



# Church of the Assumption

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# Church of St. Anthony



March 5, 2023 • 2nd Sunday of Lent



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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

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Sundays: 9:45 AM

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#### Office Hours

Mon: 8-12, Tues: 8-4  
Thurs: 8-4 (hours may vary)

#### Twinned Parish Contacts

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

## A Message from Deacon Phil

One of the most exciting aspects of the Lenten season is the deepening of the faith of those that are asking to come into the church. I myself, as I have mentioned, came into the Church 13 years ago after much praying, reading and discernment. You may have heard RCIA mentioned before, what is it, and what does it mean? RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults that we in the Latin Church use to help guide those that are wanting to come into the Church. Those that aren't baptized in a Trinitarian format, that is, In The Name of The Father, and The Son, and The Holy Spirit required to be baptized, those that have received a proper recognized baptism then are continuing their formation to receive Confirmation and Eucharist. A large portion of time is and should be spent on building and fostering a relationship with Jesus Christ, this is essential for all Catholics and is too for those coming into His Church.

I have been asked before, why is it so important, why if you believe in Christ would you go through all this effort. As I have come to know and believe the Catholic Church is the fullness of Truth, the Truths that Jesus himself taught and is teaching through the Holy Spirit even today. This is a gift, and it isn't secret, we aren't holding something back from others, like I thought when I wasn't Catholic, we are instead helping them come to the fullness of Truth in Christ and in His Church.

One aspect that I think should be brought up is that it is necessary that we are all lifting those individuals that have expressed interest, or have at least started to explore the Faith, up in prayer. We can and must continue to hold them up in prayer as often as we are able, if you can remember them daily that would be fantastic. So here are the names of those that are at least exploring the Faith or have committed to coming into the Church, Tom, Nick, Jake, Cal, Carson and also remember Alice who just received her Sacraments right before Lent.

If you know anyone or you yourself would like to learn more about RCIA, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any staff member.

Have a Glorious Day,  
Deacon Phil

## Twinned Parish News

**Mission Starts This Week!** The mission starts this week, Friday. See in the next pages how you can attend and get involved. You are invited to the talks and Masses with Father Boniface Hicks, men's and women's sessions and also special formation sessions to help us grow in discipleship to grow and strengthen our church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend any of these sessions!

**No Tues-Wed-Thurs Mass** There will be no daily Mass this week Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, March 7-9th. Father Aaron will be gone spending some time with his family.

### 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 Confirmation students and sponsors (with reconciliation) will take place on Saturday, March 25th at 10am-noon at Assumption.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** The Sacrament of Confirmation for the 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take place at Assumption on Sunday, March 26th at 2pm with Bishop Neary. There will be a small banquet to follow Mass. All are welcome to attend. Please keep these students in your prayers. May their hearts be open to receiving the Holy Spirit fully in their lives and may they be open to living out their calling to be disciples for Jesus Christ.

**Stations of the Cross** There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. The March 10<sup>th</sup> stations will be at 4:30 PM at St. Anthony's due to the Lenten Mission. The March 17<sup>th</sup> stations will be at Assumption at 6:00 PM.

**Rice Bowls** Rice bowls boxes have been sent home to the faith formation families. The Rice Bowl collection isn't just for kids; adults can take part as well! There are extra rice bowl containers available at each parish.

**KC Breakfast Next Sunday!** The St. Damien Knights of Columbus Council will be 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. \*Contact Sam to donate muffins.





## Assumption Parish News

### Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, March 8:**

**No Mass**

**Friday, March 10:**

**No Mass** (5:15 PM at St. Anthony's)

**Saturday, March 11:**

4:00 PM Mass: † Alvin Stommes

**Sunday, March 12:**

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

### Mass Ministries

**-Saturday, March 11, 4:00 PM:**

**Lector:** Jason Huschle

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Sheila Laudenbach

**Rosary:** Rose Becker

**Hospitality:** Theresa Branstner & Joel Braun

**-Sunday, March 12, 8:00 AM:**

**Lector:** Wanda Reiter

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Steve Ries

**Rosary:** Jim & Linda Thielen

**Homebound:** Rose Becker

**Hospitality:** Jamie Ries & Bonnie Meyer

**Coffee & Rolls:** Nick & Sheri Blonigen Fam

### Financial Blessings

**February 26, 2023**

Adult Env 2180.00

Loose 251.00

Votive 33.00

**Total \$2464.00**

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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## REST IN PEACE

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of:  
† Vernon Spartz, 89, who passed away on February 17th. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at a later date. Please remember Vernon and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

**Thank You!** Thank you everyone who shared in the Mass of my Confirmation into the Catholic Church. I was so amazed at all the blessings and gifts I received. I have a new found joy, faith and a family of those who share in the love of Christ. God bless you all! -Alice Branstner

**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 Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift with your offering today in your parish collection or at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### 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 7:**

**No Mass**

**Thursday, March 9:**

**No Mass**

**Friday, March 10:**

**5:15 PM Mass:** † Richard Schmitt

**Sunday, March 12:**

**10:00 AM Mass:** † Gordie kramer

### Mass Ministries

**Sunday, March 12, 10 AM:**

**Lectors:** Jessie Teicher & Andy Hesse

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion:** Ethel Donnay

**Mass Servers:** Emily & Eddie Kramer

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

**Rosary:** Kevin & Erin Donnay Family

**Hospitality:** Eric & Kaila Schmitt

**Coffee & Rolls:** N/A (KC Breakfast)

**Stations:** (Mar 10) Brennen & Kellen Huberty

### Financial Blessings

**February 26, 2023**

Adult Env	2015.00
Loose	232.25
Youth	7.75
Votive	50.50
Wkly Auto	740.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3045.50</b>

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for your generosity

### 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



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!

**Family Faith Formation** This Wednesday, March 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!

**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! Adults and older children and teens are all welcome! The fish fry is set for Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 4-7 PM.

**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".

**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!

#### Father Boniface Hicks:

**Friday, March 10th (WAT)**

**4:30** Stations of the Cross

**5:15** Mass

**6:00** Holy Hour with Confessions

**7:00** Growing Closer to Jesus:

Holiness and Prayer

**Saturday, March 11th (EV)**

**10:00 Men's Session** Through the Heart of Saint Joseph: by Fr. Boniface

**2:00** Leading people to Jesus:

Accompaniment & Evangelization

**3:00** Holy Hour with Confessions

**4:00** Mass - Fr. Boniface homilist

**5:00** Potluck dinner

**6:30** God's Greatest Gift: Eucharist and the Mass

**Sunday, March 12th**

**8:00** Mass - Fr. Boniface homilist (Assumption)

**10:00** Mass - Fr. Boniface homilist (St. Anthony)

#### Kristin Molitor:

**Monday, March 13th (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 14th (EV)**

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

**Wednesday, March 15th (EV)**

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

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

# 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.

**Tubing** Thank you to all 70 tubers that joined in on the fun this past Sunday at Powder Ridge! I'm very grateful for the families that decided to partake in the beautiful day!

## 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).



**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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