



# Church of the Assumption

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# Church of St. Anthony



March 12, 2023 • 3rd Sunday of Lent



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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



Church of St. Anthony, Watkins / Assumption Church, Eden Valley  
Assumption St. Anthony Catholics

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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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Tuesdays .....9:30 AM  
Thursdays.....8:30 AM  
Sunday.....10:00 AM

#### Reconciliation

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Sundays: 9:45 AM

#### Eucharistic Adoration

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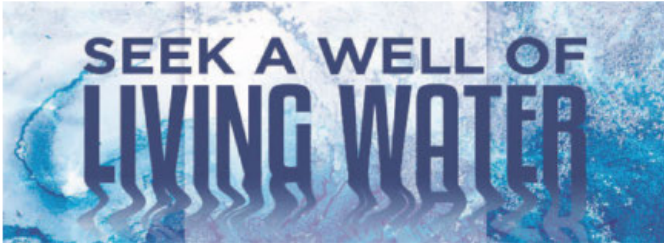
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#### Twinned Parish Contacts

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

## A Gospel Meditation



When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir

### KC Breakfast This Sunday!

The St. Damien Knights of Columbus Council are hosting a breakfast on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Anthony's to benefit local religious education programs. Menu: pancakes, sausage, and much more! All for a free will donation.



## Twinned Parish News

**The Mission Isn't Over!** Father Boniface has concluded his portion of the parish mission (as of the Sunday Masses), but it isn't over yet! The mission continues with Kristin Molitor with the Women's Session on Monday night and Discipleship Sessions on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings.

**Appreciation Dinner RSVP!** The RSVP's for the appreciation dinner are due on Monday! If you haven't yet notified either parish of your attendance, please do so ASAP. We are looking forward to seeing you!

**Daily Mass Change This Week** This week's Wednesday evening Mass will be at 4:15PM. This is due to the Discipleship Training Session at 5PM.

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

**Looking Forward to Outdoor Summer Activities?** Explore outing possibilities that blend faith and adventure in the beauty of nature on Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30-7:30 at Assumption. Dates to remember so far: Sauk River scenic paddle, June 4th, 1:00-5:00; BWCA Retreat July 16th -21st; and BWCA planning meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, 6:30-7:30.

**Confirmation Class for 11th Grade** All 11th graders and parents, from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will meet at Assumption for our next class on Wednesday, March 22nd (not on March 29th as indicated by your Faith Formation calendar).

**Confirmation Practice** Confirmation Practice for students & sponsors (with reconciliation) will take place on Saturday, March 25th at 10am-noon at Assumption.

### Please Pray for our Confirmation Students

The 11th grade Candidates for Confirmation, from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will be 'Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit' on Sunday, March 26th at 2pm at Assumption. We ask you, our Parish Community, to keep these students and their families in your prayers during their final preparations: "Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them."

**Stations of the Cross** There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. The March 17th and 24th stations will be at Assumption at 6:00 PM.



## Assumption Parish News

### Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, March 15:**

**4:15 PM Mass:** † Laverne Ruhland

**Friday, March 17:**

7:00 AM Mass: † Rose Mary Ruprecht

**Saturday, March 18:**

4:00 PM Mass: † Allen Babcock

**Sunday, March 19:**

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

### Mass Ministries

**-Saturday, March 18, 4:00 PM:**

**Lector:** Shelley Kern

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Ron Ruhland

**Rosary:** Molly Zimmerman

**Hospitality:** Ron & Ursula Ruhland

**-Sunday, March 19, 8:00 AM:**

**Lector:** John Paul Mead

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Sharon Schettler

**Rosary:** Knights of Columbus

**Homebound:** Gary & Colleen Sogge

**Hospitality:** Dan & Kim Mead

### Financial Blessings

**February 26, 2023**

Adult Env 2104.00

Loose 178.00

Votive 36.00

**Total \$2318.00**

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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for your generosity



## REST IN PEACE

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

† Marvin Anderson, 94, who passed away on March 1st. A Mass of Christian burial was held on March 9th. Please remember Marvin and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

**2nd Collection for Earthquake Relief** Bishop Patrick Neary asked parishes to take up a special collection for earthquake relief. We will take up this collection next weekend, March 18/19.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** May this season of Lent provide you added time for prayer and reflection. We ask you to please take a moment to pray for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the vital ministries it supports.



### Become a Missionary Disciple!

**You have a vital role to play in the Kingdom of God!**

Your "yes" to Jesus matters to your family, our parish and our world... You are invited to a two-part formation session to equip and empower to live out your call as a missionary disciple.

**Session 1** (March 14th at 7PM at Assumption):

**What does it mean to be a disciple?**

A formation session on learning the fundamentals of prayer and growth in our relationship with Jesus.

The first step in becoming a missionary disciple, then, is to "sit at the feet" of Jesus, the teacher, and receive His grace through prayer and the sacraments. As our love for Christ deepens, we naturally feel the desire to share this love with others. Our mission to evangelize will only bear fruit if we continue to spend time sitting at the feet of Jesus as His disciples.

**Session 2** (March 15th at 5PM at Assumption):

**What does it mean to be a missionary disciple?**

A formation session on sharing the love of Christ

In this formation session we will learn how to create an environment within our parish that will help dispose all we meet to encounter the radical love of Jesus. We will learn how to effectively walk with others on their journey of faith and invite them to conversion and into relationship with Jesus and His Church. Our mission is to share with the world what we have experienced through the Gospel and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## St. Anthony Parish News

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, March 14:

9:30 AM Mass: † Walter Donnay

#### Thursday, March 16:

8:30 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

#### Sunday, March 19:

10:00 AM Mass: † Eugene & Kathy Donnay

### Mass Ministries

#### **Sunday, March 19, 10:00 AM:**

**Lectors:** Michelle Kramer & Alan Bear

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion:** Theresa Faber

**Mass Servers:** Ellie & Ryan Donnay

**Children's Liturgy:** Heidi & Erin

**Rosary:** Betty Donnay

**Hospitality:** Jessie Teicher & Ellen Libbesmeier

**Coffee & Rolls:** N/A (Appr Dinner)

### Financial Blessings

#### **March 5, 2023**

Adult Env	3075.00
Loose	186.25
Youth	12.00
Votive	73.50
Wkly Auto	740.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4086.75</b>

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### Church Cleaners



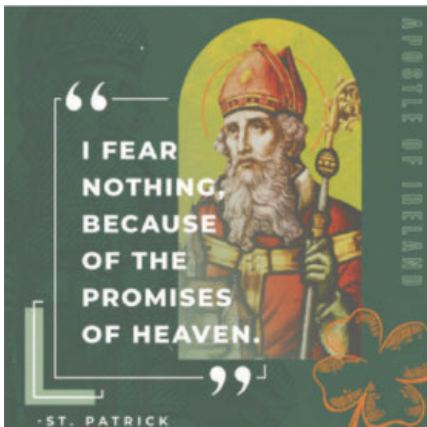
March 5-18: Jody Bauer, Alan & Andrea Bear, Dennis & Sara Beck and Brian & Kris Becker and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

### Thrift Store

Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm

\*Closed during funerals



**We Need Your Help!** The fish fry volunteer workers' sign up lists are now available at church. Please sign up to help if you are able! The last day to sign up is March 19th. Adults and older children and teens are all welcome! The fish fry is set for Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 4-7 PM. There is also a sign up for donations of your delicious for cookies and bars. Thank you!

**NUDCCW Spring Gathering** Sat. March 18, @ St. Anastasia, Hutchinson: The morning starts with Mass @ 9:00 followed by Guest Speaker: Katie Braulick. She will be talking about "Miscarriage to Ministry", the personal story of her journey. Lunch will be served following the speaker. Please let me know if you want to come by March 14. Kathy Erpelding 764-9303

**Food Shelf Gifts** March is food shelf Month! During Lent we are called to make sacrifices for God and others. Remember the food shelf in your Lenten Almsgiving! There are containers at church for your non-perishable food items or you can give monetarily through the collection. Write your check out to St. Anthony's and mark your envelope "food shelf".



### Catholic Order of Foresters Soup & Bouja! March 19

**Church Project Update** The Church Interior Committee has met twice since the parish meeting to compile the feedback from the parishioners on the current rendering for the church interior. Based on this feedback, discussion and prayer, the committee will be requesting additional renderings for the project for the parish to review once again. The committee will keep you informed on the progress of the new renderings and the next steps moving forward on the project as we are able. Thank you for your continued prayers for the building project.

### Disciples on a Mission:

A parish mission to equip and empower you to know and share the love of Christ

**March 10<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Looking to grow in your prayer life or your ability to share the love of Christ with others?**

Join us for a series of talks and prayer opportunities!

#### **Kristin Molitor:**

**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (WAT)**

**Women's Session** Never Alone:

An Encounter with Love's

Compassionate Heart

**5:15** Mass

**6:00** Holy Hour with

Confessions

**7:00** Reflection

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (EV)**

**7:00** Formation for Discipleship  
Leadership Group

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (EV)**

**4:15** Mass (Confessions 3:45)

**5:00** Formation for Discipleship  
Leadership Group

**The mission isn't over!  
There are still some events left!**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**God's Girls** Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 19th at Assumption from 2-3:30 p.m. We will read a bible story and play some board games.

**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. 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!

**Parish App!** Have you gotten the new parish app on your phone yet?! Download the app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for "myparish". Once you have the app "find" our parishes by our zip code (55329 or 55389).



**Local Event:** Speaker and Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculée Ilibagiza is coming to St. Boniface in Cold Spring on March 29. Soup & Sandwiches at 6PM; Speaker at 7PM.

**Appreciation Dinner** The parishes are grateful for all of our volunteers and we would like to show our gratitude with dinner! If you have volunteered for the parishes in any capacity, you are invited! This includes but is not limited to anyone who helps with Mass ministries and scheduling, councils, committees, fundraisers, groups, faith formation, hospitality, coffee and rolls, and much more.

## JOINT-PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER RSVP

March 19th at St. Anthony's  
Social Hour: 11:15 Dinner: 12:00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return the RSVP in the collection basket or call/email either parish office by March 13th to reserve your meal!

## 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, April 14th at a location TBD. 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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