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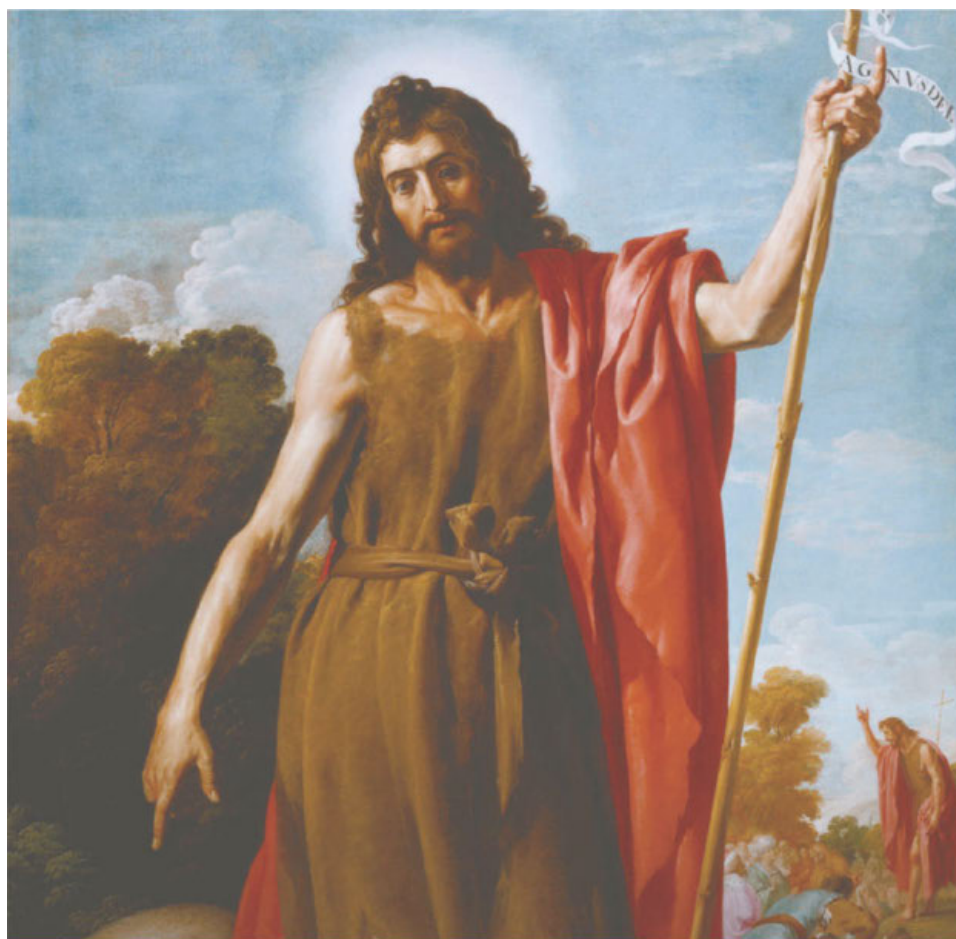
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Church of St. Anthony



December 4th, 2022 • 2nd Sunday of Advent



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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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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Twinned Parish Contacts

Pastor	Father Aaron Nett
Secretary	Jessica Teicher
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Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron

Keeping Focus

Dear Friends,

This Second Sunday of Advent St. John the Baptist cries out, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" John the Baptist passionately cried out as the *voice of the one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord!* The Baptist had zeal for souls that drove him to tell everyone about Jesus, even if they didn't want to hear about him. He knew that the central focus of the mission of the Gospel was to bring souls to conversion in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. John the Baptist kept his focus on Christ, and this is what Advent helps us to do as well.

If you have not made your resolutions for Advent yet, it is not too late to make them and put them into practice. If you have fallen in keeping your resolutions for Advent, don't lose heart or get discouraged. Today is a new day and a great time to begin again. Let us keep our focus on Christ this Advent!

Why do we use Latin at Mass?

In the season of Advent we sing the Latin Mass parts in the *Santus* and the *Agnus Dei*. Is this just because we are trying to go back to the past? No. It is not. Latin is considered the official language of the Church. In the church documents of the II Vatican Council it states that Latin should have a "pride of place" in the liturgy. Latin also helps us to remember the heritage of our Catholic family, as so many Saints and men and women who have gone before us prayed in Latin. Remembering the past and honoring the heritage of a family is very important and even necessary at times so that we can learn from the past. Also, Latin is a unifying language that unites brothers and sisters in Faith around the world in the same tongue. Latin also often has a beautiful tone to the songs that cannot be repeated in another language.

St. Pope Paul VI said, "The Latin language is assuredly worthy of being defended with great care instead of being scorned; for the Latin Church it is the most abundant source of Christian civilization and the richest treasury of piety... we must not hold in low esteem these traditions of your fathers which were your glory for centuries."

May God continue to bless your Advent journey!

In Christ,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Immaculate Conception This week on Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We will be having Mass at Assumption at 5PM and at St. Anthony's at 7PM. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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!

Young Adult Night There will be an Advent Young Adult Night on Friday, December 9th at 6PM at the St. Anthony rectory in Watkins. This will be a potluck, please bring a dish or snack to share.

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



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From: _____

Parish: ☐ Assumption ☐ St. Anthony

*Deadline: December 22 Amount: \$ _____

Return by collection, mail or at either office.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 7:

5:15 PM Mass: † Dorothy Ruhland

Thursday, December 8:

5:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Friday, December 9:

7:00 AM Mass: † Deanna Klaphake

Saturday, December 10:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, December 11:

8:00 AM Mass: † James Bischof

Mass Ministries

-Thursday, December 8, 5PM:

Lector: John Paul Mead

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jenny Evens

Hospitality: Mark Schoenecker
& Bonnie Meyer

-Saturday, December 10, 4PM:

Lector: Shelley Kern

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jody Bauer

Rosary Leader: Bertie Weinmann

Hospitality: Ron & Ursula Ruhland

-Sunday, December 11, 8AM:

Lector: Sarah Kneip

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sharon Schettler

Rosary Leader: Mead Family

Homebound: Donna Bischof

Hospitality: Jenni & Amber Scherer

Coffee & Rolls: Ken & Barb Nistler

Financial Blessings

	11/20/22	11/27/22
Adult Env	1612.00	4839.00
Loose	126.00	191.73
Youth	0.00	0.00
Votive	34.00	48.30
Total	\$1772.00	\$5079.03

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2215

Bazaar Letter YTD: \$17,485



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 Next Sunday! 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.

Family Faith Formation This Wednesday, December 7th, is Family Faith Formation at Assumption 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!

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.

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

HOLINESS is a challenge for all of us, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint. Thank you to Edith Fink of Assumption and a St. Anthony parishioner who are prayer partners for the week. May God bless you for your continued prayer for vocations!

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.

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, December 6:

9:30 AM Mass: † Fran Meierhofer

Thursday, December 8:

7:00 PM Mass: † Gerald Geislinger

Sunday, December 11:

10:00 AM Mass: † Gabriel Elias

Mass Ministries

Thursday, December 8, 7PM:

Lectors: Michelle Kramer
& Heidi Schoenecker

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Ethel Donnay

Mass Servers: Anna & Isaac Kramer

Hospitality: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse

Sunday, December 11, 10AM:

Lectors: Alan Bear & Andy Hesse

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresa Faber

Mass Servers: Cambel Hesse & Finn Lorentz

Children's Liturgy: Amanda & Misty

Rosary Leader: Lori Dockendorf

Hospitality: Lori Unterberger & Jessie Teicher

Coffee & Rolls: Pikula Family

Financial Blessings

	11/20/22	11/27/22
Adult Env	1005.00	2530.00
Loose	704.00	556.00
Youth	7.00	0.00
Votive	68.00	65.25
Wkly Auto	720.00	770.00
Total	\$2504.00	\$3556.00

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REST IN PEACE

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of:

† Ralph Kramer, 91, who passed away on November 20th. A funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's on November 26th. Please remember Ralph and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

2023 Cabin Fever Reliever *Tickets go on sale next Sunday!

Our next Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 11th. Tickets go on sale next Sunday 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!

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.

CCW Christmas Party Come join us on December 6th @ 7pm in the social hall for or Christmas party. There will be a short meeting followed by a light lunch, fun & games. We will also collecting the Christmas gifts for Pro-Works. Hope to see you there, Kathy Erpelding, CCW co-president.

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 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.

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



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to Bishop Zielinski's
Advent Reflections
www.dnu.org

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 Dec. 7th 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.

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 as soon as possible!



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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, 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. 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!

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

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