

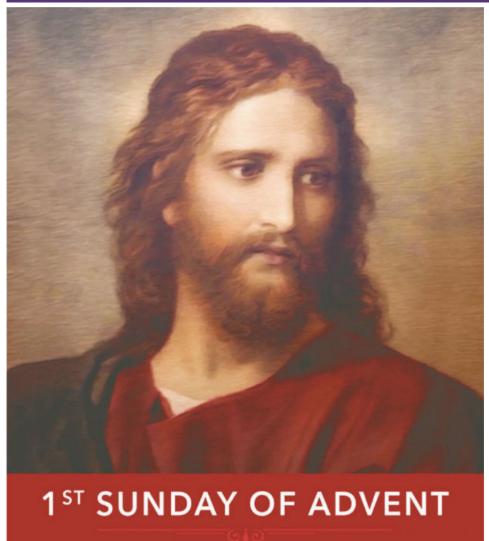
# Church of the Assumption

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# Church of St. Anthony



#### November 27th, 2022 • 1st Sunday in Advent



"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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**

Youth Ministry

evwyouthministry@gmail.com

#### **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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Youth Ministry

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#### **Mass Times**

#### Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 9:00 AM, Thursdays: 8:00 AM, Sundays: 9:45 AM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays 9:00 AM-Fridays 9:00 AM

#### Office Hours

Mon: 8-12, Tues: 8-4 Thurs: 8-4 (hours may vary)

#### **Twinned Parish Contacts**

Pastor Secretary DRE RE Assistant Youth Minister Father Aaron Nett Jessica Teicher Nancy Jans Bonnie Meyer Sam Mettler

#### **A Gospel Meditation**

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.



#### **Twinned Parish News**

**Hospitality/Greeter Ministry** If you are interested in helping out with the greeter ministry, please contact the parish office.

**Prayer for 11th grade Confirmation Retreat December 2-4** Our Confirmation students will be going away for retreat from Friday night at 4:30pm thru Sunday at 11am. Please keep them in your prayers along with those speakers, leaders, and guides. As we pray: Oh Merciful Father, grant that Your Divine Spirit may enable all Your faithful to be fruitful in good works for the glory of Your majesty and for the spiritual and material well being of all people. Holy Spirit, cleanse, inflame and enlighten the minds and hearts of our Confirmation students on their retreat. Please bless the retreat with your gifts and great grace. We ask this through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Wednesday Religion** This Wednesday, Nov 30th, from 6:30-8pm there will be Wednesday Religion for grades 7-10 at both Assumption and St. Anthony. Please attend at your respective parish. **Sock Religious Fundraiser** You can support

our Puerto Rico mission trip by buying Sock Religious products. You can visit this website at https://stores.inksoft.com/youthfund/shop/home. Half of the proceeds go to reduce the cost of the trip. Any questions can be addressed to Sam.

**7th Grade Parent Meeting** There will be a 7th grade parent meeting for Assumption & St. Anthony parents on Tuesday Dec 13th at 6:30pm at St. Anthony. At this meeting, parents will be informed of what their child is learning in the classroom and how they can best support this learning. Please meet in the parish hall.

**Silence & Prayer After Mass** As we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent we are mindful of the need to pray in silence. Starting this week, I will be inviting the congregation to a time of thanksgiving after Mass. The prayer of thanksgiving after Mass is a special time to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and the gifts we have received, even if for a few moments. I will invite all after the final hymn to kneel or sit down and pray the "Anima Christi" prayer in the back of the hymnal together. After the prayer as you depart, I ask that you please respect silence for those who wish to stay longer and wait until outside or you are in the parish hall to resume conversation. Thank you!

#### **Assumption Parish News**

#### **Mass Intentions**

Wednesday, December 30:

5:15 PM Mass: † Lawrence Huschle

Friday, December 2:

7:00 AM Mass: † Dolores Braun

Saturday, December 3:

4:00 PM Mass: † Aurelia Becker

Sunday, December 4:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

#### **Mass Ministries**

#### -Saturday, December 3, 4PM:

Lector: Al Mueller Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Deb Huschle Rosary Leader: Deb Huschle

Hospitality: Molly Zimmerman & Jerry Arnold

-Sunday, December 4, 8AM:

Lector: Wanda Reiter
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Donna Bischof
Rosary Leader: Donna Bischof
Homebound: Jeanne Schmitz

#### Financial Blessings

#### November 13, 2022

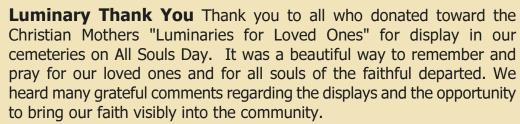
Adult Env 1157.00 Loose 142.00 Youth 0.00 Votive 81.00 **Total \$1380.00** 

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2215 **Bazaar Letter YTD: \$17,485** 

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







**Additional Ushers Needed!** The Assumption Church is looking to grow it's usher ministry. If you are interested in helping serve the parish in this way let the office know.

**Multiple Donations** When donating to multiple parish groups and collections, please make out separate checks for each donation. For example: you should make out one check for the Sunday "adult envelope" collection and a separate check for "World Mission Sunday". This makes it immensely easier for our money counters to count the collection. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

#### **Traveling Chalice & Madonna**

**THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH** is full of saints who, precisely with prayer, were always able to find new, creative solutions to respond to concrete human needs in every century: health, education, work, etc. Their daring, was animated by the Holy Spirit and by a strong and generous love of brothers, especially of the weakest and most underprivileged. **Pope Benedict XVI** 

Thank you for you continued prayers for vocations! If you would like to volunteer to host the Traveling Chalice and Madonna for a week, contact Mary Jo Ruhland or Jay Schoenecker.



## Christian Mother's Pro-Family Bake Sale December 3rd: 3-4PM; 5-6PM & December 4th: 9-11AM

Proceeds to go to pro-life organizations and to support youth going to the Pro-Life March in Washington, DC in January.

\*Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9-11 AM we will be baking with the youth (elementary school-aged children are welcome with an adult).



It is believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer 15 times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.

#### ST. ANDREW NOVENA

HAIL AND BLESSED BE THE HOUR AND MOMENT IN WHICH THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN OF THE MOST PURE VIRGIN MARY, AT MIDNIGHT, IN BETHLEHEM, IN THE PIERCING COLD. IN THAT HOUR VOUCHSAFE, I BESEECH THEE, O MY GOD, TO HEAR MY PRAYER AND GRANT MY DESIRES THROUGH THE MERITS OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, AND OF HIS BLESSED MOTHER. AMEN

#### St. Anthony Parish News

#### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, November 29: 9:30 AM Mass: † Walter Donnay Thursday, December 1: 8:30 AM Mass: CCW Members Sunday, December 4:

10:00 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

#### **Mass Ministries**

#### Sunday, December 4, 10AM:

Lectors: Chad Dockendorf & Kelly Meierhofer

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy** Communion: Lori Dockendorf

Mass Servers: Henry & George Landwehr Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Rose Rosary Leader: Sharon Simmons

Hospitality: Theresa Faber & Margi Schreifels Coffee & Rolls: Kelly & Carly Meierhofer

#### **Financial Blessings**

#### November 13, 2022

Total	\$3556.00
Wkly Auto	720.00
Votive	20.00
Youth	6.00
Loose	612.00
Adult Env	2198.00

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#### **Church Cleaners**



Nov 20-Dec 3: Mark & Lisa Stommes, Robert & Jeanie Stommes, Tim Stommes and Adam & Jessie Teicher and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

#### 2023 Cabin Fever Reliever

Our next Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 11th. Tickets will go on sale soon and will make great Christmas gifts! Each ticket includes dinner and the dueling pianos show. 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. Thank you!

#### **Pro-Works Christmas Gifts**

We will be collecting gifts for the Pro-Works from Litchfield this year. If you are unable to bring them to our Christmas party there will be a box in the new addition of church for you to place your gifts. They are looking for personal hygiene items, easy puzzles, games and word searches, notebooks and pens. What they really appreciate are gift cards or certificates to the local businesses so the clients can choose what they like or need. (No clothing, food or blankets.) All gifts should be in a gift bag. If you want to make a cash donation or give a gift certificate, put it in the collection basket and mark the envelope: Pro-Works. The last day to drop off gifts will be Dec. 14. Thank you! -CCW officers

#### **Luminary Thank You**

Thank you to all who donated toward the "Luminaries for Loved Ones" for display in our cemetery for All Souls Day. It was a beautiful way to remember and pray for our loved ones and for all souls of the faithful departed. We heard many grateful comments regarding the displays and the opportunity to bring our faith visibly into the community.

#### **Additional Ushers Needed!**

The Church of St. Anthony is looking to grow it's usher ministry! If you are interested in helping serve the parish in this way contact Chad Huberty at 290-1131 or let the office know.

#### **CCW Meetings**

Due to low attendance at our meetings, we have decided to meet only in Sept., Dec., Feb. and May. Our new Shepherd of the Fields is retired, Fr. Harry Behan. His address is Cainhill Nursing Home Herbert Road, Bray County Wicklow, Ireland A98 VF88. His birthday is March 8 and ordination date is June 17, 1973. -Kathy Erpelding Co-president

#### **Thank You For Your Cooperation!**



We are grateful to those who joined us the past two weekends for 20-minutes after Mass. Your cooperation enabled us to share the important information about our prioritized capital campaign projects and eliminated the need to personally contact you in the weeks ahead. Please take time this week to review your personalized folder, reflect on your blessings and capacity to respond, prayerfully determine your financial Church of St. Anthony commitment, and then return your decision to Fr. Issertar Inday for Hernity Aaron in the confidential envelope. Thank you!

#### **Church Renovation Campaign Cabinet**

 Alan Bear • Rose Condon • Kevin Donnay • Deacon Phillip Henneman • Andy Hesse • Rich Hesse, Trustee • Bill Lorentz • Fr. Aaron Nett, Pastor • Jessica Teicher



Youth Nights The next Sr. High night is Dec. 7th at St. Anthony and the next Jr. High night is Dec. 14th at MINISTRY 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.

#### **Mission Trip Opportunity to Puerto Rico!**

Mission trip to Puerto Rico from July 23rd-28th. The estimated cost around \$1500 per person. This trip is for current 8th graders to adults. You can register with a down deposit of \$500 or a \$1000 down deposit for families with two or more people going. There is still time to register for our Senior High Puerto Rico Mission Trip! The deadline has extended to Dec. 1st. After this deadline passes, we will look to fill the rest of the spots with youth from surrounding parishes. If you have a child who is in 8th grade or above who is interested, please contact Sam at 320-630-7590 or evwyouthministry@gmail.com .

Early Bulletin Deadlines In preparation for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the bulletin printing company is requesting these early bulletin deadlines:

- -The December 11 bulletin is due on December 5
- -The December 18 bulletin is due on December 9
- -The December 25 bulletin is due on December 15
- -The January 1 bulletin is due on December 22
- \*Please submit your announcements by noon on these days.

### JOIN US EACH SUNDAY THIS ADVENT! FAITH TALKS WITH "UNCLE FRED"

## "NO FINER TIME TO BE A FAITHFUL CATHOLIC"

Sunday, November 27th at Assumption, 2:00-3:30pm Topic: Prayer: The Key that Opens the Heart of God Sunday, December 4th at St. Anthony's, 2:00-3:30pm Topic: Eschatology: The Study of the End Times and the Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell

Sunday, December 11th at Assumption, 2:00-3:30pm Topic: Habits of Holiness: Spiritual Armor for Spiritual Warfare

Sunday, December 18th at St. Anthony's, 2:00-3:30pm Topic: Understanding the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Praying it with the Faith. Love and Fervor of the Saints.

#### 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. The next class will be November 27th after the 8 AM **Mass.** 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.

**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 to sign up.

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 December 10th at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's. Join us anytime, you don't need to attend every meeting to join in!

**Community Rosary Night/Potluck:** Friday, December 2nd at 6:00PM at St. Anthony's. We will start with the rosary in church with the potluck to follow! We will also have an Advent craft for anyone who wants to take part! **Assumption Knights of Columbus: The** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and Jennifer Gruenes.

#### **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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