

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

Pastor: Rev. Paul Wolf

May 10, 2020

Pastor's Corner



St. Anastasia and St. Boniface will be reopening for all services on May 18th! We will try to continue to live stream masses for those not able to attend. This will become more difficult as we are not set up well for this. The renovations planned for the church will greatly improve our ability to handle these technological situations! Daily mass and Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the main church due to the need for social distancing.

Our usual mass schedule will return beginning May 18: For St Anastasia: Monday & Wednesday at 5 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7 am; Saturday at 4:30; and Sunday at 7:30 & 11 am and 7:30 pm. Mass at St. Boniface is at 9:15 am. Please be flexible in attending mass. The 11 am mass at St. Anastasia is the most heavily attended. If you are able, please consider attending one of the 7:30s. Please do not consider the 4:30 pm as an alternate choice. St. Boniface is small and will have additional concerns for social distancing; it is not a good option for additional people.

In a statement from the *Minnesota Bishops' Protocols for Beginning Some Public Masses During COVID-19 Crisis*: "Just as other activities are being allowed for the health of the people, we believe it is possible to do this in a safe and helpful way. The six Catholic dioceses in Minnesota want to be uniform concerning both when we begin offering public masses and how we approach the numbers coming to Mass. The following is based on current guidance issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities and has been developed in consultation with the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Minnesota Catholic Conference."

As stated last week in the bulletin many of the guidelines are the same and need to be followed to safe guard all of us as we reopen:

- "High risk" individuals are encouraged not to attend; this includes individuals over 65 and those having underlining health conditions (please keep in mind that the bishops have removed the religious obligation to attend Mass on Sunday at this time).
- Groups should not exceed 1/3 of the seating capacity of the church.
- Disinfecting will take place.
- Doors are to be propped open (please leave the doors propped open, no need to touch extra surfaces), one way traffic patterns will be introduced to ensure social distancing, and directions for seating and dismissal will be given (please follow these directions for safe distancing, do not just get up and move).
- Masks and other protective wear is encouraged
- The Eucharist will be distributed only by the consecrated host; there will be no communion cup. Limited stations will be used for distribution; please keep six feet between. All, please consider receiving in your hands. The minister will drop the Eucharist into your hand; please use both hands to receive the host reverently.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I am the way and the truth
and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me."
— John 14:6

Readings for the Week

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

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

Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thu: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

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

Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21

St. Boniface Catholic Church

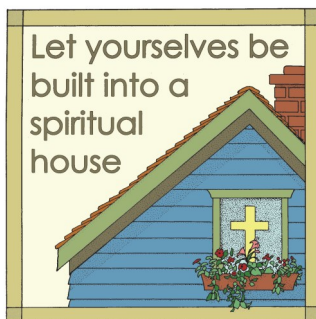
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Emergencies at Night

Fr. Paul, 507-829-0965



This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME LOCATION INTENTION (by whom)

Regularly scheduled Eucharistic Adoration is temporarily suspended.

MONDAY, May 11

9am, live streaming Mass St. Anastasia

TUESDAY, May 12

9am, live streaming Mass St. Anastasia +Sue Dwyer

WEDNESDAY, May 13

9am, live streaming Mass St. Anastasia Sr Marionita Gergen, OSF

THURSDAY, May 14

9am, live streaming Mass St. Anastasia +Robert Hammer

FRIDAY, May 15

9am, live streaming Mass St. Anastasia +Larry Griep

SATURDAY, May 16

3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia

SUNDAY, May 17

9am, live streaming Mass St. Anastasia Health Care Workers

This Week's Area Calendar of Events

Participating in the nationwide effort to slow the Coronavirus, St Anastasia and St Boniface have suspended activities in their facilities. Following the direction of Bishop LeVoor there will be no public masses at either parish until further notice.

Fr Paul will be live streaming mass from St Anastasia at 9am, Monday through Friday, and on Sunday morning. Please note: these are not public masses. Only Fr Paul and the camera crew will be there. You can watch live on St Anastasia's Facebook page. You can catch a recorded presentation later in the day on our website.

Channel 10, the Hutchinson cable access channel, airs our weekend mass at 7:30 on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays. The mass is the greatest prayer we can offer—please continue to join with others around the world in this most holy observance.

We have suspended regularly scheduled Eucharistic Adoration. However, the church is open from 6am-7pm for anyone wishing to enter and pray. Please remember to maintain social distancing.

St A's school remains closed; the Kids' Depot is still operating with its regular hours. Please contact them at 587-4760 with your child care needs. Parish office is open 8am-4:30pm, but with minimal staffing. Please leave a message on voice mail or email. Someone will get back to you. For emergencies please call Fr Paul's cell: 507-829-0965.

Thank you for your cooperation as we figure out a way through our current situation. Please remember: be safe, your decisions affect your neighbors, be good to one another, and remember we are always together in prayer.

Pastor's Corner Continued

A large container will be placed in the entry way to collect the Sunday offering - thank you for generous support - please do not touch, simply drop into container.

May we worship our God respectfully, reverently, and safely in community, as we are intended to do; for we need the strength of one another to fulfill the Great Commission, to go and make disciples for the Lord! May we be protected and held in the arm of our Savior, Jesus the Christ and attain the glories of the kingdom.

Fr Paul Wolf

A Letter From Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me.

I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

FRANCIS

Second Prayer

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering & anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort; grant them strength, generosity & continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.