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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Divine Mercy Sunday - Sung Chaplet

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung (along with a recited rosary) next Sunday at 3PM at the Assumption Church. All are welcome to join us for this special devotion to the Lord’s mercy. “Jesus, I trust in you!” The Chaplet will also be sung after the communion service at the nursing home that day.

Teaching Mass - April 24

St. Anthony will be hosting a teaching Mass on Wednesday, April 24th, at 6:40 pm. All members of our Parish Community are invited to join St. Anthony’s Faith Formation Classes in developing a better understanding of our liturgy during this special celebration of the Mass. Please note: Assumption’s Wednesday Mass will be on Thursday at 5:45 PM.

1st Communion for Second Grade

The second graders are on their final prep work to receive this wonderful Sacrament! As their church community and faith formation program, we are so excited for them to participate fully in the Mass with us. Please keep the second graders, their families, and their teachers in your prayers as they continue their journey.

- Assumption Practice: April 27, 9:30-10:30 am, First Communion: April 28, 10:00 am Mass
- St. Anthony Retreat: May 4, 9:00 am -12:00 pm, First Communion: May 5, 10:00 am Mass

Mass Time Switch Next Weekend!!

Sunday Mass times will be switched on April 28th due to 1st Communion at Assumption. Mass will be at 8AM at St. Anthony’s and 10AM at Assumption.

Did you know... that April 24th is National Secretary Day? Have you thanked your parish secretary lately? Please join me in thanking Jessie for all the fabulous work that she does for all of us and for the Church! Muchas Gracias, Jessie!

Summer Registration is now OPEN

Summer Registration was sent home to all students in grades 1-12. Below are the available activities and dates. Please see the Parish Websites for more information or call the Faith Formation Office at 453-5765. Set some time aside for God this summer!

Totus Tuus, July 8-12, 9:00am-2:30pm, Grades K-5 (2018-19 School Year) Totus Tuus, July 7-11, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Grades 6-12 Steubenville, July 12-14, Grades 8-12 Vacation Bible School, August 5-9, 9:00am-12:00pm, 4yrs old-4th Grade and Grades 5-12 can be leaders/helpers

A Message from Father Aaron

Christ Our Hope is Risen!

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a beautiful and glorious day we celebrate! He is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Not just that Christ has risen, but that he is risen. Christ is here present, today, in our hearts and in the many ways he is at work in the hearts of believers and in the world today. He brings joy, peace, strength and love. And most of all he brings us eternal salvation. May we take this Easter joy and love in our hearts today and let others know of the hope that is found in this treasure.

Christ our true hope is risen!

I would like to once again give great thanks to all who have come to celebrate the wonderful Triduum celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. I also thank our parish staff members for their dedication and prayerful spirits in preparing our youth in their faith and scheduling the many Lenten faith activities to help our parishes strive toward holiness and happiness. A great thank you to our music leaders, cantors and choirs for helping to make the liturgies prayerful and powerful. Also, thank you to our wonderful Mass servers, guided by Nikolas, Dan and Steven. And to all decorators, ministers at Mass, sacristans and everyone who assists in any way in making these sacred liturgies beautiful, prayerful and efficacious for our salvation in Jesus Christ! May God bless you and reward you for your good work. Happy Easter to all! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the Risen Christ,

Father Aaron

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. “The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.
**Guild Pizza Orders** This is the last Sunday to submit orders (can place in offering basket) but if forgotten, they could be dropped off up until April 23 at Farmers and Merchants Bank and give to Jody Bauer to be included in the order! Please remember to make sure your name and phone number is on your order sheet! Pizza pick-up is Sunday, May 5 from 9 – 10:30 in the church basement.

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal** Diocesan Ministries are here for YOU! Visit our webpage to learn more about how the appeal supports ministries at the very core of our church’s mission. Visit [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org) and click Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

**Adoration News!** We have two open Adoration hours: one on Wednesday mornings from 7-8 and another on Friday mornings at 1-2 am. If interested in taking this hour please call Rose Becker 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

**Assumption Parish Breakfast & Silent Auction** Thank you to everyone who attended our breakfast! Also, a big thank you to all of our workers and everyone who donated items for the Silent Auction. What a wonderful show of support from our community! We served 257 people. Ticket/Food Sales (after expenses): $1,515, Silent Auction Proceeds: $1,142.

**The American Red Cross** will be in Eden Valley on Thursday, May 9th from 1:00-7:00pm at Eden Valley Community Center. Appointments slots available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by contacting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 or via email at mbmeyer@meltel.net.

**What is next for those who entered the Catholic Church this Easter?** We have reached the 4th period of the RCIA process, which is the neophyte year. All who were baptized (Hailee Dyre, Zoe Grothe, Emily Lardy, and Amy Vossen) and received into full communion (Jared Vossen) are called “Neophytes” in this period, until next Easter. The final period of regular weekly formation extends through the Easter season, the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. This post-baptismal catechesis is called mystagogy. It is a time for deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community. The Neophytes now share with Christ, and his Body in the parish community, the intimate communion of the Eucharist. Now they have access to all the means of sanctification. We as a community pledge to help them grow and mature in the Christian life and to develop a genuine Catholic world view. Please pray for all those who God has called to join us as we continue on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.

**Mystagogical Sessions** During the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost, all members of the community are encouraged to participate in mystagogical sessions with the neophytes. Join the neophytes as often as you would like. All 20 minute sessions will begin immediately following Mass. Here are some of the dates, locations, and session topics:

- **April 28th, WAT:** Conversion: Truth, Grace, & Spiritual Growth
- **May 5th, EV:** Sacramental Living in an Apostolic Church
- **May 12th, WAT:** Evangelization & the Call of the Good Shepherd

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**Mass Intentions**

**Wednesday, April 24:**
No Mass

**Thursday, April 25:**
5:45 pm Mass †Leonard Nistler

**Friday, April 26:**
7:00 am Mass † Marie Ruhrland

**Saturday, April 27:**
4:00 pm Mass † Paul & Margie Kerzman

**Sunday, April 28:**
10:00 am Mass: 1st Communicants

**Ministry Schedule**

- **April 27, 4:00 PM**
  Lector: Lona Brutger
  Ushers: Jim Rademacher, Dennis Fink, Reuben Stommes & Jim Ruhrland
  Ministers of Communion: Sheila Laudenbach, Jim Schutz & Ron Ruhrland
  Servers: Eric Bauer, Jordyn Bauer, Katie Ruhrland & Chloe Lemke
  Music: Marlene Fischer
  Rosary Leader: Perry Lemke

- **April 28, 10:00 AM**
  Lectors: Olivia Kuechle & 2nd Graders
  Ushers: Francis Bischof, Jason Kuechle, Nick Thielen & Perry Kuechle
  Ministers of Communion: Sheila Laudenbach, Jim Schutz & Sarah Kuechle
  Homebound: Tom & Mary Mathies
  Servers: Isabella Rausch, Bryce Holthaus, Carmen Haag & Marissa Laudenbach
  Music: Kris Latcham
  Rosary Leader: TBD

**Financial Blessings**

*The financials this week are not available due to the early bulletin deadline and will be published next week.*
**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, April 23:**
9:30 am Mass at Hilltop: †Alcuin Huberty

**Wednesday, April 24:**
6:40 pm Mass: † Leroy Williams

**Sunday, April 28:**
8:00 am Mass: † Alice Dwyer

**Ministry Schedule**

**April 28, 8:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Mary Ann Hesse & Paula Schlangen

**Ushers:** Ralph Linn, Norb Kramer, Joe & Doris Rathmann

**Ministers of Communion:**

Precious Body: Earl Dockendorf

Precious Blood: Lori Dockendorf & Mary Dockendorf

**Homebound:** Ruth Geislinger, 764-6431

**Servers:** Alexis & Natalie Vossen, Ellie & Emma Donnay

**Rosary Leader:** Ethel Donnay

**Children’s Liturgy:** Donna Deutsch (Erin & Reilly)

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**Weekly Schedule**

**Mondays:**
Mission Sewing, 12:00-3:30
Mary’s Cenacle, 2:00

**Thursdays:** Thrift Shop, 9-12

**Saturdays:** Thrift Shop, 9-12

**Church Cleaners**


*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

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**Help “Beat the Heat” at St. Anthony’s**

It’s hard to imagine now, but things will eventually heat up again! The Finance and Parish council have approved moving forward with installing air conditioning in the church. Remember, air conditioning will not only be for the comfort of the parishioners and visitors at the parish for Sunday Masses, weddings and funerals but it will also help maintain the church interior by helping keep the humidity level at a constant. This is good for the paint, the organ & piano, as well as the woodwork. The total cost of this project is $19,992.63 and we are roughly halfway there with past donations and the proceeds from the Catholic Order of Foresters soup and Bouja sales this winter. Plans have been made to have this installed in May. Please consider helping us “beat the heat”! We will be having a second collection for this on May 12th.

**NUDCCW Convention**

You can still come with us to convention. We will be leaving @ 7:30 on Sat. April 27 to go to St. Anastasia, Hutchinson. If you want to come, call Kathy Erpelding @ 764-9303 by Wed. April 24.

**Snow Removal Thank You!**

A special thank you to our “snow warriors” for the winter for keeping the church grounds safe and clear of snow and ice. Thank you especially to Ron Yanish for clearing the lots and Adam Teicher for taking care of the rest. Thank you also to anyone else who grabbed a shovel or spread out sand/grit when needed.

**Thank you! - March Food Drive**

Thank you so much to all of the Faith Formation Students and Teachers for their VERY successful Food Drive in March. The teachers and students brought in over 250 nonperishable food items! Because of your donations, those less fortunate will have food on their plate. Thank you for your generosity!

**Fish Fry THANK YOU!**

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the fish fry! We served an amazing 864 dinners for a profit of $5187.35! Thank you to everyone who came out to eat and also to everyone who spread the word!

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**Rice Bowl Collection**

We thanked God for the gifts he has given us and asked for guidance to use these gifts to help our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We fasted in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who do not have enough to eat and to remind us of what is really important: our relationship with God. We gave alms to the Rice Bowl to help the poor around the world and in our local community.

-Students are asked to bring their Rice Bowl collections to church in the next weeks or to class with them. There are collection containers either in the back of church or in the lower level of the church.

-Adults may drop donations in the collection containers or in the general collection in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl."
Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48


Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15


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Anointing of the Sick - contact the parish office when anointing is needed.

Early Bulletin Deadlines!
Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Tuesdays.

Steubenville Weekend
For Grades 8-12
This summer our Parish communities will be sending a group of students to Steubenville in Rochester the weekend of July 12-14. All students in grades 8-12 (school year 2018-2019) are invited to sign up and attend. The theme this year is 'Belong'. Steubenville is an amazing opportunity for students to 'get away' and get reconnected to God and deepen their faith. With amazing speakers, music, break out sessions, and discussions, they are sure to return to our community reawakened to the goodness of God. The average cost for Steubenville is around $250. We are only asking parents to pay $75 of the cost and the parishes will cover the rest. Father Aaron and I are so excited about the opportunity to bring the students and experience this weekend with them. We are also inviting any other adults who would be interested in chaperoning to contact the Faith Formation Office and let Christy know. Registration materials were sent home this week with students. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Christy for answers.

Youth Activities!

Friday Mass & Kids Breakfast
Students are welcome to join us after Mass on Friday mornings for a Sacred Heart Breakfast. Mass is at 7:00 am and breakfast is immediately after. The elementary kids are driven to school and high school students can walk. Come and start your morning with Jesus!

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Did you know?? That the bulletin can be found online on both parishes’ websites. Have you liked or followed the parishes’ Facebook pages?

Traveling Chalice and Madonna
DO YOU KNOW that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, in as much as you are unleavened. For our Paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sanctified. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast not with the old yeast, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. May you have a very joyful and glorious Easter. Thank you to Jeremy, Michelle and Tyler Brutger for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this holy season.

Remember in Your Prayers...
Bishop Kinney, Jane Anderson, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Laura Miller, Alizabeth Ludwig, Grace Hohenstein, Paula Schlangen, Charlie Schoen, Jane Torborg, June Berg, Carol Wieneke and Laverne Torborg.
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