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Church of St. Anthony



April 30, 2023 • 4th Sunday of Easter



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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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Twinned Parish Contacts

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

A Gospel Meditation

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can. — Father John Muir



Twinned Parish News

Tuesday Daily Mass Change

This Tuesday, May 2nd, daily Mass at St. Anthony's will be moved to 7PM, with confessions starting at 6:30PM.

Upcoming Sunday Mass Swap

Next 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.

Bonus Confession Time

There will be an extra time of confessions after the 10AM Mass at St. Anthony's on April 30th.

Wagyu Beef Stew Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Wagyu Stew Supper to support the Puerto Rico Mission Trip. A big shout-out to Steve Ries and the Knights of Columbus for providing the Wagyu and cooking the stew. I would like to also thank David Stang and Catholic United Financial for providing a \$1000 grant to help cover costs of the meal and local businesses for their donations to the silent auction!

*There are still T-shirts available for sale in the Narthex at Assumption. Please continue to pray for the trip!

Pizza Pickup

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Papa Murphy's pizza sale for the Puerto Rico Mission trip! Pizza pickup will be on Sunday, April 30th. Contact Sam with any questions.

Parish Assignments

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.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 3:

5:15 PM Mass: † Peter Gruenes

Friday, May 5:

7:00 AM Mass: † Wilfred Willenbring

Saturday, May 6:

4:00 PM Mass: † Jerry Weinmann

Sunday, May 7:

10:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, May 6, 4:00 PM:

Lector: Shelley Kern

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Ron Ruhland

Rosary: Molly Zimmerman

Hospitality: Ron & Ursula Ruhland

-Sunday, May 7, 10:00 AM:

Lector: Linda Thielen

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sharon Schettler

Homebound: Rose Becker

Hospitality: Jenny & Amber Scherer

Financial Blessings

April 23, 2023

Adult Env 2210.00

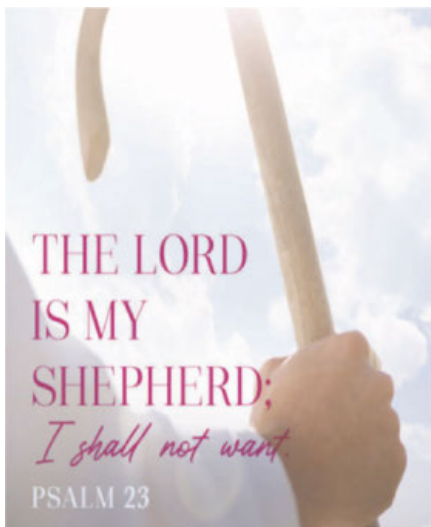
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Family Faith Formation

This Wednesday, May 3rd, is Family Faith Formation at Assumption for K-6th graders and parents. Join us at 6pm for a light dinner followed by class at roughly 6:25pm. We look forward to learning with you!

Christian Mother's Meeting

May 16th, 6:30-7:30. Please come to help us decide what to do with our surplus funds. We are considering donating to the lighting of the crosses at the cemeteries. Thank you!

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, 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.

Congratulations to our Newlyweds!

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

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St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 2:

7:00 PM Mass: † Adam Schlangen

Thursday, May 4:

8:30 AM Mass: † Gerald Schreder

Sunday, May 7:

8:00 AM Mass: † Joseph Nistler

Mass Ministries

Sunday, May 7, 8:00 AM:

Lectors: Alan Bear & Andy Hesse

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresia Linn

Mass Servers: Charlie Teicher &
Andrew Henneman

Ushers: Nick Vossen, Ron Molitor,
Laurie Molitor & Kenny Asfeld

Rosary: Lori Dockendorf

Children's Liturgy: Donna & Rose

Hospitality: Emily Piccerillo & Amanda Manuel

Coffee & Rolls: Teicher Family

Financial Blessings

April 23, 2023

Adult Env	1777.00
Loose	390.00
Youth	8.00
Votive	42.00
Wkly Auto	690.00
Total	\$2907.00

Church Cleaners

April 30- May 13: Steve & Lori Dockendorf, Ernest, Betty, Chad & Dale Dockendorf and families. Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

Corpus Christi Procession Volunteers Do you have a special love for the Holy Eucharist? Looking for a special way to honor Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and spread this devotion to others? Help us plan this year's Corpus Christi procession! The procession this year will take place in Watkins on June 11th. Contact the office or talk to Father Aaron if interested.

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 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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do we genuflect?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

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.

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).



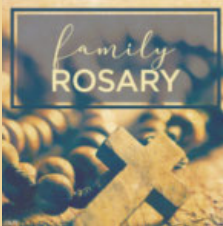
Caring & Sharing Hands Donations The Assumption Knights of Columbus & Christian Mothers are organizing a collection drive for the needs of the Caring & Sharing Hands Center. Donations can be brought to the Assumption basement.

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.



Community Rosary and Potluck

Join us on Friday, May 5th @ 6:00 PM at the Alan & Andrea Bear Residence (25227 State Hwy 23, Roscoe, MN 56371) Bring the family and a dish to share. Families & individuals of all ages are invited!



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 the Alan & Andrea Bear Residence (25277 State Hwy 23, Roscoe 56371). 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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