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Church of St. Anthony



February 26, 2023 • 1st Sunday of Lent



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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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Sunday.....10:00 AM

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Twinned Parish Contacts

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

A Message from Father Aaron



The Benefits of Fasting

Dear Friends,

In this First Week of Lent we hear the familiar Gospel from Matthew about Jesus being driven by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. During this time, "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." (Matt 4:2) Christ's example of prayer and fasting for forty days is the model for the season of Lent in which we also focus more intently on the spiritual practices of; prayer, fasting and almsgiving, three pillars of the spiritual life. Fasting marks so many other aspects of life in the Scriptures as well. Whenever the people of Israel begin a journey, they are to fast so that they may rely on God's strength, rather than their own, for the completion of the journey.

Today, the practice of fasting seems to be the least popular and yet it seems to be needed greatly in the times we live in. I can personally say that fasting is the most difficult for me. I like eating! However, taking up the practice of at least some regular fasting during Lent will be of great benefit for our spiritual life and can bring more power to our prayers.

St Augustine said, "Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself."

Fasting can also help us to be more outwardly focused. Pope Benedict XVI stated, "voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and goes to the help of his suffering brother." We give of our surplus so that those in need may experience the providence of God.

There are different forms of fasting and each person must fast in a way that is appropriate to their lifestyle, activity level and health condition. A "catholic fast" for a day is considered to be; one full meal and two partial meals that do not equal a full meal. Of course this is subject to each person. Fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays are two traditional days of fasting, especially in the season of Lent.

May God bring good fruit to our Lenten disciplines, of prayer, fasting and almsgiving!

God bless you,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

No Tuesday Mass There will no daily Mass this Tuesday, February 28th.

Stations of the Cross There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. The March 3rd stations will be at St. Anthony's at 6:00 PM and the following week on March 10th stations will be at 4:30 PM also at St. Anthony's due to the Lenten Mission.

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.



Learn More About fasting!

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/best-kind-of-fasting-9831>

<https://catholicworldmission.org/tips-for-fasting/>

<https://catholicgentleman.com/2014/04/spiritual-weapons-fasting/>

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 1:

5:15 PM Mass: † Paul & Margie Kerzman

Friday, March 3:

7:00 AM Mass: † Lori Crozon

Saturday, March 4:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, March 5:

8:00 AM Mass: † Wilfred Willenbring

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, March 4, 4:00 PM:

Lector: Lona Brutger

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Deb Huschle

Rosary: Deb Huschle

Hospitality: Molly Zimmerman & Joel Braun

-Sunday, March 5, 8:00 AM:

Lector: Steve Schmitt

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Denise Nohner

Rosary: Cyrilla Nohner

Homebound: Sherri Ziegler

Hospitality: Jim & Linda Thielen

Coffee & Rolls: TBD

Financial Blessings

February 19, 2023

Adult Env	4892.00
Loose	275.11
Votive	86.25
Total	\$5253.36

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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PSALM 51



Family Faith Formation This Wednesday, March 1st, is Family Faith Formation at Assumption for K-6th graders and parents. Join us at 6pm for dinner followed by class at roughly 6:30pm. We look forward to learning with you!

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal This is Announcement Weekend for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

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 10-15th at St. Anthony's and Assumption with guest speaker Father Boniface Hicks, OSB. Presentations will take place Friday and Saturday evening, and will include special daytime sessions on Saturday and Masses on Sunday with Fr. Boniface as homilist. The mission will also include a few extra "bonus days" with Kristin Molitor leading a Women's Session on Monday evening and two sessions of discipleship training on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Too many details to list! Please see the parishes' websites and Facebook page for more information.

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.

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 participated in cross country, basketball, softball and lacrosse. She was interested in wellness and fitness. Her dream job was to be a personal trainer. This is a beautiful "real story" how God touches those through the Holy Spirit to consider the call of God. Thank you to Bertie Weinmann of Assumption and Ethel Donnay of St. Anthony's who will pray for Sister Bridget and her vocation. Many thanks to you for Vocation Prayers.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 28:

No Mass

Thursday, March 2:

8:30 AM Mass: CCW Members

Sunday, March 5:

10:00 AM Mass: † Mary Kay Kielty

Mass Ministries

Sunday, March 5, 10 AM:

Lectors: Kelly Meierhofer & Chad Dockendorf

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Lori Dockendorf

Mass Servers: Henry & George Landwehr

Children's Liturgy: Amanda & Misty

Rosary: Ethel Donnay

Hospitality: Emily Piccerillo & Theresa Faber

Coffee & Rolls: Teicher Family

Stations: (March 3) Ellie & Timmy Donnay

Financial Blessings

February 19, 2023

Adult Env	6845.00
Loose	410.00
Youth	6.00
Votive	61.75
Wkly Auto	740.00
Total	\$8062.75

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 years' Cabin Fever Reliever. It was a great event and it's always so nice to see everyone come together to make it a success! This event has raised \$19,859.94 for the church improvements!

Second Collection for Catholic Schools

This weekend (February 26th) we will had a second collection to go towards Catholic schools in the diocese. If you missed 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!

United for Life – Pro-Life Advocacy Day –

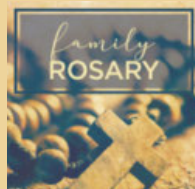
February 28, 2023 – Make your voice heard!

Join Bishop Zielinski for the pro-life advocacy day, United for Life, at the Minnesota State Capital on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The event is free and will give you the opportunity to join Minnesotans, organizations and church bodies from across the state to hear educational and inspiring speakers, as well as meet with your state representatives to advocate for the fundamental rights of all human beings from conception to natural death. Now more than ever our pro-life message as the Diocese of New Ulm needs to be heard in Minnesota. We encourage everyone to be a part of this diocesan effort. Free bussing is being provided throughout the diocese in most AFCs. Go to dnu.org/united-forlife to register for the United for Life event as well as the free bussing option. You will find a list of the bus routes on the registration page. Joe Loch will provide a ride to Litchfield for those who need it (763-438-8362). You can also contact Judy Haag with questions at 320-453-7592 or judy4life@meltel.net.



Please Welcome
OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Church of St. Anthony is happy to welcome new members to our parish family! Please join us in welcoming **Tom & Lisa Cox** to the parish!



Community Rosary and Potluck Join us on Friday, February 3rd @ 6:00 PM at the Cass & Amanda McCabe Residence (20477 HWY 23 NE, New London, 56273. Bring the family and a dish to share. The entire family and individuals of all ages are invited!

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 Sunday of each month at 7PM 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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