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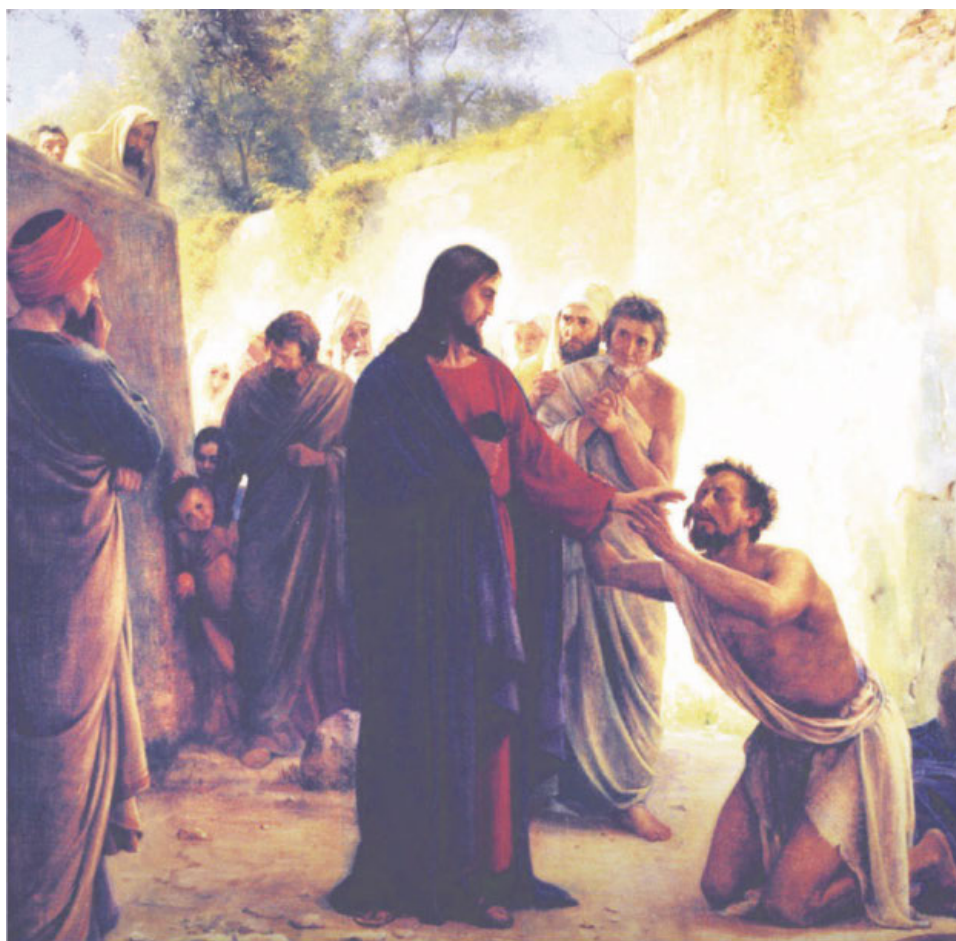
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Church of St. Anthony



March 19, 2023 • 4th Sunday of Lent



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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

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Fri: 8-12:00 (hours may vary)

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Secretary	Jessica Teicher
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A Message From Father Aaron



Change the World This Lent

Dear Friends,

Lent is a time to strengthen our spiritual practices in order to be made strong in body, mind and spirit. It's really all about growing in holiness of life. And holiness is all about growing in love of God and neighbor. And growing in love and God and neighbor, changes the world. So, this Lent, you can help change the world.

Devin Schadt, the co-founder of The Fathers of St. Joseph, an apostolate working for the renewal of authentic fatherhood, recently appeared on The Catholic Gentleman's podcast to discuss how Lent should be a time for positive change in life. "Lent is not just punishing myself, because that never works."

Schadt discovered over the years that Christ's teachings are paradoxical, and he had to significantly shift his thinking. "If you want to be known, Jesus teaches that one should be hidden; to be elevated, one should be lowly. One should give their life away if they want to live, and if they want to be powerful, they should love their enemies." He realized Lent should really be about "embracing the cross that Christ wants to give." By taking on "little disciplines" that will continue beyond Lent, he says we can become better children of God.

"It's so funny we say 'yeah I took my cold showers and yeah I haven't watched TV this week,' but Jesus says 'I want you to take on this little discipline that you actually think you can do because underneath that discipline is what you really need to work on.'"

So there is no need to feel overwhelmed during Lent! We need to remember that even small acts of sacrifice and fasting can be humbling experiences that draw us closer to God. We can instead reframe failures and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning that better remind us of our need to depend on Christ. Remember what St Therese the Little Flower said that we should, "Let God love us in our littleness."

Devin Schadt's new vision for Lent is not just about self-sacrifice, but as a truly transformative time for renewal, personal growth and making a positive impact. By thinking about Lent in light of not just about what we give up, but what we take on, we can become agents of change in the world. "That's when we become a real danger and threat to the world and reign of Satan."

May God strengthen all of our spiritual journeys this Lent.

God bless you,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Mass for the Annunciation There will be a vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation on Friday, March 24th at 5PM at Assumption. There will be no 7AM morning Mass that day.

Wednesday Religion This Wednesday, March 22nd, 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.

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 The Stations of the Cross on March 24th at Assumption and March 31st at St. Anthony's, both at 6PM.

Early Bulletin Deadlines Due to the upcoming Easter holiday there are a couple early bulletin deadlines: the April 2nd bulletin is due by noon on March 27th and the April 9th bulletin is due by 10AM on March 31st.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 22:

5:15 PM Mass: † George N Ruhland

Friday, March 24:

5:00 PM Mass: † Wilfred Willenbring

Saturday, March 25:

4:00 PM Mass: † Myra Arnold

Sunday, March 26:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, March 25, 4:00 PM:

Lector: Deb Huschle

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jim Schutz

Rosary: Charles Torborg

Hospitality: Janet Binsfeld &

Reuben Stommes

-Sunday, March 26, 8:00 AM:

Lector: Sarah Kneip

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Chad Field

Rosary: Dan Mead Family

Homebound: Beth Hesse

Hospitality: Mark Schoenecker &

Michelle Brutger

Coffee & Rolls: Linda Berg, Becky Schmitz

& Bud Binsfeld

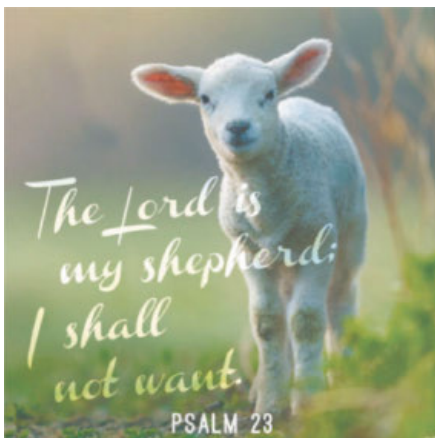
Financial Blessings

March 12, 2023

Adult Env	1948.00
Loose	193.00
Bazaar	250.00
Votive	47.00
Total	\$2438.00

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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REST IN PEACE

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

† Dr. Richard Swenson, 95, who passed away on March 8th. A Mass of Christian burial was held on March 18th. Please remember Doc Swenson and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

Assumption Church 11th Annual Fish Fry

Friday, March 24, 2023

Serving 4:00 – 7:00 or until fish is gone

Menu Fish, baked potatoes, bread and dessert

\$15.00 per plate

There will be inside serving or drive thru on Main St

Calling All Bakers! We are looking for donations of fresh homemade bread and bars and cookies for serving at the fish fry on March 24th.

2023 Church Spring Cleaning Church spring cleaning is here and your help is needed. This year we have scheduled one day only for cleaning. Guild groups 1-12 are asked to work Tuesday, March 28th, starting at 2:30 pm. or whenever people can make it. We hope to be done by 7:00 pm. Please go to the basement to check in. Men, women, and students (confirmation hours) are all asked to assist as able. Thank you!

2nd Collection for Earthquake Relief Bishop Patrick Neary asked parishes to take up a special collection for earthquake relief. If you missed this collection you can still give! Just mark your envelope "Earthquake Relief".
Bishop's Annual Appeal "Do This in Memory of Me." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today.

Caring & Sharing Hands Donations The Assumption Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers are organizing a collection drive for the needs of the Caring & Sharing Hands center in Minneapolis. Donations can be brought to the church basement. Questions? Large donation? Call Chuck Schoolmeesters at 320-221-5021.

They are looking for following donated items:

- boxed and canned pantry items for their Food Shelf
- new or gently used clothes and shoes for men, women, children, & babies
- pots/pans, dishes, glasses, utensils, small kitchen appliances
- bedding, blankets, bath or kitchen towels/washcloths
- car seats (cannot be expired), strollers, diapers, Pull Ups, wipes, formula (larger size diapers are more of a need)
- toys & TVs (flats screen tvs only, in working order)
- both full size & travel size personal hygiene items

*The center does not accept furniture, mattresses, major appliances, computers, things that are broken or missing parts or that do not work.

Sharing and Caring Hands is operated by a few paid staff and numerous volunteers and relies solely on donations of time, goods, services and donations from the community it serves. They do not accept Federal, State or United Way assistance, but rely entirely on donations.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 21:

9:30 AM Mass: † Gabriel Elias

Thursday, March 23:

8:30 AM Mass: † Carol Lou Fuchs

Sunday, March 26:

10:00 AM Mass: † Richard J Donnay

Mass Ministries

Sunday, March 26, 10:00 AM:

Lectors: Tammy Winter & Mary Ann Hesse

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Ruth Geislinger

Mass Servers: Andrew Henneman

& Finn Lorentz

Ushers: Nick Vossen, Ron Molitor,

Laurie Molitor & Ken Asfeld

Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Rose

Rosary: Sharon Simmons

Hospitality: Margi Schreifels & Amanda Manuel

Coffee & Rolls: Louwagie Family

Financial Blessings

March 12, 2023

Adult Env	1370.00
Loose	307.20
Youth	1.00
Votive	38.50
Wkly Auto	740.00
Total	\$2456.70

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March 19-April 1:
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Randy and Becky
Berg, and Dale &
Jessica Berthiaume
and families.

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Knights of Columbus Thank You! Thank you to the St Damien Council for their recent donation to the parish for this year's Easter candle and also a donation to the Religious Ed program. Thank you also to the Knights for the delicious breakfast last Sunday and to everyone who helped and attended!

Fish Fry Helpers Needed! The fish fry is set for Friday, March 31st 4-7 PM and we need your help in various ways:

-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!

-There is a sign up for donations of your delicious for cookies and bars.

-Extra kitchen help is needed on, Thursday, March 30 starting at 9:15AM.

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".

Cabin Fever Reliever Update The start-up money was not taken into account for the profit for this years' party. The profit has been adjusted to: \$17,637.96

Blood Drive Coming to Watkins The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, April 18, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm (Note the time change) at the St Anthony's. Appointments are encouraged so please schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org or by using the Blood Donor app. The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. Thank you for considering this. -The Blood Drive Committee

Grossinger 100th Birthday Gladys Grossinger is turning 100 years old! Join the family in celebration with an open house party on Saturday, March 25th from 2-5 PM at St. Anthony's. *No gifts please-your presence is your gift!



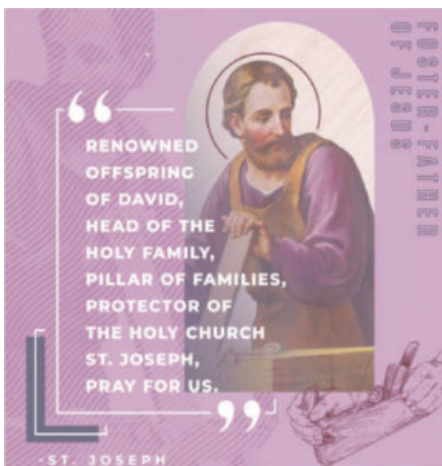
Catholic Order of Foresters Soup & Bouja! March 19

BISHOP CHAD W. ZIELINSKI'S "LITURGY MATTERS"

As a part of the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of New Ulm, Bishop Zielinski is offering his reflections on the liturgy based upon a book by his friend, Abbott Jeremy Driscoll, OSB titled "What Happens At Mass." You can find the audio recordings of his reflections which will run for 36 weeks on the New Ulm website (www.dnu.org/liturgy-matters). A new reflection will be posted weekly. The recordings are also available in text format on the website.



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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 us (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. 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 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.

Disciples on a Mission!

Thank you to all from both Assumption and St. Anthony's parishes that contributed to our "Disciples on a Mission," last weekend and this past week. Those of you who volunteered to help prepare food, bring bars or a dish to share, set-up, serve guests, clean-up, be there to welcome our guests or came to listen. It is deeply appreciated and demonstrative of how our communities in Christ can come together to grow and share in the Love of Christ. Thank you to Fr. Aaron for opening up the opportunity for Fr. Boniface Hicks and Kristin Molitor to come and share the amazing gifts God has given them. As we received these, may we in turn share with others as we continue on through our Lenten Journey and beyond.

If you missed some of the mission talks or want to re-watch or share them, they are available on our YouTube channel and are linked from either of the parish websites.

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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