

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
it was not Moses who
gave the bread from
heaven; my Father gives
you the true bread
from heaven.” - Jn 6:32

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Today’s readings highlight the patient, generous characteristics of God. In the first reading from Exodus, we encounter Israelites who are hungry and angry. The community grumbles about Moses and Aaron, whom they accuse of leading them toward death in the desert. The Israelites even seem to regret their status as God’s chosen people, an extreme example of how perspectives can shift when bodily needs are not met! God listens patiently to the people and then responds to their needs by filling the land with bread. God’s acts show care for the Israelites and to test their obedience. Will they trust God’s ability to satisfy their hunger? Will they look out for their neighbors and ensure that the bread is shared equitably?

The hungry crowds went in search of Jesus in today’s gospel, hoping that he would fill their stomachs once more. Jesus took their pleas as an opportunity to teach about a different kind of food that will leave the people satisfied for eternity. Rather than gratefully accept Jesus’ gift, the people want to know what they can do to earn such food. They do not understand that their work is to believe in God’s Son. They need not do or say anything special to receive God’s love. They need only to believe in the Bread of Life.

The same is true for us today. We are called to believe in the one Lord, Jesus Christ. There is nothing we can say or do to earn God’s love. In God’s generosity God gives of the divine love freely. We need only to open our hearts to receive it. *Living Liturgy, p. 187*

Everyday Stewardship

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week

Mon: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tue: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wed: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thu: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Sat: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



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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, August 5		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Norbert Krebsbach Special Intention
TUESDAY, August 6		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ LeRoy Reinert
WEDNESDAY, August 7		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ George Prieve Special Intention
THURSDAY, August 8		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dan Colby, Special Intention
FRIDAY, August 9		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Clarence Junczewski
SATURDAY, August 10		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	+ Fr. Tony Stubeda
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Tom (Buzz) Burich + Bernard Funk
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	Church
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	+++ Anna, Arthur & Lyle Burge
SUNDAY, August 11		
<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Arlette & Doug Dahlberg, For Our Area Faith Community
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++Al & Florance Becker & family

Calendar of Events

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS MONDAY-THURSDAY 7AM-4PM AND FRIDAY'S 7AM -11AM

MONDAY, August 5

TUESDAY, August 6

5pm, Worship Committee St. Anastasia Parish Office
 6pm, Adult Formation Committee St. Anastasia Parish Office
 6:30pm, School Education Committee St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

Wednesday, August 7

7pm, Youth Group St. Anastasia Youth Room
 7pm, Knights of Columbus St. Anastasia Latch Key Room
 7:30pm, Men's Ministry: Social Brewery

THURSDAY, August 8

12n Finance Council St. Anastasia Parish Office Conference Rm
 6pm Young Adult Gathering St. Anastasia

FRIDAY, August 9

SATURDAY, August 10

SUNDAY, August 11

We are looking at re-establishing a number of committees at St. Anastasia as well as begin a few new ones. If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees please let Fr. Paul know: Adult Formation Committee, Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Committee, Kid's Depot Committee, Maintenance Committee, Social Concerns Committee, and Worship & Outreach Committee.

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

Community News

Annual **PRO-LIFE RETREAT** at Assumption Church in Eden Valley on **Saturday, August 17** 8am-noon. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Procession & Prayer Service at the Tomb of the Unborn in the Assumption Church Cemetery. **SPEAKER at 11AM**, Refreshments & light lunch provided. Cost will be free will with no pre-registration required. Please come join us for the morning as we pray and seek **“GUIDANCE TO SPEAKING THE TRUTH”** from speaker **Maggee Hangge from the MN Catholic Conference.**



Mark your calendars : We will be doing a new pictorial directory on October 22 through October 26 and October 31 through November 2.

Weekday sessions are from 2pm-8:30pm and Saturday sessions are from 10am-4:30pm. You will have the opportunity to sign up on-line or before and after weekend Masses. Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Colby Smith at Oakdale Golf Club 55106 County Rd 38 Buffalo Lake, MN. Monday, August 19, 2024. Shotgun start at Noon . Golf from Noon—5pm. Dinner and Auction at 5pm or conclusion of Golf. Proceeds support Colby Smith with Wheelchair Accessible Van Payments and other Medical Expenses. To Benefit the North Central Catastrophic Injury Fund. Check bulletin board for more information.



The Knights of Columbus are looking for many volunteers to help with the McLeod County Fair Parking Fundraiser this year. The fair will be **August 15th – August 18th** and will be free admission again this

year, so we can expect a large number of cars, like we had last year. Feel free to invite your spouse and teenage children to help as well and make it a family charity fundraiser event. Likewise, if you have children that are preparing for confirmation and are looking for community service hours, this may be a great opportunity for them to fulfill those requirements. Come and help us raise funds to help others.

Visit our web page <https://kc4797.mnknights.org> calendar, event or contact Paul Mraz at 320-583-5767 to sign-up.



Common Cup would like Ramen Noodles and laundry detergent



Back to School Supplies needed:

13 Backpacks 24 Water colors

Please drop these off in the bin. Please have them in by Sunday August 11.

POPP (Provisions of Personal Products) program: We are looking for Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash spray for men and women, deodorant, and body spray for men and women, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, maxi pads, tampons, hair brushes, combs, hair picks, hair ties, ethnic hair products, lip balms. These may be dropped off in the common cup collection box. Thank you for helping others out.

Come and join the fun at **St. Andrew’s Fun Fest** , August 18, 2024 in Fairfax, MN. Polka Mass at 10am featuring the St. A’s Polkateers. Deep fried Chicken dinner Adults \$15, Children (5-10) \$5. Afternoon music by The Basics (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Singers, raffles, kids games, popcorn, beer, pull tabs and more. Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

Thank you to all who donated food to the **Food Shelf.** We took in 3 pounds on July 24 . We took another 6 pounds of food and a monetary donation of \$100 in on July 29.

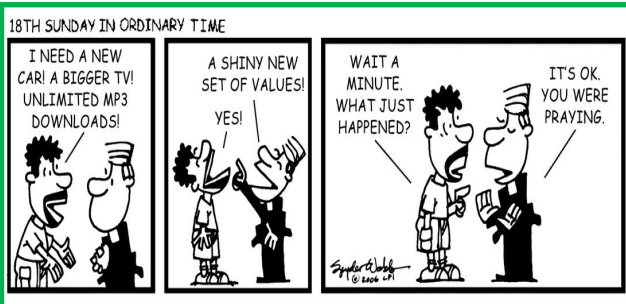
The Diocese of New Ulm has clearance to cablecast THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES on HCVN public access, channel 10, at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Historian Fr. Charles Connor hosts a stand-out EWTN Home Video series on Catholicism in the United States, from Colonial days to the present day. With the approach of a scholar and the heart of a lover of history, Fr. Connor takes us from the parishes of the 13 colonies, to the Civil War era, through ongoing religious persecutions and discriminations, to post-World War II years.

Date	Episode
Aug 6, Aug 9	Reconstruction- Episode 7
Aug 13, Aug 16	The Church Comes of Age- Episode 8
Aug 20, Aug 23	Church Enters the 20th Century- Episode 9
Aug 27, Aug 30	The Church of the Twenties - Episode 10

Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

Mission Trip

A highlight video from our Duluth mission trip has been created & is out online! Check out our website to see a glimpse into some of the memories that were made & to hear testimonies from the trip. A huge thank you to Alia M. for all of your hard work on the video again this year!



High School Leadership

A high school leadership team is being sought for the coming year & beyond! This is a new concept for us here at St. Anastasia & the roles are currently being developed. Students on this team will apply and, if selected, will meet together often to discuss many topics & events related to youth ministry throughout the year. Contact Jake for more information.

FF/Youth Ministry Committee

We are also looking for individuals interested in starting up the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Committee. This committee will meet bi-monthly to discuss all things related to our youth. Parents, alumni & anyone interested in helping with our youth are encouraged to sign-up. Contact Jake or Elli for more information. Thank you!



Faith Formation

The 2024-2025 faith formation registration is live & online! Our first night will be on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m.! Please, go to our website for more information & to sign-up. Contact Elli Burmis with any questions.

faithformation@stanastasia.net

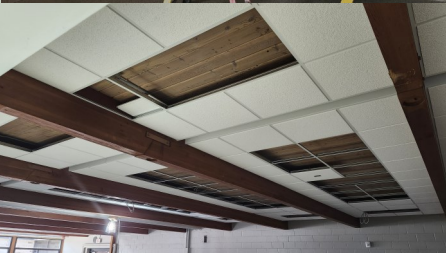
Kitchen Renovation & School News



Hood exhaust system laying on its side, ready for installation



Hood exhaust system in its place and almost ready to be used for cooking.



Ceiling tile and grid going up.

We continuously look for programs that are current, visually pleasing, enhance the curriculum and will interest our students. This year we are introducing three new programs.

Middle School religion: Connect! Bringing Faith to Life. This is a 3-year interactive program that presents the correct teachings of the Catholic Faith to middle school students in grades 6-8, in a way that helps them connect learning with living.

Friendly, Inc.: A biblically based social emotional learning program. This program teaches the five-core competencies of emotional intelligence through the lens of Scripture. It teaches skills such as respect, confidence, problem solving and communication skills. This will be intertwined with our Bible Hero theme that encompasses heroes and saints of the bible that will weave a connection from pre-school through St. A's students all the way through the high school RE students.

Into Reading by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Aligned to the Science of Reading and covers all elements of foundational literacy skills.



Back-to-school picnic sponsored by Home & School, Wednesday, August 21, 6:00-8:00 pm at KC Shelter Open House, Wednesday, August 28, 5:30-7:30 pm



Kid's Depot—we are now on Online giving. Kid's Depot staff would appreciate anything that you can give. Looking for more Latch Key workers. Please email Michelle at depot@stanastasia.net. Summer fun in our programs.



Adoration Moments

Saint Francis de Sales

If during prayer, you do nothing but bring your heart from distraction again and again into God's presence, though it went away, every time your brought it back, your time would be very well spent.

Half hour's meditation each day is essential, except when we are busy. Then a full hour is needed!

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 (12:00 A.M.) / 7:00 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 Benita Quast
 Jeanette Neubarth 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 Janet Hall 3 Special Intentions
 Jake Weiers M. Goodstal 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

July 28 Contributions \$15, 252

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges	\$1,414,843.78
Actual Money	\$ 759,148.96
Pledges Need	\$1,596,313.04
Actuals Need	\$2,240,851.04

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

July 28 Contributions \$964.00



**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-Th 7am-4pm, Fri. 7am-11am 320-587-6507.

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	August 20, 7pm	St Anastasia	Parish Office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	Church Basement
Adult Formation Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 6, 6pm	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	October 3, 3pm	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
Home & School Association Chair: Nicole Tanata	August 13, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	School Library
Faith Formation/Youth Comm Chair: (looking for members)	August 13, 7pm	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
Kid's Depot Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 13, 6pm	St. Anastasia	Latch Key Room
Maintenance Committee Chair: (looking for members)	October 3, 2pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 6, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
Social Concerns Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 13, 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Worship & Outreach Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 6, 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
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	August 7, 7:00pm	St Anastasia	Latch Key Room

Area Faith Community Staff

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LaMae Maiers, Administration	320-583-1302	
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Religious Education & Youth Ministry		
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Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface	320-833-6020	karenmaiers1@gmail.com
Jake Burmis, YM Director	320-587-6507	youthmin@stanastasia.net
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: 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.