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Church of St. Anthony



February 12, 2023 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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

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Secretary	Jessica Teicher
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Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron



The Slaughter of the Innocent in Minnesota

Dear Friends,

We have a great need to pray, fast and do penance in our state of Minnesota after the latest brutal attack on the unborn. On January 31st, just several days ago, Gov. Tim Walz signed into law the Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act to enshrine in state statute a "fundamental right" to abortion without limits or safeguards. The bill had passed the House and Senate by narrow margins after DFL leaders quickly pushed it through the legislature in the opening weeks of the session.

The Catechism of the Church states, "Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God." This law breaks through to a new level of evil and injustice for humanity. It is beyond sad to say that our own state of Minnesota is a state in which so many innocent God-given babies have been and will be slaughtered in such a way and number.

"The PRO Act means a right to abort any baby for any reason at any time up to birth. It means that the elective killing of a human being in utero is perfectly legal even in the third trimester of pregnancy, when the child can feel excruciating pain and could live outside the womb. It means that parents have no right to know when their teenage daughter has been taken to undergo an abortion," said MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. "Gov. Walz's absolutist abortion policy puts Minnesota in the company of just a small handful of countries around the world, including North Korea and China. It is extreme, inhumane, and harmful to women and children who deserve so much better."

There is always a reason for hope, and we must never give in to despair! "...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) Through God's love and power we will continue to stand up and fight for the most innocent and the mothers seeking help. We must each take action and stand up that this great human injustice would end and that all of God's people would be seen in his image and likeness.

Please join me in praying, fasting and doing penance for the unborn. Also, see other ways to be involved in the bulletin.

In Christ our Hope,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Thank You for Supporting the Youth

Thank you for placing your Sub Sandwich Order. Orders will be ready for pick up on Sunday, February 12th at the time and place specified on your order. If you have questions call 453-5765 or email evwcatholic@gmail.com.

Mardi Gras Potluck It's hard to believe, but Lent is right around the corner! Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") is the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Traditionally, Mardi Gras was a time to eat up all the foods that will spoil during Lent. In England, the day has been celebrated with pancakes (which use eggs, milk and sugar — items our ancestors would have foregone during Lent), while in some areas of Germany the Lenten discipline applied to strong drink as well, so the day before Ash Wednesday became a time for special revelry. Join us at St. Anthony's on Tuesday, February 21st at 6PM for a potluck and fellowship. We will have lemonade, water, coffee and (oddly enough) pancakes! Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks if you choose to indulge before Lent begins! Please also bring cards and games to play. A food shelf item or two would also be appreciated!

Ash Wednesday Masses, Feb 22

5:00 PM at Assumption

7:00 PM at St. Anthony's

Confirmation Class for 11th Grade

This Wednesday, Feb 15th, all 11th graders and parents, from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will have class at Assumption from 6:30-8pm.

Wednesday Religion This Wednesday, Feb 15th, there will be class for 7th-10th graders at both Assumption and St. Anthony.

Magnificat Subscriptions It's time to renew/cancel/add your Magnificat Subscriptions again for the next year. The cost will depend on how many subscription we order, but will be between \$35-39. Please contact either office or put a note in the collection if you would like to renew, cancel or add a new subscription. Please don't send your payment yet. Deadline is February 15th.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 15:

5:15 PM Mass: † Jeanette Kidd

Friday, February 17:

7:00 AM Mass: † Jim & Mary Sieben

Saturday, February 18:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, February 19:

8:00 AM Mass: † Mike & Eileen
Dockendorf

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, February 18, 4PM:

Lector: Jason Huschle

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Dean Lemke

Rosary: Perry Lemke

Hospitality: Jamie Ries & Jerry Arnold

-Sunday, February 19, 8:00 AM:

Lector: Denise Nohner

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Tom Mathies

Rosary: Knights of Columbus

Homebound: Tom & Mary Mathies

Hospitality: Jenni & Amber Scherer

Coffee & Rolls: Knights of Columbus

Financial Blessings

February 5, 2023

Adult Env 2120.00

Loose 264.25


Votive 25.00

Total \$2409.25

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

Adoration Open Hours We have two open hours for adoration: every other Tuesday morning from 1-2 a.m. and Fridays at 12:00-1:00 p.m. If interested please call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Save the Date!! Upcoming Lenten Parish Mission Looking to grow in your life of prayer? Are you desiring to grow in your ability to share the love of Christ with others? Come join us for our Lenten Mission March 10-12th with guest speaker Father Boniface Hicks, OSB. Fr. Boniface is a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey and a Catholic priest. He co-authored the book *Personal Prayer: A Guide for Receiving the Father's Love* and will guide our parish to know more about the practice of prayer and our call to mission in our faith. Father Boniface serves as Dir. for Spiritual Formation for St Vincent Seminary and Director of the Institute for Ministry Formation at St Vincent Seminary. He is the Programming Manager and On Air Host of We Are One Body® Catholic radio (WAOB®). Presentations will take place Friday and Saturday evening, and will include special daytime sessions on Saturday. Our parish mission will conclude with Mass on Sunday with Fr. Boniface as homilist.

40 Days For Life Lenten Campaign
FEB 22-APR 2, 2023. FASTING,  40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
PEACEFUL PRAYER, VIGIL and
COMMUNITY OUTREACH. We invite you to participate by doing vigil with us at the St Cloud Planned Parenthood facility. WE walk/stand on the public sidewalk in front of the building and PEACEFULLY PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION. For the 40 Days of Lent on Mon-Fri from 7am-7pm. We strive for at least 2 people on the sidewalk during each of those hours. Please contact Judy Haag at 320-453-7592 or judy4life@meltel.net for more information or to sign up for a prayer hour.

Please pray for our new bishop! Bishop-elect Patrick Neary's episcopal ordination Mass will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Because of limited capacity, entry to the ordination Mass is by invitation only. Vespers will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, also at the cathedral. A reception will follow in the cathedral's lower church. The Vespers service is open to all. Both events will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Saint Cloud's YouTube channel.

Traveling Chalice & Madonna Richmond Native professing first vows with Franciscan Order in Ohio As a student at ROCORI high school on Cold Spring, Toni Schlangen was an athlete. She participated in cross country, basketball and Lacrosse. She was interested in wellness and fitness. Her dream job was to be a personal trainer but all that changed when she had a powerful encounter with the Lord, she said. She was running home from her church -Sts Peter and Paul's in Richmond- one day and, in the last quarter of her run, she began to sprint and sing praise and worship songs in her head. "I ran into the Father's arms and tangibly felt his love," she said. Toni, who is now Sister Bridget, recalls that moment of grace transforming her. Her faith deepened during high school, but she didn't consider religious life until she was attending Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. This is a beautiful "real story" how God touches those through the Holy Spirit to consider the call of God.

Thank you to friends that will pray for Sister Bridget as she continues formation in her love and faithfulness to the Lord. Thanks to Janet Binsfeld and family of Assumption and Jay & Heidi Schoenecker of St. Anthony for many prayers in her path to holiness.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 14:

9:30 AM Mass: † Joe & Cecelia Ruhland

Thursday, February 16:

8:30 AM Mass: † Jack Werner

Sunday, February 19:

10:00 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

Mass Ministries

Sunday, February 19, 10 AM:

Lectors: Jessie Teicher & Michelle Kramer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Jessica Lorentz

Mass Servers: Avery & Gavin Schmitt

Children's Liturgy: Heidi & Erin

Rosary: Sharon Simmons

Hospitality: Jessie Teicher & Amanda Manuel

Coffee & Rolls: Ethel Donnay &

Norene Schlagen

Financial Blessings

February 5, 2023

Adult Env	2395.00
Loose	231.50
Youth	6.00
Votive	66.50
Wkly Auto	730.00
Total	\$3429.00

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REST IN PEACE

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

† Joseph Nistler who passed away on February 5th. A Mass of Christian burial was held on February 10th. Please remember Joe and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

Fish Fry Meeting This year's fish fry is set for Friday, March 31st and it's time to start planning! If you would like to help with the planning, we'd appreciate your help! There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 5:30 PM at St. Anthony's. Please come with your input and ideas!

Church Greeters Needed! Having people feel welcome at the parish can really make difference in them feeling comfortable coming to Mass! You can make a difference! We are looking for more people to help greet parishioners & guests before & after Mass. Contact the office if interested.

Frozen Soup & Bouja Sale There is left over frozen soup and bouja for sale for \$12 a pail. Contact Larry Flaschenriem at 764-2965 if interested. The Foresters could also use ice cream pails and covers!

Church Project Prayer Ministry Prayer is an important part to any venture, including church projects! If you would like to help pray for the church project in a special, more intentioned way contact Heidi Schoenecker (250-1091) or the parish office.

Women's Day of Reflection The CCW invites you to attend a Women's Day of Reflection at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm on February 18th, 8AM-3PM. The day includes 8AM Mass, breakfast, lunch, talks, times of prayer and fellowship. This is offered by the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus and the cost is a good will offering. Contact Kathy Erpelding at 764-9303 by Feb. 15th to attend and carpool.

Return: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer & Meditation

Fr. John Burns uses the opening prayer of each day's Mass as a starting point for your meditations through the forty days leading up to Easter Sunday. He also focuses on the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which come together as our sacred penance during this solemn season, and ultimately lead us to heaven. Weekly companion videos will also be available online & our parish app. There are a limited number of these books available at the parishes (\$11). Feel free to complete this on your own or participate as a group. Stayed tuned for more details. Let the parish office know if you are interested in a copy.

Church Project Update Church Interior Design Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on February 5th and filled out a feedback form regarding the upcoming church project. Your opinion is valued and appreciated. The rendering committee will be next meeting on February 14th to go over the results of the meeting and start formulating a plan to move forward. Members of this committee include: Theresa Faber, Deacon Phil Henneman, Rich Hesse, Kathy Kramer, Norb Kramer, Cindy Kuechle, and Bill Lorentz (Chair). If you missed this meeting a copy of the presentation and video shown can be found the parish website.

YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Girls Our next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 26 at St. Anthony from 2-3:30. We will read a bible story and play some trivia.

Youth Nights The next Sr. High night is Mar 1st at St. Anthony & the next Jr. High night is Mar 8th 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.

Youth Night Recap Our last youth night on February 1st was the most successful of the year! We had about 35 9th-12th graders come to St. Anthony for a mini-getaway from their busy lives. We provided a simple meal of hot ham sandwiches, chips, apples, and bars. Then, we played an interactive game where individuals tried to stomp out balloons that were tied to others' ankles. I gave a small talk to prepare the teens for Adoration. Then we spent 45 minutes adoring the Lord with the help of a musician (friend from college) who played guitar and sang. What impressed me the most was the amount of new faces that I saw. I have a hunch one or two of those faces were students who didn't belong to our parishes or weren't even Catholic, and they came through the power of invitation. Please praise our students when you see them for going to Mass. Our students need your encouragement and prayers. If you feel called to help out at youth nights in any capacity, please email me. -Thank you, Sam

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.

Be a Part of the Puerto Rico Mission!

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 donate 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!

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.

Christian Mothers' Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month. 7:30-8:00 in the adoration chapel; 8-9 downstairs in the faith formation classroom.

Women's Group: 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's.

Community Rosary Night/Potluck: Join us for the next rosary night on Friday, March 3rd at the Cass & Amanda McCabe Residence (20477 HWY 23 NE, New London, 56273). Starting at 6PM.

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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