



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”
- Jn 6:48-50

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The prophet Elijah finds himself in a dark place in today’s first reading. So Elijah does what countless others have done during desperate times; he escapes into the wilderness. After a day of walking, the prophet sits beneath a broom tree—fragile yet persistent plant that can survive in the desert. Overwhelmed and exhausted, Elijah “prayed for death.” He cannot see a way forward. The only thing Elijah seems sure of is that God is present and will perhaps listen to his prayer for a merciful end. But God has other plans. First, the Lord takes care of Elijah’s physical needs for sleep, food, and water. An angel of the Lord touches Elijah and offers him encouragement For the journey.

The odds are strong that some of us have been in this type of dark situation before or are even there now. We can get through difficult times. God is with us even in our darkness moments. So are other “angels of the Lord” in our midst who touch the suffering with a homemade meal, letter of encouragement, or other offer of support. Who are the angels in your life who accompany you during hard times? Who are you an angel for?

The religious leaders in today’s gospel claim to know all about Jesus. In their closed-mindedness, they miss the deeper truth of Jesus. He is the Bread of Life, the Son of God born into this world to set creation free. *Living Liturgy, p. 191*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It’s also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn’t have to be whispered. “Stop murmuring among yourselves,” Jesus tells the community in today’s Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it’s true that what they were whispering about wasn’t particularly flattering, and it also wasn’t very accurate: Did you hear what he said? That he’s the bread of life?

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don’t know, but we do know that they’re not bringing their questions into the open. They’re whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing. Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring. The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over. — John 6:51 ©LPI



Readings for the Week

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tue: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thu: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Sun: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



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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 12		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Fr. Nick Vance
TUESDAY, August 13		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dorothy Endres
10am, Mass	Harmony River	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, August 14		
<i>Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Frank & Emily Vasko
7pm, Mass	St. Boniface	Deceased members of the Altrichter family
THURSDAY, August 15		
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Willy Kostecka
5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Gordon, Leo, Johanna Hemerick & families
FRIDAY, August 16		
7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+ Dean Ruffcorn
SATURDAY, August 17		
9am, Mass/Confessions	St. Anastasia	Souls in Purgatory
3pm, Confessions	St. Anastasia	Day Chapel
4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	++ Virgil Voigt, Bruce Bjerkelund Church
6pm, Confessions/Rosary	St. Boniface	++ Milli & Margie Navara
6:30pm, Mass	St. Boniface	
SUNDAY, August 18		
<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary	St. Anastasia	Church
9am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+++++ Florian, Marietta, Mike, Larry and Chris Nowak
7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

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

MONDAY, August 12		
8am-Noon, Just for KIX Dance Camp		Gym
TUESDAY, August 13		
8am-Noon, Just for KIX Dance Camp		Gym
5pm, Social Concerns Committee	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
6pm, Faith Formation/Youth Committee	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
6:30pm, Home & School	St. Anastasia	School Library
7pm, Kid's Depot Committee	St. Anastasia	Latch Key Room
Wednesday, August 14		
7pm, Youth Group	St. Anastasia	Youth Room
7:30pm, Men of the Cross-Service	St. Anastasia	
THURSDAY, August 15		
FRIDAY, August 16		
SATURDAY, August 17		
SUNDAY, August 18		

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.**



*Baptismal Congratulations to:
Gabriela Anastasia Rodriguez-Wallyn
Daughter of Juan Pablo & Katherine*

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 the 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.mnknight.org> calendar, event or contact Paul Mraz at 320-583-5767 to sign-up.



Common Cup would like personal care items, ramen noodles, laundry detergent

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.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Colby Smith at Oakdale Golf Club 55106 County Rd 38 Buffalo Lake, MN. Monday, August 19, 2024 .Shot gun 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.



We need your help to cover our booth for Birthright at the McLeod County Fair August 15-18!! We are especially in need of evening coverage!! If you can spare just two hours, it would help so much! Women AND men are welcome! For more details, please contact: Lisa Eltgroth 320-583-5083 if you would like to greet fair-goers for Birthright!



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.

Date	Episode
Aug 13, Aug 16	The Church Comes of Age-
Aug 20, Aug 23	Church Enters the 20th Century- Episode 9
Aug 27, Aug 30	The Church of the Twenties - Episode 10
Sept 3, Sept 6	Catholic Contributions- Episode 11

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!

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)



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!



School News

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



Teachers begin year-long training on the Science of Reading, training required by Minnesota State Educator's Licensing. Teachers will gain the skills to deliver effective reading instruction and connect research to support their practice. Pray for them as they begin this extensive course on reading instruction.

MNSSA, Minnesota nonpublic school accreditation association: MNSSA is a 7-year cycle. We are scheduled for our self-study portion of our 7-year cycle this school year. A primary reason schools choose accreditation is that it offers objective outside validation that our school meets high standards. We receive credibility in the eyes of our stakeholders and the public, it provides a framework for the best possible education program for learners, and it is a public statement that the school is measured against rigorous standards and has developed a strategic plan for continuous improvement. Stay tuned for more information as the year progresses.

Middle School: Grade 8 is starting this year, rounding out our middle school to the full 6th-8th grades. Ms. Kennedy is the new teacher for this group and we have many program opportunities planned including the addition of FAC's; Family and Consumer Science.



Kid's Depot—we are now on Online giving. Kid's Depot staff would appreciate anything that you can give. Any questions about our program please email Michelle at depot@stanastasia.net. Looking for more energetic workers for Latch Key.

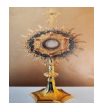


Adoration Moments

ADORATION MOMENT O Lord Jesus Christ This day is very busy. I am distracted and pulled in many directions. There are concerns, worries, even fears. I am troubled about duties, failures, things to do that are beyond me. I come to your presence from the din of life, the noise of the street, from the pleas and demands of others, and You are here! For a moment, I am with You by the Sea of Galilee, on the Mount of Beatitudes, looking at the serene water and the green hills. You say, "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you." Your presence in the Eucharist reassures me that this is true. Thank you for these few moments of silence that I am with you. Please give me the fullness of your Spirit, that I may know that You are beside me when I return to the tasks of life and that I shall be at peace to do your will. . . . 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(12:00A.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 Rose (Carriere) Noyes
 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

August 4 Contributions \$14,697.00

Current Capital Campaign

Pledges \$1,418,696.96
 Actual Money \$ 766,650.85
 Pledges Need \$1,581,303.04
 Actuals Need \$2,233,349.15

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

August 4 Contributions \$336.00



OUR LORD PREFERS
 TO WAIT HIMSELF
 FOR THE SINNER
 FOR YEARS RATHER
 THAN KEEP US WAITING
 FOR AN INSTANT.

-ST. MARIA GORETTI

**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	usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month	St Boniface	Church Basement
Adult Formation Committee Chair: (looking for members)	October 1, 6pm	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	usually meets on the 1st Tuesday bi-monthly	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
Home & School Association Chair: Nicole Tanata	October 3, 3pm	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
Faith Formation/Youth Comm Chair: (looking for members)	usually meet quarterly on the 2nd Thursday	St Anastasia	School Library
Kid's Depot Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 13, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	School Library
Maintenance Committee Chair: (looking for members)	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month	St. Anastasia	Parish Office
School Advisory Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 13, 7pm	St. Anastasia	School Library
Social Concerns Committee Chair: (looking for members)	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly	St. Anastasia	School Library
Worship & Outreach Committee Chair: (looking for members)	August 13, 7pm	St. Anastasia	School Library
STA Council of Catholic Women	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly	St Anastasia	parish office
STB Council of Catholic Women	October 3, 2pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Paul Mraz	usually meets on the 1st Thursday bi-monthly	St Anastasia	hospitality area
	September 3, 6:30pm	St Anastasia	hospitality area
	usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month	St Anastasia	parish office
	August 13, 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly	St Anastasia	parish office
	October 1, 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
	usually meets on the 1st Tuesday bi-monthly	St Anastasia	hospitality area
	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement
	September 4, 7:00pm	St Anastasia	Cafeteria
	usually meets on the 1st Wednesday each month		

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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.