



# Church of the Assumption

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# Church of St. Anthony



February 5, 2023 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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  
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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

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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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## A Gospel Meditation

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable.

Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

— Father John Muir



## Twinned Parish News

**Mass Time Switch Next Weekend!** The weekend Masses on February 11 & 12 will be as follows: 4PM at St. Anthony's and 8 & 10 AM at Assumption. This is due to the Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser at St. Anthony's on the 11th.

**Andrew Dinner** Dinner with Bishop Kettler (and Bishop-elect Neary!) on February 9th at 6:00PM for 9th-12th grade young men who are possibly considering a vocation to the priesthood. Contact Father Aaron if you are interested or know someone who might be.

**Year End Giving Statements** Your 2022 year end giving statements have been mailed out. Contact the office with questions.

**Parish App!** Have you downloaded the new parish app on your phone yet?! Get it today to help connect you to the parishes via easy access to the bulletin, instant notifications, calendar access and much more! Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for "myparish".



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## Family Tubing Day



Feb 26th, 2023 from 12-2pm

- At Powder Ridge in Kimball
- Age four and up welcome
- Cost is \$10 per person, please bring payment with you or you may pay ahead of time.
- Concessions available on site for purchase
- RSVP to Sam by Feb. 10th to ensure we have enough people going to get the group rate.

Contact Sam at [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) with questions

# Assumption Parish News

## Mass Intentions

### Wednesday, February 8:

5:15 PM Mass: † Allen Babcock

### Friday, February 10:

7:00 AM Mass: † Jim & Mary Sieben

### Sunday, February 12:

8:00 AM Mass: † George N Ruhland

### Sunday, February 12:

**10:00 AM Mass:** People of the Parishes

## Mass Ministries

### **-Sunday, February 12, 8:00 AM:**

**Lector:** Sarah Kneip

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Chad Field

**Rosary:** Janet Roberg

**Hospitality:** Theresa Branstner & Jamie Ries

**Coffee & Rolls:** TBD

### **-Sunday, February 12, 10:00 AM:**

**Lector:** Deb Huschle

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Steve Schmitt

**Rosary:** Bertie Weinmann

**Homebound:** Marge Kuechle

**Hospitality:** Ron & Ursula Ruhland

## Financial Blessings

### January 29, 2023

Adult Env	3404.00
Loose	109.02
Votive	79.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3592.77</b>

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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## REST IN PEACE

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

† Gary Meierhofer, 61, who passed away on January 26th. A Mass of Christian burial was held on January 30th. Please remember Gary and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

† Evelyn Hansen, 84, who also passed away on January 26th. A Mass of Christian burial was held on February 3rd. Please also remember Evelyn and her family and friends in your prayers during this time.

**Christian Mothers' Meeting** There will be a quarterly Christian Mothers meeting on Tuesday, February 7th, 6:30-7:30. All Christian Mothers are invited to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a member.

**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.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If ... It's a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses. Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word "if" to explain away my own flaws. "If I wasn't so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren't always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn't so hard." If, if, if.

I don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable. But if. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

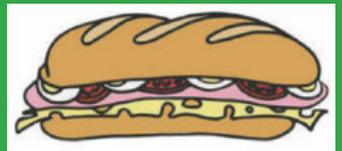
"If" can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Matthew 5:14*

## Sub Sandwich Youth Fundraiser

Thank you for placing your Sub Sandwich Order to benefit youth events and activities both at Assumption and St. Anthony's. Orders will be ready for pick up February 12th -- at the time and place specified on your order. If you have questions call 453-5765 or email ewcatholic@gmail.com.



\*Looking for adults to help during the 7am-9:30am time frame. Contact Sam at ewyouthministry@gmail.com or Bonnie at ewcatholic@gmail.com.

\*Accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies for the Fundraiser. Drop donations in the collection box (please mark the envelope "Sub Fundraiser Donation"). Thank you kindly for your donation!

**Donations still needed!** •Two \$30 donations for ham •One \$25 donations for buns

# St. Anthony Parish News

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, February 7:

9:30 AM Mass: † Mike & Arletta Turner

### Thursday, February 9:

8:30 AM Mass: † Eugene & Kathy Donnay

### Saturday, February 11:

4:00 PM Mass: † Allan Unterberger

## Mass Ministries

### Saturday, February 11, 4:00 PM:

**Lectors:** Mary Ann Hesse & Chad Dockendorf

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion:** Theresia Linn

**Mass Servers:** Miles Hesse & Charlie Teicher

**Children's Liturgy:** Donna & Rosie

**Rosary:** Betty Donnay

**Hospitality:** Margi Schreifels & Amanda Manuel

**Coffee & Rolls:** None

## Financial Blessings

### January 29, 2023

Adult Env 1710.00

Loose 437.00

Youth 6.00

Votive 31.40

Wkly Auto 755.00

**Total \$2939.40**

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for your generosity

## Church Cleaners



Jan 29-Feb 11: Dan & Tammy Winter, Chris & Jean Wirz, Mark & Shelby Wirz and Stan & Elaine Welle and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

## Thrift Store

Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm

\*Closed during funerals

**CCW Meeting** Come join us on Feb. 7 @ 7:00 p.m. in the social hall for our meeting. We will be deciding on donations for the church roof repair project, Mission of Love, NUDCCW scholarship and NUDCCW service projects. Also we will be setting up a committee for planning our budget for next year. Looking forward to seeing you there. Kathy Erpelding, CCW co-president

**Family Faith Formation** This Wednesday, February 8th, is Family Faith Formation at St. Anthony 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!

**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!

**2023 Cabin Fever Reliever Tickets!** Saturday, February 11th (5-6 PM Social Hour, 6-7 PM Dinner, 8:00 PM Black & Whyte Dueling Pianos show). February 5th is the last day to buy tickets! We are also looking for donations of high-end auction items, items for the bucket ticket drop and bottles of wine.

**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.

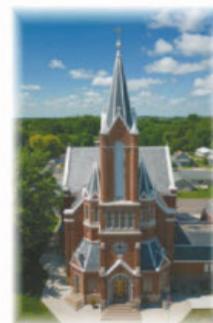
## Church Project Update

### **Church Interior Design Meeting After Mass Sun. Feb. 5**

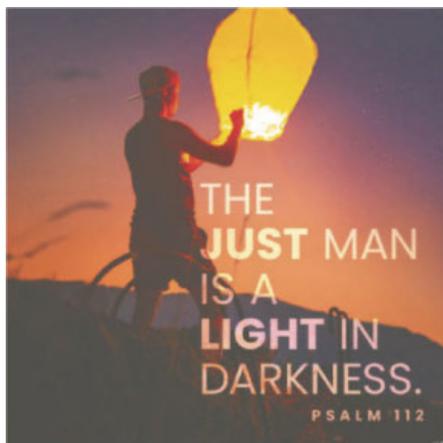
I am excited to announce the long-awaited information/dialogue efforts to address the repairs and improvements inside our historic church. A newly formed **Church Interior Renovation Team** has been assembled to manage the process, provide information, facilitate discussion, and review the valuable feedback we anticipate from all interested parishioners. Members include: Theresa Faber, Deacon Phil Henneman, Rich Hesse, Kathy Kramer, Norb Kramer, Cindy Kuechle, and Bill Lorentz (Chair).

**All interested parishioners are invited to join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning, February 5 in the Social Hall.** Coffee and donuts will be provided as we begin our planning efforts. I look forward to the opportunity for all interested parishioners to come, learn, and then share their thoughts and ideas on how we, as a parish family, can renovate our historic church. Please make every effort to join us. Thank you. -Father Aaron

**\*Helpful videos regarding church decorating can be found on the parish website.**



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# YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Nights** The next Sr. High night is Feb 1st at St. Anthony and the next Jr. High night is Feb 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](mailto: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](mailto:evwcatholic@gmail.com)) with questions or to register.

## Puerto Rico Mission Trip Update & Fundraising Opportunities!

**We now have 38 people registered!** The Puerto Rico mission trip comes at a considerable cost and our 38 missionaries can use your help!



### 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 be responsible for donating 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!

\*If you have questions about the trip or are interested in offering your support, please contact Sam at 320-630-7590 or [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com).

## 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:** Meets on the 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:** Women's group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. We will next meet on February 11th 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 a location to be determined. 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.

Let the light of Christ  
that we carry within us  
drive away the darkness  
of fear and sadness.

**ACC Event:** Castaway Youth Retreat "Made for More" Grades 9-12, March 24-26. Prayer, skits, speakers, music, Mass and many more faith-growing opportunities! Contact Hannah Voss for more information, 320-241-3623.

## 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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