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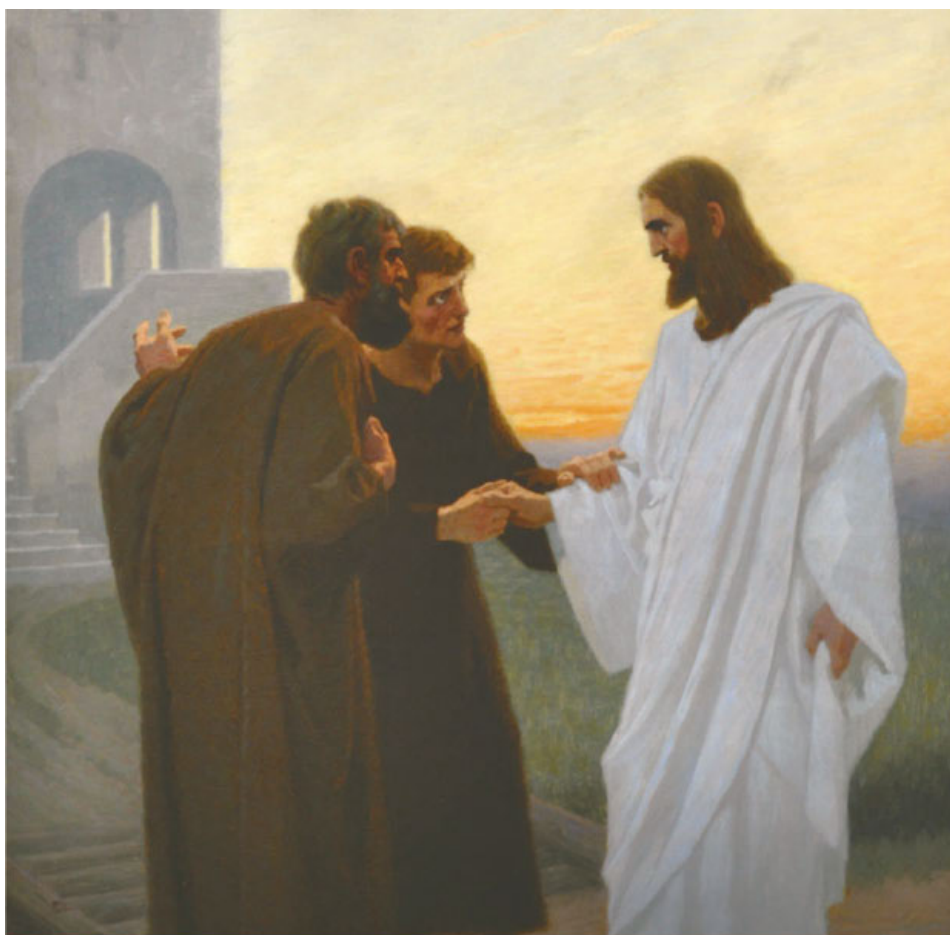
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Church of St. Anthony



April 23, 2023 • 3rd Sunday of Easter



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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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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Sunday.....10:00 AM

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Pastor	Father Aaron Nett
Secretary	Jessica Teicher
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Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron



The Journey

Dear Friends,

In this Third Sunday of the Easter Season we hear proclaimed the wonderful story of, "The Road to Emmaus." Luke proclaims, "That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred." Jesus walks along side two of his disciples discussing all that had taken place surrounding his own passion, death and resurrection.

Perhaps this story is popular because it strikes a chord in our hearts about a journey that we all are on in this life, the journey of faith. Our journeys consist of a beginning, an ending, ups, downs, trials, joys, tragedy and celebration.

The parish arrangement of Assumption in Eden Valley and St. Anthony's in Watkins was made in 2013. It was originally made as an agreement by both bishops based on location. It was the bishop's "parish swap" you might say. A St. Cloud priest would pastor the St. Anthony parish in Watkins, while a New Ulm priest pastored, wouldn't you know...St. Anthony of Padua parish in Browns Valley, Mn. The arrangement was rather rare and seemingly temporary.

Last Sunday the New Ulm Diocese announced the personnel changes across the diocese. At Mass I announced that the New Ulm Personnel Board has decided that St. Anthony's parish will be combined with the Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community. This AFC currently consists of; St Philips in Litchfield, St. John's in Darwin, and the Church of Our Lady in Manannah. The plans for the Assumption parish in Eden Valley have not been made known yet by the St. Cloud Diocese because the Personnel Board has not yet finalized all the changes. (With 130 parishes in the St. Cloud Diocese, finding priests to shepherd all the parishes, is a growing challenge, as you might imagine.) The Assumption parish will likely be part of a group of parishes in an ACC, or Area Catholic Community. This will likely be announced in the new few weeks. St. Anthony's will join Shepherd of Souls beginning on June 27th.

It has been a great blessing and privilege to be on this faith journey with you, pastoring in the towns of Eden Valley and Watkins. As with any journey it has been filled with many blessings and some challenges too, but our Lord has been walking along side and guiding us. I am confident that he will continue to guide and teach each parish on their different paths in the future. As always, please pray for the St. Anthony's and Assumption parishes, and please pray for me, as I will for you.

God bless you,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Parish Assignments This past week the New Ulm Diocese has announced that the St. Anthony Parish will go back under their care and will become part of the Shepherd of Souls AFC effective starting June 27th. The St. Cloud Diocese personnel board has not yet made their assignments public so Assumption's situation is pending. Decisions should be made public in the next few weeks.

No Daily Mass This Week There will be no daily Mass this week, April 24-28. Father will be away at a spiritual direction conference.

Upcoming Sunday Mass Swap

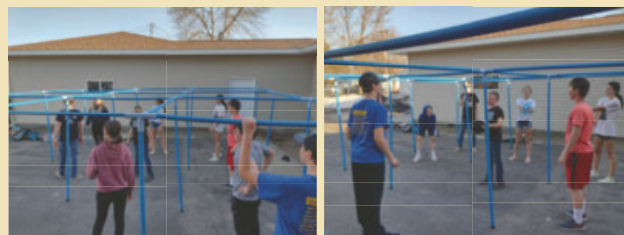
On Sunday, May 7th, Mass at St. Anthony's will be at 8:00 AM and Mass at Assumption will be at 10:00 AM. This is due to 1st Communion at Assumption on that day and is just for one day.

Wednesday Religion This Wednesday, April 26th, there will be class for 7th-10th graders at both Assumption and St. Anthony.

Pizza Fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Papa Murphy's pizza sale for the Puerto Rice Mission trip! Order forms were due April 14th and pizza pickup will be on Sunday, April 30th. Contact Sam with any questions.

Youth Night Recap

This past Wednesday was the Junior High Youth night! It was such a success! We broke out our brand new nine square game, which the kids couldn't get enough of! We had pizza from our committed cooks, watched a video on the importance of Easter, and the kids asked me so many great questions. From cremation to purgatory to mortal sin, there was a lot covered! Thank you to those that donated to youth ministry, in particular the nine square!



Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, April 26:

No Mass

Friday, April 28:

No Mass

Saturday, April 29:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, April 30:

8:00 AM Mass: † Tom Ruhland

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, April 29 4:00 PM:

Lector: Lona Brutger

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sheila Laudenbach

Rosary: Larry & Jeanne Schmitz

Hospitality: Molly Zimmerman

& Mark Schoenecker

-Sunday, April 30 8:00 AM:

Lector: Steve Schmitt

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Steve Ries

Rosary: Knights of Columbus

Homebound: Sheri Zieglmeier

Hospitality: Jamie Ries & Bonnie Meyer

Financial Blessings

April 16, 2023

Adult Env 2462.00

Easter 1370.00

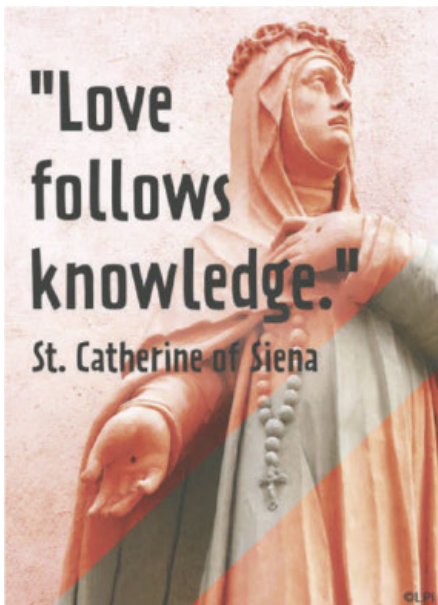
Loose 81.00

Votive 86.00

Total \$3999.00

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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Fish Fry Financials

This year's fish fry is estimated to have brought in just over \$6000. There are a couple pending bills, but this is a very close estimate.

First Communion Practice

First Communion practice for Assumption 2nd graders and their parents will be on Saturday, May 6th from 9am-noon at Assumption Church.

Please Pray for our First Holy Communion Students

The 2nd graders have been working so hard to prepare themselves to receive Jesus for the first time! The students from Assumption will be receiving the Sacrament on Sunday, May 7th at the 10am Assumption Mass. We ask you, our Parish Community, to keep all these students and their families in your prayers during their final preparations: "Lord, Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the beginning of life-long devotion to the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they will turn to you for comfort, consolation, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish the most sacred Sacrament. Amen."

Upcoming Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on Thursday, May 11th from 1-7pm to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eden Valley (852 Stearns Ave West). To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767, visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), click on your Blood Donor App or contacting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 or mbmeyer@meltel.net Reminders: *Identification is needed to donate *Complete your Rapid Pass online on the day of the drive at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> or on the donor App.

A Gospel Meditation

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 25:

No Mass

Thursday, April 27:

No Mass

Sunday, April 30:

10:00 AM Mass: † Joseph Nistler

Mass Ministries

-Sunday, April 30, 10:00 AM:

Lectors: Michelle Kramer &
Heidi Schoenecker

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy
Communion:** Ruth Geislinger

Mass Servers: Henry & George Landwehr

Ushers: Chad Huberty, Bernie Heinen,
Jason Louwagie & Ralph Vossen

Rosary: Sharon Simmons

Children's Liturgy: Amanda & Misty

Hospitality: Margi Schreifels & Emily Piccerillo

Coffee & Rolls: Emily Donnay

Financial Blessings

April 16, 2023

Adult Env	4500.00
Easter	200.00
Loose	360.00
Youth	6.00
Votive	36.50
Wkly Auto	740.00
Total	\$5842.50

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Holy Communion to the Homebound

We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in bringing the gift of the Eucharist to those who are homebound in our community. Training will be provided; you do not need to be an existing communion distributor. Contact the office or talk to Father Aaron if interested.

CCW Meeting

Come join us on Tuesday May 2nd in the social hall @ 7:00 for our meeting. We will be discussing the funeral lunch and if we want to start donating food again, our budget for next year, donation to the Hilltop for a touchless holy water fountain, paying for the Jesus pictures given to our confirmation students and information about what CCW is for in the bulletin. Kathy Erpelding, CCW co-president

St Damien Knights Thank you!

Thank you to the St Damien Council Knights of Columbus for their recent donation to the religious ed program from the breakfast that was held in March. Your dedication to supporting the religious ed program of the parish is appreciated!

Fish Fry Financials

This year's fish fry is estimated to have profited just over \$5000. Thank you for everyone's support!

Fish Fry Leftovers

We have some salad dressing left over from the fish fry. There are 3 - 1 gallon containers available for \$10 each. This would be ideal for any upcoming summer celebrations or graduation parties. Contact the office if interested.

Frozen Bouja Sale!

There is left over frozen Bouja for sale for \$12 a gallon. Please call Larry Flaschenriem to purchase (320) 764-2965.

NUDCCW Convention

April 29 at St. Mary's Church in New Ulm. Registration starts at 7:30, rosary at 8:00. Keynote speaker is Liz Kelly, retreat leader and author of 10 books. Afternoon presentation is on Blessed Carlo and "Miracles of the Eucharist" that he put together in an exhibit. Coming home after 3:00. More information on posters in social hall. Cost is \$35 if registered by April 10 or \$45 after April 10. CCW will pay for this. If you would like to go with us, please contact Kathy at 764-9303.

Virtus Training

St. Anthony's is hosting a safe environment VIRTUS training session Sunday, April 23rd from 2-5pm. VIRTUS educates those who work with children about potential threats of predators and to know the procedures to keep children safe. This is a one-time in-person training session that is required for any volunteer who is 18 years old or older that is around children. If you think that you may have a desire to work with the youth in the future or work around children now and aren't VIRTUS trained, please sign up for the session by using the QR code or contacting Sam.



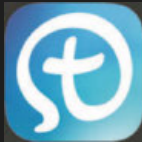
YOUTH MINISTRY

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! April 30th will be your last day to grab an envelope. Let us see if we can fill all of them up!

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).



Caring & Sharing Hands Donations The Assumption Knights of Columbus & Christian Mothers are organizing a collection drive for the needs of the Caring & Sharing Hands Center. Donations can be brought to the Assumption basement. Suggested Items for Donation (new or gently used): Clothing/shoes, pots/pans, dishes, glasses, utensils, small kitchen appliances, towels, bedding, blankets, car seats (cannot be expired), strollers, & diapers/pull-ups/wipes/formula - larger size diapers are more of a need, toys & tvs, personal hygiene items - both full size & travel size needed

Questions? Large donation? Call Chuck at 320-221-5021.

*The first load of donations were brought down and founder, Mary Jo Copeland, sends a huge thank you for the donations! This collection will be ongoing and you can still bring in your donations.

Additional Easter Flower Memorials

In Loving Memory Of:

Ralph Hentges
Clarence & Gary DeMorett

Remembered By:

Elsa Hentges
Addie DeMorett

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, May 5th 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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