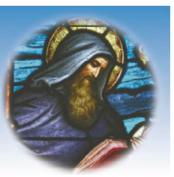


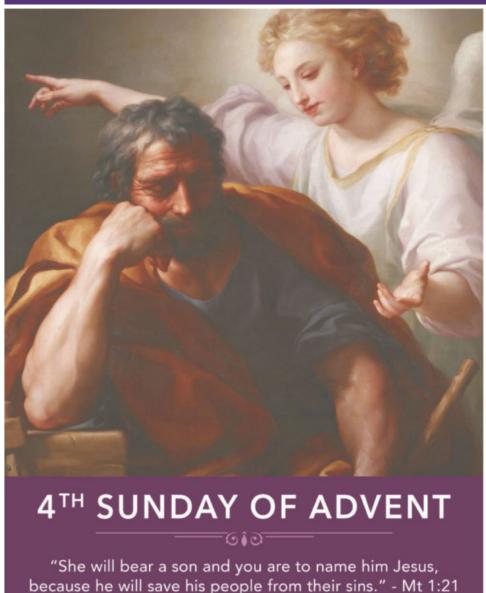
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Church of St. Anthony



December 18th, 2022 • 4th Sunday of Advent



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		
Sunday		

Reconciliation

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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A Message from Father Aaron Jesus Heals

Dear Friends,

As the Advent season is coming to a close and we continue to prepare for the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world as a little child, we may seek the healing of Jesus in our lives.

While the holiday season is an opportunity for us to gather, share and celebrate, at times it can bring anxiety, sadness and ongoing grief. Some people deal with serious general anxiety or depression. Others may feel a sense of sadness from a broken relationship, divorce or serious family conflict. While others may suffer the pains of abuse in their past, even abuse suffered in the Church. Still for many others, the holiday season brings with it the memory of the loss of a loved one who is no longer at the table. No matter what kind of pain one has, the cross they carry is real and can be extremely heavy around the holidays. However, the wound must be brought forward and not hidden. It must be tended to, so it can be healed.

The Christmas season is a recognition for all the people that God so loved the world that he sent his own Son to heal suffering souls and abide with them. "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." (Matt. 1:23) Jesus healed so many who were in need of his mercy. He came to liberate souls from the oppression of sin that manifests itself in division, addiction, emotional and psychological disorders, grief, gender dysphoria and many other wounds of the soul.

All people are likely in need of some sort of healing in their life. I can say for myself that I have known God's love through his healing in many moments of my life. But I am not done. I continue to drink from the well of Christ's healing mercy daily.

I encourage you to please seek out the healing of Jesus in whatever way you need. Please call me or speak to me after Mass if you would like to talk personally. Resources for counseling are also available if desired. Finally, the Sacrament of Confession is a wonderful source of healing and is offered at various times leading up to Christmas. I encourage all to seek Jesus' healing in the Sacrament of his mercy. It is my prayer that all find the healing of Jesus this Christmas and know a new freedom and peace of soul.

God bless you, Father Aaron

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"!

Extra Confession Times:

- -December 22nd @ 9:30 am at St. Anthony's
- -December 23rd @ 12 noon at Assumption
- -December 24th @ 3 pm at St. Anthony's

Wednesday Religion This Wednesday, Dec 21st, there will be class for 7th-10th graders at both Assumption and St. Anthony.

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.

10th Grade NET Retreat

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

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



In Memory of:
From: St. Anthony *Deadline: December 22 Amount: \$ Return by collection, mail or at either office.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 21: 5:15 PM Mass: † Art Lahr Friday, December 23:

7:00 AM Mass: † Clarence & Iverna Schwieters

Saturday, December 24:

Midnight Mass: † Kyle Becker, Randy Vossen and deceased members of the Bischof Family

Sunday, December 25: 10:00 AM Mass: † Viola Nistler

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, Dec 24, Midnight:

Lector: Jason Huschle
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Sheila Laudenbach

Hospitality: Michelle Brutger & Jamie Ries

Coffee & Rolls: TBD

-Sunday, December 25, 10AM:

Lector: Denise Nohner
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Steve Schmitt
Homebound: Tom & Mary Mathies
Hospitality: Mark Schoenecker &
Theresa Branster

Coffee & Rolls: TBD

Financial Blessings

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Christmas Decorating

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

Upcoming Mass Time Change

The daily Mass on Wednesday, December 28th, will be moved to 8:30 AM with confessions starting at 8:00AM.

Adoration Announcements

- -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.
- -The Adoration chapel will be closed on the 26th of December & on January 2nd, and will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.



Traveling Chalice & Madonna

PRAYER TO KNOW GOD'S WILL May it please the supreme and divine Goodness to give us all abundant grace ever to know His most holy will and perfectly to fulfill it. -St. Ignatius Loyola

As we continue to walk closer to the birth of Jesus, let us daily offer our desire to know, love, and share his everlasting love. Thank you to Rose Becker 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:

- We currently have 28 people registered and just 5 spots left! 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.
- Both this weekend and last, each parish had 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. Please consider donating in this simple and fun way!



• On December 18th St. Anthony's 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.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 20:

9:30 AM Mass: Elaine &

† Lawrence Johnson

Thursday, December 22: 8:30 AM Mass: † Jane Vossen

Saturday, December 24:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, December 25:

8:00 AM Mass: † Donna Dockendorf

Mass Ministries

Saturday, December 24, 4 PM:

Lectors: Kelly Meierhofer & Chad Dockendorf

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresia Linn **Mass Servers:** Eddie & Emily Kramer

& Charlie Teicher **Hospitality:** Lori Unterberger &

Jessie Teicher

Coffee & Cookies: Norb & Michelle

Kramer Family

Sunday, December 25, 8AM:

Lectors: Jessie Teicher & Heidi Schoenecker

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jessica Lorentz Mass Servers: Avery & Gavin Schmitt Children's Liturgy: Heidi & Erin Hospitality: Eric & Kaila Schmitt

Coffee & Cookies: TBD

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Church Cleaners

December 18-31: Dan & Heather Twardy, Chad & Jen Unterberger, Doreen Unterberger, Tracy Unterberger and Jason & Melody Unterberger 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!

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 or download the Blood Donor App.

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.



Christmas Book from Father Aaron:

Living Joy by Chris Stefanick

Joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity. But how do we find joy—and hold onto it—when so much in our life stands in the way? Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day equips you with the wisdom you need to experience joy to the fullest. With evidence, experience, and common sense, Chris Stefanick presents nine rules that will empower you to overcome the obstacles that are keeping you from unspeakable joy. *Find your copy today in either church!

Capital Campaign Update



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Thank you to those who have picked up their personalized folder and who have returned their decision to help us repair the exterior and renovate the interior of our historic church.

If you have received your folder, but have not responded, please return your decision as soon as possible. Your decision, received no later than Friday December 30, 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.

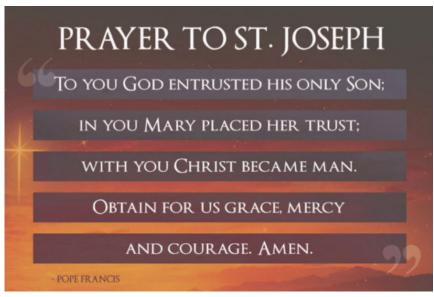
Watch for an update on our financial progress in the bulletin and in a visual display in the church entrance. Thank you.



Youth Nights The next Sr. High night is Jan. 4th at St. Anthony and the next Jr. High night is Jan 11th 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 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.



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 25 bulletin was 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 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.

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. We will not meet on December 24.

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 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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