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Church of St. Anthony



January 1, 2023 • Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19

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All Visitors and Guests Welcome to the Assumption and St. Anthony parishes! Thank you for joining us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you would like to become a member of either parish please call or email the parish offices. *"May the Lord guard your coming and going both now and forever."* - Psalm 121

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Mass Times

Wednesdays.....5:15 PM
Fridays.....7:00 AM
Saturday.....4:00 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Wed: 4:45 PM, Fri: 8:00 AM
Sat: 3:30 PM & Sun 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 8:00 AM- Fridays 5:00 PM

Office Hours

Mon: 12:30-4:30, Wed: 8-4
Fri: 8-12:00 (hours may vary)

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RE Assistant	Bonnie Meyer
Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron



A New Year with Mother Mary

Dear Friends,

Each year, on the first day of the New Year, we celebrate the great Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Mary of Nazareth was chosen by the Father to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thus, we honor Mary as the Mother of God.

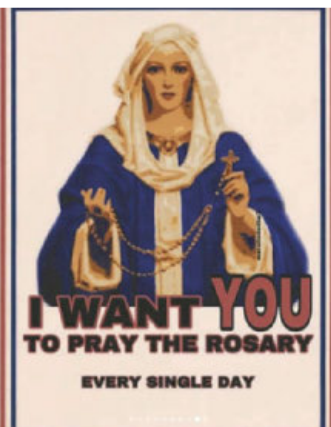
Each new year is a good time to reflect on the year that has gone by. As I look at the past year, which has seemed to fly by, I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family, my nieces and nephews, my health, the priesthood, the people I am privileged to minister to, my brother priests, the gift of my Catholic Faith and much more. God has blessed me in many ways!

It is also a good practice to look forward into the new year and make some spiritual resolutions that will help us to grow closer to the Lord in the next year. What are the ways that you would like to grow closer to the Lord? Or what is a virtue (habit) that you desire? What are some habits that need to be kicked? These are things we can pray about and ask God to give us the strength to accomplish in the next year.

A resolution I suggest for you and your family is to strengthen your devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. As many of you know I love the Blessed Mother and I believe strongly in the power of devotion to her. So many of the Saints speak highly about the benefit of praying the rosary. St. Pope John Paul II said, "The rosary is my favorite prayer." He also said, "How beautiful is the family that recites the rosary every evening!" And St Jose Maria Escriva said, "The rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

May God bless you and his Mother Mary keep you in the New Year! Father Aaron

Me showing the boys the woman praying for me back home:



Is she really the Mother of God?



I am God

Twinned Parish New

Mission Trip Youth Breakfast at St. Anthony, January 8th, 8:30am-12:30pm

Come join St. Anthony & Assumption youth as they fund raise for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip by serving you a delicious breakfast! Chow down on caramel rolls, scrambled eggs, & pancakes! All free-will donations will go towards the mission trip.

No Daily Mass Next Week There will be no daily Mass next week, January 9-13. Father will be gone at an IPF Spiritual Direction Conference.

10th Grade Student & Parent Meeting

There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, January 7th, from 2-3pm for 10th grade Parents AND Students from both parishes at the Assumption Church in the upstairs Dining Room.

10th Grade NET Retreat The 10th Grade NET Retreat for both parishes will take place from noon-8pm at Assumption Church on Monday January 16th.

7th Grade Parent Mtg The make up 7th grade parent meeting for Assumption and St. Anthony will be held on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30-7:30pm in the St. Anthony Dining Hall.

Confirmation Class for 11th Grade

All 11th Graders and their parents from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will meet at Assumption for our next class on Wednesday, January 18th from 6:30-8pm.

1st Reconciliation The 1st Reconciliation Sacrament for second graders and their parents will take place on Saturday, January 14th 9am-Noon at the Church of St. Anthony. Please keep these students and families in your prayers.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 4:

5:45 PM Mass: † Helen Schwegel Williams

Friday, January 6:

6:30 PM Mass: † Marie Wurm

Saturday, January 7:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, January 8:

8:00 AM Mass: † Mary Sieben

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, January 7, 4PM:

Lector: Lona Brutger

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jody Bauer

Rosary: TBD

Hospitality: Jim & Linda Thielen

-Sunday, January 8, 8AM:

Lector: Steve Schmitt

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Donna Bischof

Rosary: TBD

Homebound: TBD

Hospitality: Dan & Kim Mead

Financial Blessings

December 18, 2022

Adult Env	2015.00
Loose	104.00
Christmas	125.00
Youth	0.00
Votive	18.35
Total	\$2262.35

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2815

The financial information for this past weekend was not available due to the early bulletin deadline and will be published next week.

THANK YOU
for your generosity



Family Faith Formation This Wednesday, January 4th, is Family Faith Formation at Assumption for K-6th graders and parents. Join us at 6pm for dinner followed by class at roughly 6:30pm. We look forward to learning with you!

Music on the Website If you'd like to practice the Mass parts for the Mass, they are now available on the website! Click the "music" tab on the home page to find the practice videos. The seasonal Marian hymns are also there.

Christmas Mothers Spiritual Fellowship Join the Christian Mothers on Saturday, January 21st, for a rosary and fellowship. The rosary will begin in the chapel at 7:30AM, followed by fellowship in the dining hall.

Organ Lessons If you would be interested in learning how to play the organ, there are lessons available! Times are flexible and there is no charge for at least three lessons, possibly more. Contact Becky or the parish office to get started!

Adoration Announcements

-The Adoration chapel will be closed on January 2nd, and will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

-We have a Eucharistic Adoration holy hour open on Fridays from 12-1:00 p.m. If interested in taking that hour please call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Upcoming Blood Drive Make a resolution to be a lifesaver for someone in need of your precious blood. The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on Tuesday, January 24th from 1-7pm at the Assumption Church. To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767, visit redcrossblood.org, click on your Blood Donor App or contacting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 -- mbmeyer@meltel.net Reminders: *Identification is needed to donate *Complete your Rapid Pass online on the day of the drive at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> or on the donor App.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Update & Fundraising Opportunities!

• **We currently have 34 people registered!** • The Puerto Rico mission trip comes at a considerable cost and our 34 missionaries can use your help!



Money Board Each parish has a money wall pledge board set up. Each numbered envelope corresponds with a specific dollar amount. If someone takes an envelope, they would be responsible for donating that number of dollars to the parish. The proceeds go towards lowering the total cost of the Puerto Rico Trip. A check would be written out to St. Anthony or Assumption. Please consider donating in this simple and fun way! Let us see if we can get rid of all our envelopes!

Sock Religious Fundraiser Thank You! Thank you to everyone who supported the mission trip and bought Sock Religious apparel. We raised over \$400 to put towards the trip.

*If you have questions about the trip or are interested in offering your support, please contact Sam at 320-630-7590 or evwyouthministry@gmail.com.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 3:

9:30 AM Mass: † Mary Kiely

Thursday, January 5:

8:30 AM Mass: † Margaret Kinzer

Sunday, January 8:

10:00 AM Mass: † Walter Donnay

Mass Ministries

Sunday, January 8, 10AM:

Lectors: Jessie Teicher & Tammy Winter

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: TBD

Mass Servers: Brennen & Kellen Huberty

Children's Liturgy: TBD

Rosary: Betty Donnay

Hospitality: TBD

Coffee & Rolls: TBD

Financial Blessings

December 18, 2022

Adult Env	7930.00
Loose	196.00
Christmas	250.00
Youth	0.00
Votive	136.80
Wkly Auto	770.00
Total	\$9282.80

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Church Cleaners



January 1-14 : Nick & Amy Vossen, Kim Unterberger, Pete & Jan Vossen & Gerald & Judy Vossen and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

Knight of Columbus Meeting January 2. This meeting is a potluck!
K-6th Faith Formation Families If you have not yet picked up your December home lesson packet please pick it up from the table just outside the parish office.

2023 Cabin Fever Reliever *Tickets are for sale! Our next Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 11th. Tickets are now for sale and will make great Christmas gifts! Each ticket includes dinner, the dueling pianos show and lots of fun! You can get your tickets after Sunday Masses or at the parish office. Also, if you find some good deals Christmas shopping, we are looking for donations of high-end auction items, items for the bucket ticket drop and bottles of wine.

Holiday Food Shelf Drive Hunger is an ongoing concern year round, but can especially be felt during the holidays. Please consider a donation to our local food shelves this season. A donation container can be found in the handicapped addition for food donations and monetary donations can be written out to the Church of St. Anthony and given in the collection.



Celebration for Carleen's Entry into Religious Life at the Poor Clare's Monastery

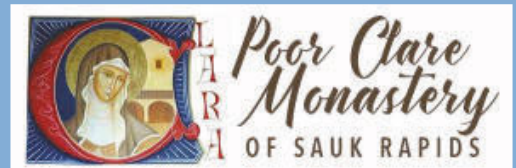
Parishioner, Carleen Willenbring, has discerned religious life with the Poor Clare's in Sauk Rapids! Please join us on January 21st at the Assumption Church to celebrate with Carleen.

3:00 PM: Adoration & Prayers for Carleen

4:00 PM: Mass

5:15 PM: Fellowship & Soup Dinner*

*Soup will be provided, please bring a salad, bread, or dessert item if you are able.



Capital Campaign New Year's Resolution

As we start the new year with hope and optimism, we resolve to consider accomplishing many things. Regrettably, for many of us, those goals fade into memory as we embrace our regular daily routines.

We hope that if you have not offered your financial support to help repair the exterior and renovate the interior of our historic church, that you make that an important resolution and then respond with your decision this week. Your decision will help us move closer to accomplishing the exterior work that needs to begin this spring with the funds in place.

Due to the production schedule for holiday bulletins, this message was written on December 15. Therefore, please watch for an update on our campaign results next weekend. Thank you.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Girls Our next God's Girls meeting will be on Sunday, January 15th at Assumption for 2-3:30 p.m. We will read a bible story and play board games.

Youth Nights The next Sr. High night is Jan. 4th at St. Anthony and the next Jr. High night is Jan 11th at Assumption. Confirmation students may help out at JH nights to obtain service hours. If any adult or parent would like found out how they can help with these nights you can contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com.

Extreme Faith Camp This year EFC will be held at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN June 12th-16th. Camp is for current 6th-8th graders. EFC will have activities such as wacky olympics, zip-lining, lakeside swimming, fishing, boating, rock climbing, archery, and much much more! And most importantly, Camp will have Jesus as He comes to us through the Sacraments. EFC is led by high schoolers and adults from our parish and other parishes. Current 9th-12th graders are encouraged to register as leaders. The dates for leaders are June 10th-16th. Contact Nancy Jans (evwcatholic@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Update on March for Life Unfortunately, due to low registration numbers, we will no longer be attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. this January. Please continue to keep the pro-life movement in your prayers!

Traveling Diocesan-Wide 1st Friday Novena

Friday, January 6th at Assumption.
6:30 PM Mass followed by **Cor Jesu** (Adoration, Praise & Worship music and Confessions) with a **potluck** to end the night. Since this is on the same day as the usual Community Rosary Night/Potluck we are combining the two events. There will be no rosary night at St. Anthony's on this night. Families are encouraged to come to this event instead!



Mission Trip Youth Breakfast Sunday, January 8th 8:30 am-12:30 pm St. Anthony's

Come join the St. Anthony/Assumption youth as they fund raise for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip by serving you a delicious breakfast! Chow down on caramel rolls, scrambled eggs, and pancakes! All free-will donations will reduce the cost of the mission trip.



Sacraments

Marriage- Couples should contact the parish at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Baptism- Baptism classes are for parents and expecting parents who are seeking baptism that haven't already taken a class. Contact the parish office to sign up.

Confession- times on cover & by appointment
Anointing of the Sick - contact the parish office when anointing is needed.

Looking to Become Catholic? (RCIA)- The length of time will be suitable to have a significant experience of the parish community and to have a greater knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline Bulletin announcements are due on Tuesdays by noon.

Women's Group: Women's group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. We will next meet on January 14th at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's.

Community Rosary Night/Potluck: There will be no rosary night at St. Anthony's in January. Families are encouraged to instead go to the 1st Friday Novena at Assumption instead (see the announcement on the left).

Assumption Knights of Columbus: The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8PM at the Assumption Church.

Men's Group: Saturdays, 7:30 AM Rosary, 8-9 AM meeting, at Assumption.

Christian Mothers' Prayers: Christian Mothers' prayers on the 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month after Mass.



The Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, Joyce Manske, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, Carol Huberty, Tom Huberty, Jennifer Gruenes and Larry Flaschenriem.

Christ our Hope ACC Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays:

5:00PM St. Agnes, Roscoe
(confessions @ 4:00-4:30)

Sundays:

8:00AM St. Margaret, Lake Henry
9:30AM St. Louis, Paynesville

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