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Church of St. Anthony



January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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

Church of St. Anthony, Watkins / Assumption Church, Eden Valley Assumption St. Anthony Catholics

Assumption Church

www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org

Youth Ministry

evwyouthministry@gmail.com

Mass Times

Wednesdays	5:15	PM
Fridays	7:00	AM
Saturday		
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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Mass Times

Tuesdays	9:30	AM
Thursdays	8:30	AM
Sunday	10:00	AM

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A Message from Fr. Aaron The Light of the World

Dear Friends,

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." (Isaiah 60:1) This

Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. We celebrate the Three Wisemen who journeyed from the east in search of the Messiah King. They followed the bright star to where they finally saw and did him homage. Today is the conclusion of the Christmas Season on the liturgical calendar, so it would be an appropriate time to take down the Christmas decorations and lights, if you decide to. Some people might wish to let the Christmas spirit linger a bit longer and wait until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2nd, which has traditionally been the liturgical end of the season. It is good to see the festive decorations out for an extended time past Christmas as they help remind us to live in the new light of Christ all year long.

As the song says, "We three Kings of orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar..." The three mysterious figures in the scriptures were known to be learned and influential men from a far-off land. These details are not insignificant when we stop to think about it. They seemingly had power, intelligence, social standing and were likely financially well to do. And yet, they made this long and difficult journey to find a little baby lying in the hay in a cool and dark cave. Were they disappointed? Hardly. The Kings laid prostrate (face down) in front of the Christ Child as a sign of worship and honor. Then they gave him three costly and precious gifts; gold, a gift fit for a King, frankincense, a gift used for worship, and myrrh, a gift for his future death and burial.

Three Kings, who were not believers of the Jewish Faith, represent a longing in the human heart for God's truth and light in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. From a worldly standpoint they had many things, and yet these Three Kings were wise enough to know that the world did not satisfy or set them free. They followed the light that led them to the true Light of the World who is salvation, peace and true wisdom.

May we let ourselves be led by the only light that can truly fulfill the desires of our heart and set us free.

> God Bless You, Father Aaron

Twinned Parish New

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

Open House Thank You! Thank you to everyone who stopped in at the open house Christmas party at the rectory. It was great to gather to celebrate Christmas. Thank you also to everyone who helped prepare everything!

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, Jan 18th from 6:30-8pm. *Please note the change of location.

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.

2023 Calendars There are calendars for the new year available at each parish. Thank you to the Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, the Ertl Funeral Home and to Faber Building & Supply for sponsoring our calendars this year!



Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

Almighty ever-living God, who made Pope Benedict XVI a wise teacher of your people, a gentle shepherd of your flock, and a faithful pastor of your

Church, grant in your kindness that your humble servant, who in this life believed in you and loved you, may now receive your mercy and rejoice in your presence for ever in the glory of the Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Emeritus Benedict VXI

(April 16, 1927 - December 31, 2022)

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 11:

No Mass

Friday, January 13:

No Mass

Saturday, January 14:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, January 15:

8:00 AM Mass: † Alan Babcock

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, January 14, 4PM:

Lector: Jason Huschle
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Deb Huschle

Rosary: TBD

Hospitality: Joel Braun & Mark Schoenecker

-Sunday, January 15, 8AM:

Lector: Wanda Reiter **Extraordinary Minister of Communion:** Jenny Evens

Rosary: TBD

Homebound: Rose Becker

Hospitality: Jenny Evens & Janet Binsfeld **Coffee & Rolls:** Knights of Columbus

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Fellowship Potluck Please join the Christian Mothers in rosary before 4:00 pm Mass (3:30pm) on January 28th. Then stay after Mass and enjoy a taco bar, playing cards and some comradery with your fellow parish members. If you too would like to add to the menu, feel free to put your name on the signup sheet located in the Narthex, but don't feel obligated.

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.

Adoration Announcement We have a Adoration hour open on every other Tuesday morning from 1-2:00 a.m. If interested in taking that hour please call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Upcoming Blood Drive 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

Sub Fundraiser - February 12

The Faith Formation Office of Assumption and St. Anthony is preparing for our annual Sub Sandwich Fundraiser being hosted on Sunday,



February 12th. More details to follow. At this moment we are gathering supplies, helpers and donations: *Looking for adults and high school students to help assemble, organize and hand out subs. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or Bonnie at 453-5765. *Accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies for the Fundraiser. Donations needed: •Three \$35 donations for roast beef •Three \$30 donations for ham •Three \$30 donations for turkey •Three \$25 donations for buns •One \$20 donation for advertising •One \$25 donation for paper supplies. Donations can be dropped in the collection box (please mark the envelope "Sub Fundraiser Donation"). Thank you, in advance, for your help! *Looking for volunteers to make goodies/treats (Individually packaged please). Contact Bonnie at 453-5765 if you are able to help.

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New Bishop for St. Cloud!

Pope Francis has named Father Patrick Neary, C.S.C., the next bishop on of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Bishop-elect Patrick Neary's episcopal ordination Mass will be on Tuesday, February 14th, at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Please remember Bishop-elect Patrick Neary in your prayers as he prepares to shepherd the people of the St. Cloud Diocese.

Lord, send your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests and people in love, truth and wisdom. Amen.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 10:

No Mass

Thursday, January 12:

No Mass

Sunday, January 15:

10:00 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

Mass Ministries

Sunday, January 15, 10AM:

Lectors: Michelle Kramer & Amie Vetsch Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Lori Dockendorf

Mass Servers: Henry & George Landwehr Children's Liturgy: Donna & Rose

Rosary: Sharon Simmons Hospitality: Rich & Mary Hesse Coffee & Rolls: Huberty Family

Financial Blessings

	12/25/22	1/1/23
Adult Env	3020.00	2655.00
Loose	976.50	356.50
Christmas	8735.00	1100.00
Youth	6.00	6.00
Votive	55.25	152.00
Wkly Auto	770.00	770.00
Total	13,562.75	\$5039.50



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.

Family Faith Formation This Wednesday, Jan 11th, is Family Faith Formation at St. Anthony 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!

St. Anthony's Feast Day Tuesday, January 17th is the feast day for our patron saint, St. Anthony the Great! To celebrate, we will be having Mass at a special time at 7PM to give everyone a chance to attend.

2023 Cabin Fever Reliever Tickets! Our next Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 11th. Tickets are now for sale and includes dinner, the dueling pianos show and lots of fun! You can get your tickets after Sunday Masses or at the parish office. We are also looking for donations of high-end auction items, items for the bucket ticket drop and bottles of wine.

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 able.

March for Life: January 22

Bus leaves Richmond around 9:30AM, car pool from Assumption to Richmond at 9:15AM. Contact Judy at 453-7592 or judy4life@meltel.net to sign up or with any questions.

Schedule: Mass at the St. Paul Cathedral



at noon, Walk to the Capitol for the March For Life at 2PM, Program on the Capitol front steps at 2:30PM. Return home at approximately 5PM.



FORMED Now: Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor discuss St. Anthony of Egypt, or "Anthony the Great," a hermit who lived from around 251 to 356 A.D. Anthony is widely regarded as the most famous of the Desert Fathers. **To sign up:** Visit FORMED.org, click "Sign Up", Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization", find your parish by name or zip (55329 or 55389), enter your email.

Traveling Chalice & Madonna

The Church Needs Disciples Today, as the Church is shrinking and many have stopped practicing the faith; it is time for those who are engaged in the life of the church to rise up and start a grassroots movement of spreading the faith that they love so much. This can seem daunting, but the good news is that Franciscan University of Steubenville has created Discipleship Quads to equip and support anyone who wishes to grow in faith and "go rebuild the church." St. Francis of Assisi received this call from Christ and it still echoes through the church today. The Traveling Chalice & Madonna of St. Anthony and Assumption are asked to pray for disciples.



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

Youth Nights The next Sr. High night is Feb 1st 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.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Update & Fundraising Opportunities!

• We now have 38 people registered! The Puerto Rico mission trip comes at a considerable cost and our 38 missionaries can use your help!

Ice Candles/Luminaries There are still a few ice candles left for a free-will donation. Contact the office or Sam if interested. Thank you to the generous donators who have given so far. Also a big thank you to Dan & Tammy Winter for making and donating these special candles to our cause! 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!

Mission Trip Youth Breakfast 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, ham & pancakes! All for a free-will donation that will go towards 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 www.saintalm.org



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