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Church of St. Anthony



February 19, 2023 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

"Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian". - Mt 5, 44

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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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Assumption Church

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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

Children of Your Heavenly Father



Dear Friends,

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children

of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." (Matt. 5:43-45)

Forgiving those who have offended us can be one of the most challenging aspects of our Faith. Sometimes the wounds inflicted upon us are deep and the memories are difficult to overcome. Jesus is present to us in the pain and sufferings we endure and he pledges his faithfulness to us at all times, most especially in times of suffering. "Come to me all who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) Through our trust in the mercy and grace of Jesus, we bring our wounds to him and can be healed and restored. Through the restoring grace of Jesus, which rebuilds our spirit, we can have a new perspective and an ability to grant forgiveness and mercy to others. Trusting in God with our deep wounds helps us to receive the Father's love and mercy for us, and in turn, helps us to give his love and mercy to others. In this exchange of love, we realize in a deeper way, that we truly are children of the heavenly Father.

Notes:

-I would like to thank the committee and all who helped put on the "Dueling Pianos" fundraiser last Saturday evening at St. Anthony's. It is always a fun and uplifting night of singing, laughter and great entertainment.

-A special thanks to Bonnie Meyer and all who volunteered for and supported the Super Bowl Sub fundraiser. The Super Bowl was great, but not as good as the subs were! It is always great to see people working together with smiles on their faces.

-Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, believe it or not! For guidance in your Lenten journey see the different opportunities offered in the bulletin that will help strengthen your faith and walk with our Lord. May God bless all of us this Lent and make our hearts like his.

God Bless You,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

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, February 22

5:00 PM at Assumption

7:00 PM at St. Anthony's

Stations of the Cross There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 PM during Lent that will alternate between the two parishes each week. The February 24th Stations will be at Assumption and the following week will be at St. Anthony's.

No Wednesday Religion This Wednesday, Feb 22nd, there will be no religious ed classes due to it being Ash Wednesday. Please attend Mass as a family.

St. Joseph Consecration, Feb 15-Mar 19

St. Joseph Consecration starting on February 15th. To meet on Saturday mornings, 9-10AM at Assumption. Contact Molly Zimmerman or the office if interested. It's not too late to join in!

Social Concerns Interest Do you enjoy helping others? Do you have concerns for the poor? Would you like to serve Jesus in the hungry, thirsty or the stranger? The parishes are looking to form a social concerns committee to help meet the spiritual and corporal needs of our parishioners and communities. If you are interested contact the office or talk to Father.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 22:

5:00 PM Mass: † Judy Ruhland McCann

Friday, February 24:

7:00 AM Mass: † Roman J Rossmeisl

Saturday, February 25:

4:00 PM Mass: † Leonard &
Burgetta Nistler

Sunday, February 26:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Wednesday, February 22, 5PM:

Lector: Shelley Kern

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Donna Bischof

Hospitality: Dan & Kim Mead

-Saturday, February 25, 4PM:

Lector: Deb Huschle

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jody Bauer

Rosary: Joe Loch

Hospitality: Jerry Arnold &
Molly Zimmerman

-Sunday, February 26, 8:00 AM:

Lector: Tom Mathies

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jenny Evens

Rosary: Lorraine Vivier

Homebound: Rita Haan

Hospitality: Jenny Evens &
Theresa Branstner

Financial Blessings

February 12, 2023

Adult Env 2210.00

Loose 70.92

Votive 46.25

Total \$2737.17

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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for your generosity

Assumption Lost & Found Just a reminder that Assumption's "lost and found" is located in the downstairs coat room by the bathrooms. If you've lost anything recently, check it out!

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, 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 info or to sign up for a prayer hour.

United for Life is a pro-life advocacy day at the Minnesota State Capitol on Tuesday, February 28. Bringing together pro-life Minnesotans, organizations, and church bodies from across the state to stand up for life. The day will consist of a rally in the Capitol Rotunda, educational opportunities, and meetings with your state representatives. It is now more important than ever to UNITE and make the pro-life message heard in Minnesota. More info can be found here: <https://unitedforlifemn.org/>

✝ Please continue to pray for our new bishop, Bishop Patrick Neary who was ordained last week! Please pray for him in a special way as he takes on this new role as the shepherd of our diocese.

Traveling Chalice & Madonna Richmond Native professing first vows with Franciscan Order in Ohio As a student at ROCORI high school in Cold Spring, Toni Schlangen was an athlete. 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. Toni, who is now Sister Bridget, recalls that 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 Mary Jo Ruhland of Assumption and Josh & Lisa Pikula of St. Anthony for many prayers in her path to holiness.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 21:

9:30 AM Mass: † Adam Schlangen

Wednesday, February 22:

7:00 PM Mass: † Gerald Schreder

Thursday, February 23:

8:30 AM Mass: † Roland Schmidt

Sunday, February 26:

10:00 AM Mass: † Rose Imholte

Mass Ministries

Wednesday, February 22, 7PM:

Lectors: Tammy Winter & Andy Hesse

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Emily Piccerillo

Mass Servers: Charlie Teicher & TBD

Hospitality: Marv & Janet Soldner

Sunday, February 26, 10 AM:

Lectors: Alan Bear & Heidi Schoenecker

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Lori Unterberger

Mass Servers: Emma & Elizabeth Donnay

Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Rose

Rosary: Lori Dockendorf

Hospitality: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse

Coffee & Rolls: Emily Donnay

Financial Blessings

February 12, 2023

Adult Env	1135.00
Loose	175.00
Youth	6.00
Votive	111.70
Wkly Auto	730.00
Total	\$2157.00

Church Cleaners



Feb 12-25: Ron & Nancy Yanish, Cat Zadra, Gene & Sherri Asfeld and Ken & Tami Asfeld and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

Thrift Store

Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm

*Closed during funerals

Parish App!

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Cabin Fever Reliever Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered at, donated to or helped plan this year's Cabin Fever Reliever. It was a great event and it's always so nice to see everyone come together to make it a success! The results will be posted once all the bills are paid; hopefully by next weekend.

Second Collection for Catholic Schools Next Weekend

Next weekend (February 26th) we will be having a second collection to go towards Catholic schools in the diocese. If you miss this collection, you can still give. Just mark your envelope "Catholic Schools".

CCW Dues Envelopes

Before the Masses on Sunday Feb. 26 and March 5 we will be handing out the CCW dues envelopes as you come into church. Thank you for supporting CCW and our projects. Kathy Erpelding, Co-president

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!

Scholarship News

The New Ulm Diocesan Scholarship program has money available for scholarships for people involved in any parish ministry, such as musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Religious Ed teachers or anyone wanting to better themselves spiritually. You must be 18 years of age or older to apply. The deadline for applying, it must be received by March 1, 2023. Each application needs 2 signatures. It must be signed by: Fr. Aaron and either Rachel Kinzer, (Scholarship Coordinator) or Kathy Erpelding, (CCW president). The scholarship is for tuition or registration fees only. Scholarships cannot be used for books, materials, lodging, travel or meals. The maximum amount you can apply for is \$200.00. The recipient must be Catholic and a member of a parish in the New Ulm Diocese. If you went to a workshop or seminar since May, 2022 and have your receipt for it you can apply for a scholarship to be reimbursed. On the back of the scholarship form is the information as where to send the application or you can give it to Rachel. The Scholarship Award letters will be sent out as soon as possible after the NUDCCW convention in April with instructions on what the recipient needs to provide for the scholarship reimbursement. ***Our parish CCW(Council of Catholic Women) offers scholarships also. You must be a member of our parish to apply for these scholarships. The maximum for a CCW Scholarship is \$50.00 The forms for both St. Anthony Parish and the Diocesan Scholarships are in the back of church or you can contact me, Rachel Kinzer at 764-2784. Please call if you have any questions about scholarships.

YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Girls Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 26th at St. Anthony's 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.

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 fill all of the envelopes!

Upcoming KC Breakfast for the Youth The Knights of the St. Damien Council will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, March 12th at the Church of St. Anthony to benefit local religious education programs. Stop in anytime from 8:30am-12:30pm to enjoy pancakes, sausage, and much more! Free will donations are welcome. The Knights are asking for muffin donations from parishioners. Whether they are store bought or homemade, this is an easy way to further contribute to this community event. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com if you are able to bring muffins.

Save the Date for our Parish Fish Fries!
March 24th at Assumption
March 31st at St. Anthony's

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, Larry Flaschenriem and Patrice Canfield.

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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