Jesus. Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance. That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tue: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, November 27		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Al Krebsbach, Jerry O'Brien
TUESDAY, November 28		
7am, School Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Jane Heitz
10am, Mass	Harmony River	+ Clarence Junczewski
WEDNESDAY, November 29		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Mark Madson
THURSDAY, November 30		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Arlette & Doug Dahlberg
FRIDAY, December 1		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	William Hicks
10am, Mass	Pines/Oaks	+ Mary Nessel
SATURDAY, December 2		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Francis Reinowski
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Tom Callier, Tom Stafford
SUNDAY, December 3		
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>		
7:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Larry Griep, Mark Madson
9:00am, Mass	St. Boniface	+ Carsten Homan
10:30am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Dominic & Lillian Nowak
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, November 27		
Parent Drive Day	St. Anastasia	School
5:30pm, GriefShare	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
TUESDAY, November 28		
Wednesday, November 29		
6:30pm, Religious Education	St. Anastasia	School & Church
7:30pm, Youth Groups	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
THURSDAY, November 30		
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	Church
6pm, Holiday GriefShare Potluck	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
FRIDAY, December 1		
6am, TMIY	St. Anastasia	Hospitality Area
SATURDAY, December 2		
SUNDAY, December 3		
8:45am, The Eucharist	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
10:30am, Rite of Acceptance	St. Anastasia	Church
6pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)		



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

CHAP MINISTRIES ADOPT A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS

Adopt a Senior is a Program designed to bring Smiles & Joy to Residents of Long Term Care Facilities in McLeod County. We will be collecting gifts from the cards found on the table for residents of Harmony River this year. Please take a card on the table in the gathering area. After selecting a Gift for a Senior, please wrap the gift. Tape the greeting card to the gift and place the gift on the table in the gathering space and we will get them over to Harmony River. Please help us make the lives of those in Harmony River a little happier at Christmas. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Greg St. Hilaire~ Founding Director of CHAP Ministries 928-792-3100

BASICS (Brothers And Sisters In Christ Singers)- want to invite you to join them for an afternoon of Christmas music, fellowship and a lite lunch following the concert. The free-will donation lunch will be served until 6pm. Proceeds from the concert and lunch will be used to further the BASICS music ministry.

The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast **The Future Depends on Love** on HCVN public access, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Future Depends on Love – Hosted by Drs. Angela and David Franks

Join Drs. Angela and David Franks as they discuss the importance of marriage in society from a Catholic perspective. They host a different guest on each episode, allowing them to look at marriage from a wide variety of angles. Some of the topics include the Theology of the Body, natural family planning, annulments, good preparation programs for marriage, and teaching one's children about marriage.

Date	Episode
Nov. 28, Dec. 1	Episode 9: with Chris Godfrey
Dec. 5, 8	Episode 10: with Kari Colella
Dec. 12. 15	Episode 11: with Bishop Timothy McDonnell
Dec. 19, 22	Episode 12: with Greg Kolodziejczak
Dec. 26, 29	Episode 13: with Cardinal Sean O' Malley
Jan. 2, 5	Episode 14: with Erika Bachiochi



Common Cup will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the Backpack program.

Common Cup—30 Days of Thankfulness

For the Month of November Common Cup will have a month's worth of ideas to help meet the needs of people in McLeod County through Common Cup Ministry. Donate single items, fill a bag, box or basket— everything helps! Items can be brought to their office or dropped off in the bin in the front of church. Check the bulletin board for the list of items. Thank you for your cooperation!

2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)

Thank you for your generosity to the 2023 DMA. We saw in the video last week the impact of our contribution on real people right here in our diocese. By joining with others around the diocese in support of these ministries, we can help those in need and support programs for youth and adults who need our prayers and assistance. If you haven't made your pledge or given a gift, please consider making your contribution now. 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/>. Remember that your gift also supports our parish project **additional funds for the cemetery**. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure and no other.

Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources".

Capital Campaign Progress

Our campaign is much like watching election results. Over the past few weeks as contacts were made, visits scheduled and confidential decisions secured, we continue to report results on the video screens in church.

Giving Thanks

This weekend is the traditional time in our culture that we pause to give thanks for the many blessings in

our life. It is also the weekend that we gather with family and friends to enjoy good food, drink and the nourishment that comes from laughter and conversation as we truly witness our many gifts. Blessings, we know, come in all forms and shapes...as tangible objects and intangible feelings, the God-given talents and skills we possess or the capacity to be financially secure.

Endless “Needs” Versus Our “Need“ To Give Back

The list of needs in our world is endless. There always seems to be a request for money. A day doesn't

go by this time of year without some appeal. So many needs, choices, opportunities; including our capital campaign. Despite the abundance of charitable organizations needing our financial support, there is an even greater spiritual need that God gave each of us at birth, namely *the need to give back based on our blessings and capacity to respond*. We do this in gratitude, as a sacrifice, and as part of our belief system. This is the essence and true meaning of the term “stewardship”.

As a community of faith we need the spirit-building social events that help bring us together as a family and raise funds at the same time. At the same time, we need to develop a better understanding of stewardship, how money is referred to in Sacred Scripture and what that tells us about offering our tithes.

Stewardship challenges us to give back without regard to a list of church needs. It is our grateful response to God's daily blessings in our lives. Some people in our parish already look at life in this manner. Others need time to grow in faith to accept stewardship and the richness of offering their tithe, as a principle that will dramatically improve how they live their life here on earth.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to share in all of the benefits we have to offer. At the same time, we invite you to share in the responsibilities of helping to repair and improve the facilities that enable us to provide the ministries that serve our faith community. Thank you!

“Let each of us, based on our own capacity to respond, help find the way to make this campaign succeed.”

St. Mary's Catholic Church CCW in Bird Island

is having their Annual Theme Basket, Bake Sale & Luncheon on Sunday, December 3, 2023. A luncheon will be offered, serving from 9:00am-12:30pm. Free will donation. Theme Basket Silent Auction with a “Buy it Now!” option is being held from 9:00am-12:15pm. All are invited!

The Liturgical Calendar. Calendars bring order and sequence to the events of our lives. Each day, we look to our calendar to see what we are going to do that particular day. We also look ahead to see what will be happening the rest of the week or month. It reminds us about events we may look forward to.

Similarly, the liturgical calendar brings order to the Church's celebrations. The overall goal of the year is to remember and celebrate the significant events in the lives of Jesus Christ, Mary and the saints. Through these celebrations, the Church sanctifies the whole year for the Christian faithful.

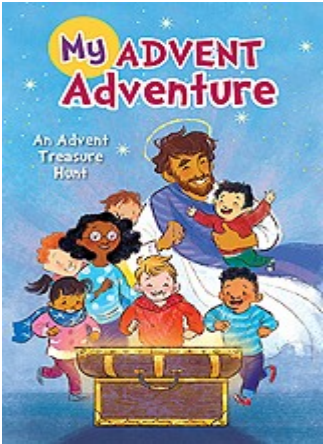
The heart of the liturgical year is the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The earliest Christians marked Sunday as a special day, gathering for prayer and Mass to remember the glorious day of Jesus' rising. Some of the earliest Christians, who came from the Jewish faith, would remind and urge the community to remember the days leading up to Christ's suffering, death and resurrection at Passover each year. From this yearly celebration of the Resurrection, the liturgical year was born.

In time, Christmas and a time of preparation before it, were adopted by the Church. Not until between 350-400, though, did the universal Church recognize the feast of the Lord's birth. Along with the adoption of Christmas, the Church also began practicing a time of preparation that would become the celebration of Advent we know today.

Advent comes first on the liturgical calendar because it precedes the first event in the life of Christ: His birth. The season invites Christians to participate in the longing for generations for a Savior, follow the mysterious events around the conception of Mary and her Divine Son, and her journey with her husband, St. Joseph, to Bethlehem, where prophecy foretold the Savior would be born.

What is also interesting about Advent being the start of the liturgical year is the day around which Advent always begins: Nov. 30 (The First Sunday of Advent this year is Dec. 3). On Nov. 30, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Andrew. This placement of Andrew on the calendar by the Church certainly is no accident. Might St. Andrew's feast be placed there, to bring us from encountering Christ in one liturgical year to bring us to the next liturgical year encountering Him afresh?

School News



Advent Adventure

An Activity Booklet for Advent will be given to the students to be used throughout the Advent Season, ask about it and help them to learn about our Sacred Traditions in this Season of Preparation!

Advent is like a long treasure hunt that ends with the best treasure of all: the gift of Jesus on Christmas Day. In this treasure chest of holiday activities, children use crafts, puzzles, and games to explore the scriptures and stories of Advent. You'll find child-friendly ideas and colorful art that invite children to join with Jesus in uncovering the riches of Advent and Christmas. Each day of Advent offers an age-appropriate scripture verse, reflection and activity that enriches children's understanding of the Christmas season.



Thank you to the 3 VFW members who came and talked to us about Veteran's Day and showed us how to fold a flag.

Thankful: adjective

Feeling or expressing gratitude; appreciative.

What are YOU thankful for?

"For helping Mom & Dad. Sharing with my sister." -Grant, Kindergarten

"Seeing my mom." Keagan, Kindergarten

"My parents talking care of me and going to grandparents and to my friends." Summer, Kindergarten

"My family and my stuffed animal that keeps me safe at night. Especially my family. And for God who made all of us." Max, 1st grade

"My pets." Adelynn, 1st grade



Pizza Fundraiser! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 28 at Jimmy's Pizza

St. Anastasia school invites you to enjoy a night off in the kitchen after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to support our school.

Jimmy's Pizza of Hutchinson will donate to our school a generous portion of purchases made on November 28! This includes their delicious Lunch Buffet, all Dine-In, Carry-Out, Delivery, and Gift Card purchases. Take-N-Bake pizzas to enjoy at a later date are also available for purchase. Special Delivery: Watch for familiar faces delivering pizzas to your door! 100 % of tips received by volunteer drivers go directly to our school. WOW!

You can pre-order your pizza! Schedule your order ahead of time by placing your order online at www.jimmypizzahutch.com.

Sponsored by the Home & School Association

Adoration Moments

A Message from Pope Francis

"Let us make time for Adoration. Let us allow Jesus. The Living Bread, to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us, not where I want."

PLEASE HELP FILL THESE OPEN TIMES IN THE CHAPEL FOR ADORATION:

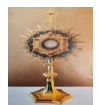
We are looking for someone to sub for the Monday and Friday 7am-8am Adoration for January, February, and March. If you can help with these times let us know.

MONDAY: NOON
WEDNESDAY: 4:00 P.M. /9:00P.M.
THURSDAY: 1:00 A.M. /11:00 P.M.
FRIDAY: 12:00 A.M.

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 Terry Bisbee
 Bonita Quast Brenda Popp Robyn Chrast
 Lois Pollei Donna Conrad Marilyn Stevens
 Phyllis van der Hagen Nellie Czech Gladys Homan
 Diane KostECKa Cathy Plath Tom Donohoo
 For peace in our world For those who serve our country



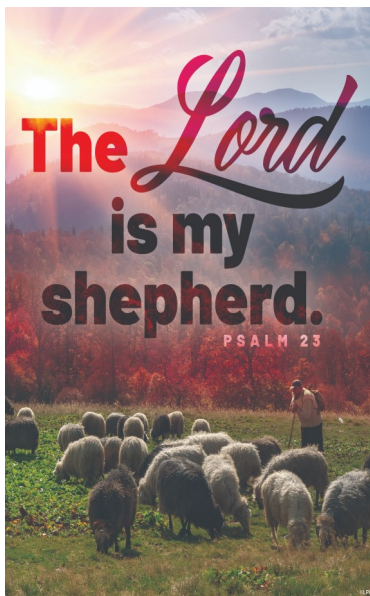
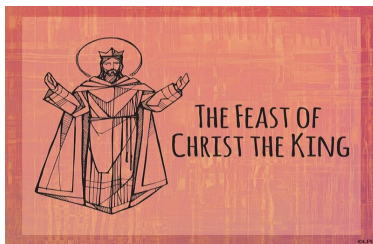
Names will be listed for one month unless we are told otherwise. If you would like to continue your prayer request after that time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.



Holiday GriefShare Potluck

December 30, 6 pm

St. Anastasia, Hospitality Area



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

November 12	\$19,357.00
No Financials for November 19. Due to early bulletin deadline	
Current Capital Campaign	
Goal	\$ 3,000,00.00
Pledges	\$ 830,185.00
Actual Money	\$ 297,807.91
Pledges Need	\$ 2,169,815.00
Actuals Need	\$ 2,702,192.09

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

November 12	\$ 987.00
No Financials for November 19. Due to early bulletin deadline	

**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.

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> November 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> December 5, 6:30pm St Anastasia	hospitality area
Home & School Association Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata Denise Schwecke	<i>usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month</i> November 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	December 6, 7:30pm St Anastasia	cafeteria
Knights of Columbus Squires	December 6, 5:30pm St Anastasia	hospitality area

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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
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St. Anastasia Cemetery	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15	
Mike Schall, Manager	320-583-7199	mgschall@mediacombb.net
St. Boniface Cemetery	1 mile south of Stewart on City Rd 7	
Terry Maiers, Co-Manager	320-894-8758	
Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	320-583-4345	

TO REPORT ABUSE: If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy (priest, deacon or bishop), and you need to talk with someone about abuse, exploitation, or harassment, please contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator or the Bishop's Delegate in Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct, 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073; phone: (507) 233-5313.