



# Church of the Assumption

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# Church of St. Anthony



December 11th, 2022 • 3rd Sunday of Advent



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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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

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

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

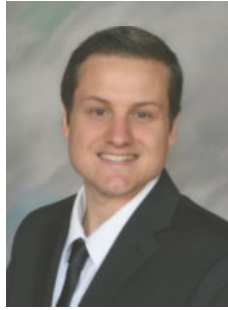
## A Message from Seminarian Dan

Greetings,

The end of the semester is quickly approaching. This means final papers, essays, and exams. It has been a very busy semester, and it will be nice to have this one behind me. The end of the semester will be a blessed time as I will be headed on pilgrimage; a pilgrimage to the Holy Land! From December 29th to January 20th my seminary class and three priests will be visiting the sites Our Lord and His first disciples lived, prayed, and ministered. This will truly be the trip of a lifetime! This will be a spiritual experience that I will carry with me the rest of my life and into my future ministry. I will certainly be bringing many prayer intentions with me. I will be praying for everyone back here in MN, and will gladly bring any special intentions along with me. You can tell me these in person or email them to: [rupr8827@stthomas.edu](mailto:rupr8827@stthomas.edu)

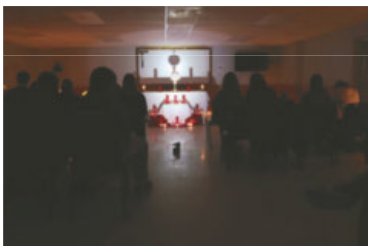
Please say a prayer for a successful completion of exams and for a good pilgrimage.

Peace and Blessings,  
Dan Ruprecht



## Successful 11th Grade Retreat!

Thank you for your prayers for our 11th grade Confirmation retreat. We had a great weekend at Camp Courage diving into our faith and prayer lives through relational ministry centered on the Sacraments!



## Twinned Parish News

**Advent Penance Service** There will be an Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 20th from 7-9 PM at St. Anthony's. There will be multiple priests available to hear confessions. Come join us in this Sacrament of God's healing grace and "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths"!

**7th Grade Parent Meeting** There will be a 7th grade parent meeting for Assumption & St. Anthony parents on Tuesday, December 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.

### Confirmation Class for 11th Grade

All 11th Graders, from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will meet at St. Anthony's for our next class on Wednesday, December 21st.

### 10th Grade Student & Parent Meeting

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

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve Mass:

4:00 PM at St. Anthony's  
Midnight at Assumption

#### Christmas Day Mass:

8:00 AM at St. Anthony's  
10:00 AM at Assumption



**Christmas Flowers Donations** If you would like to make a donation in the memory of a loved one to the Christmas Flowers Fund please use the form below. There is also an envelope in your envelopes packets for you to use. Thank you!

### Christmas Flowers

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: ☐ Assumption ☐ St. Anthony

\*Deadline: December 22 Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return by collection, mail or at either office.

## Assumption Parish News

### Mass Intentions

#### Wednesday, December 14:

5:15 PM Mass: †George N Ruhland

#### Friday, December 16:

7:00 AM Mass: † Joyce McCann

#### Saturday, December 17:

4:00 PM Mass: † David & Aniceta Lahr

#### Sunday, December 18:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

### Mass Ministries

#### **-Saturday, December 17, 4PM:**

**Lector:** Jeanne Schmitz

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Ron Ruhland

**Rosary Leader:** Rose Becker

**Hospitality:** Janet Binsfeld & Jerry Arnold

#### **-Sunday, December 18, 8AM:**

**Lector:** Tom Mathies

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Steve Ries

**Rosary Leader:** Knights of Columbus

**Homebound:** Marge Kuechle

**Hospitality:** Jenny Evens & Theresa Branstner

**Coffee & Rolls:** Knight of Columbus

### Financial Blessings

#### **December 4, 2022**

Adult Env 2298.00

Loose 374.00

Youth 0.00

Votive 71.10

**Total \$2743.10**

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2215



The Assumption Church is happy to welcome new members to our parish family! Please join us in welcoming **Jake & Shelby (Kuechle) Borman** and **Tim & Greta (Stommes) Lux** to the parish!

**Knight of Columbus Breakfast!** The Assumption Church Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, December 11th. Pancakes, sausage and hash browns are on the menu!

**Attention All Parishioners** There will be an Annual Assumption Guild Meeting on Sunday, December 11th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the church narthex. All parish members are welcome to attend. Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Assumption Guild are encouraged to attend. All input and opinions are welcome.

**Christmas Decorating** We will be decorating for Christmas after the 7AM Mass on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us, all volunteers are welcome!!

**Adoration Announcement** There is a open Adoration hour open from 6:00-7:00 a.m Friday morning. If interested in picking up that hour please call Rose Becker 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

### Traveling Chalice & Madonna

**AT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2012** Pope Benedict XVI reminded youth that "Joy is at the heart of Christian experience... The Church's vocation is to bring joy to the world, a joy that is authentic and enduring, the joy proclaimed by the angels to the shepherds on the night Jesus was born." Let us pray for many vocations of priests and religious as new men and women are called by our loving God who knows our needs. Sincere thanks to Mary Jo Ruhland of Assumption and a St. Anthony parishioner for faithful prayers for vocations this week.

### Puerto Rico Mission Trip Update & Fundraising Opportunities!

The Puerto Rico mission trip comes at a considerable cost to the participants and we can use your help! Please see below some opportunities to help us raise needed funds for the trip:

- Starting December 10th both parishes will have 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 with donating the number of dollars to either 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 Churches. Please consider donating in this simple and fun way!



- On December 18<sup>th</sup> the St. Anthony Parish will be providing ice candle luminaries at a free-will cost to support the mission trip. The candles are hand-crafted and are a great way to pray for a lost loved one over the holidays or add a decoration by your doorway outside for party guests. These will be available after the 10 am Mass.

- If anyone has any questions about still joining the mission trip or if you would like to support the mission trip in any way, please contact Sam at [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com)

## St. Anthony Parish News

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, December 13:

9:30 AM Mass: † Roger Kramer

#### Thursday, December 15:

8:30 AM Mass: † Carol Lou Fuchs

#### Sunday, December 18:

10:00 AM Mass: † Lloyd Ley &  
Lisa Heinen

### Mass Ministries

#### **Sunday, December 18, 10AM:**

**Lectors:** Tammy Winter & Amie Vetsch

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion:** Ruth Geislinger

**Mass Servers:** Miles Hesse & Zackary Heinen

**Children's Liturgy:** Donna & Holly

**Rosary Leader:** Ethel Donnay

**Hospitality:** Theresa Faber & Nettie Holtz

**Coffee & Rolls:** Mindy Heinen

### Financial Blessings

#### **December 4, 2022**

Adult Env	4890.00
Loose	206.51
Youth	6.00
Votive	67.90
Wkly Auto	770.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5940.01</b>

### Church Cleaners



Dec 4-17 : Chucky &  
Lori Unterberger, Sue  
Unterberger, Dave &  
Jolene Tschumperlin &  
Wayne Tschumperlin  
and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

### 2023 Cabin Fever Reliever \*Tickets are for sale now!

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. Thank you!

### Family Faith Formation

This Wednesday, December 14th, is Family Faith Formation at St. Anthony for K-6th graders and parents. Join us at 6pm for Sloppy Joes followed by class at roughly 6:30pm. We look forward to learning with you!

### Blood Drive

The holiday season is a time for giving. Giving the gift of blood can help people who are going through a tough time. You have the opportunity to donate blood on Tuesday, December 27 from 1-7 pm at the Red Cross Drive at St. Anthony's. To make an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or download the Blood Donor App.

### Knights of Columbus Thank You

Thank you the the St Damien Council of the Knights of Columbus for their recent donation from their summer burger stand of \$200 for ongoing religious education needs at the parish.

### Frozen Bouja Sale

The Catholic Order of Foresters have some left over frozen Bouja for sale for \$12 a gallon. Call Larry at 320-764-2965.

### 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.

## Capital Campaign Update



Church of St. Anthony  
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- Our first priority is to complete the exterior repairs on the church as soon as next year to prevent any possible damage to the structure, and the resulting potential for higher costs. **To accomplish that we need your financial commitment and the resulting contributions.**

- If you have received your folder, but have not responded, please return your decision as soon as possible, but no later than Christmas. Consider your financial support a gift to preserve our Lord's house. Your decision by Christmas ensures that you will benefit from year-end tax savings whether your support is an initial cash/check contribution, a stock or mutual fund gift, commodities, or a retirement distribution from your IRA account.

- As we begin the new year, the education/discussion sessions we have promised will be scheduled to discuss the proposed renovation of the church interior. This work will not begin until the fall of 2023 or early winter of 2024. This allows us the time to gather (as a church family) to prayerfully and thoughtfully determine a fitting way to preserve our church. Everyone is welcome to participate in these meetings. Thank you!

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**God's Girls** The next God's Girls meeting is Sunday, December 11 at St. Anthony's from 2-3:30! They will be reading a bible story and then doing Christmas crafts.

**Youth Nights** The next Sr. High night is Jan. 4th at St. Anthony and the next Jr. High night is Dec. 14th 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](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com).

**Mission Trip Update!** 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. Due to interest we have decreased our reserved spots and left just 5 spots remaining! If you are interested, please contact Sam at 320-630-7590 or [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto: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 was due on December 5
- The December 18 bulletin was 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, 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. 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 24th at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's.

**Community Rosary Night/Potluck:** Friday, January 6th 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.



REMEMBER  
in your prayers

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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