

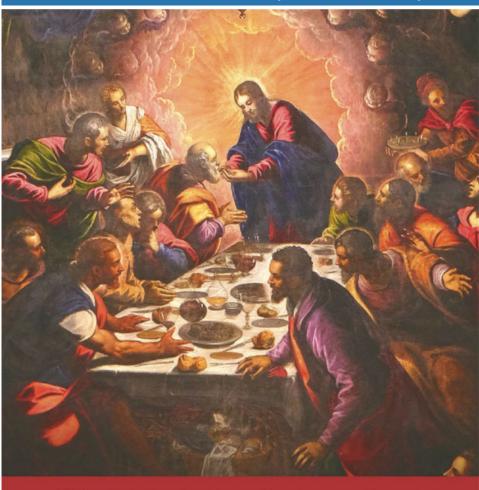
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Church of St. Anthony



May 7, 2023 •5th Sunday of Easter



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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

Church of St. Anthony, Watkins / Assumption Church, Eden Valley Assumption St. Anthony Catholics

Assumption Church

www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org

Youth Ministry

evwyouthministry@gmail.com

Mass Times

Wednesdays	5:15 PM
Fridays	7:00 AM
Saturday	
Sunday	

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

A Message From Father Aaron



Chosen for the Ministry of Diaconate Dear Friends,

In Sunday's first reading from the book of Acts we hear about how the first deacons in the early church were selected and ordained. "Brothers, select from among you

seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The deacons of the church were ordained primarily to be ministers of the Word and the Eucharist. They were called to be men of service in the church that serve in unique ways and share their gifts for the sake of building up the Kingdom.

This year, on June 10th at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud, will be the ordination of our own Dan Ruprecht! The Ordination Mass is open to the public and no ticket is needed. If you have the chance, I encourage you to attend, as the ceremony is beautiful! Along with Dan will be Kevin Soenneker, and also Leo Wehseler, who will be ordained a permanent deacon by Bishop Patrick Neary.

Dan and Kevin would be ordained "transitional deacons", as they are on the path of seeking ordination for the priesthood in the summer of 2024. They will serve in the diaconate ministry for just one year. The permanent diaconate, however, (usually a married man) is for a life-long ministry to the diaconate. Deacon Phil Henneman serves in our parishes as a permanent deacon, and I am very grateful for all the great work that he does!

We are very excited for Dan! We have journeyed with and prayed for Dan since he entered the St. Paul Seminary back in the Fall of 2018. Just as the first men were called by name and chosen from the community for this ministry, so was Dan chosen from the community of believers. "The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them."

Please continue to offer special prayers for Dan, Kevin, Leo and all those who are being ordained deacons and priests this spring and summer. It is a wonderful community of faith celebration! Mark your calendars for June 10th at St. Mary's!

God bless you, Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Sunday Mass Swap

This 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.

Mission Trip Raffle Tickets!

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$25 each to support the missionaries going to Puerto Rico! There are 10 cash prizes with a grand prize of \$2,000. Only 500 tickets will be sold! Tickets will be for sale after the weekend Masses or you may contact either parish office or Sam if you would like to purchase one. The drawing will take place after the 10AM Mass on June 4th.

Course Invite

You are invited to a course taught by Father Boniface Hicks, OSB entitled: Theology of the Body and Spiritual Direction- The Art of Accompaniment at the Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. July 30-Aug. 4th, 2023. Please contact the office for more information.

Totus Tuus Hosts and Meals

The Totus Tuus missionaries arrive at Assumption Saturday, July 8th and leave Friday, July 14th. We are in need of two families who live within 10 miles of Assumption to host the missionaries during this time and are in need for families to provide meals during the evening. Contact Sam if interested.

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. Fr. Jeff Horejsi has been assigned Pastor and Fr. Mike Doyle as Parochial Vicar (Senior Associate) of St. Anthony, Watkins; St. Philip, Litchfield; Our Lady, Manannah; St. John, Darwin – Shepherd of Souls AFC. 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 10:

5:15 PM Mass: † Lucy Ruhland

Friday, May 12:

7:00 AM Mass: † Marietta McCann

Saturday, May 13:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, May 14:

8:00 AM Mass: † George N Ruhland

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, May 13, 4:00 PM:

Lector: Jeanne Schmitz
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Jeanne Schmitz

Rosary: Joe Loch

Hospitality: Joel Braun & Janet Binsfeld

-Sunday, May 14, 8:00 AM:

Lector: Denise Nohner
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Chad Field
Rosary: Janet Roberg
Homebound: Jeanne Schmitz
Hospitality: Jim & Linda Thielen
Coffee & Rolls: Char Bischof &
Joann Rademacher

Financial Blessings

April 30, 2023

 Adult Env
 3080.00

 Loose
 137.00

 Easter
 250.00

 Votive
 40.00

 Total
 \$3507.00

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312





REST IN PEACE

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

† Catherine Meierhofer, 82, who passed away on April 17th. A Mass of Christian burial was held on April 22nd. Please remember Catherine and her family and friends in your prayers during this time.

First Communion Congratulations

We celebrate this weekend as the second graders "Come to the table of the LORD" for their First Holy Communion. May this day also remind us of our First Holy Communion and renew in us the faith so that we may deepen our understanding that when we look upon the consecrated Host, we look upon Jesus, fully present. May we all be open to Jesus, within us, so that we may be renewed and strengthened in our charity and commitment to the poor.

Christian Mother's Meeting

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

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.

Cemetery Collection

In your collection envelope packet you will find an envelope for the Cemetery Collection. Please consider a gift to the cemetery to help with upkeep to the cemetery grounds and other needs. Please indicate on the envelope which cemetery you would like your gift to go towards and make your checks payable to that cemetery. Thank you!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of April 25, the diocese has raised \$952,919 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 5,106 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Traveling Chalice & Madonna This week we are pleased to meet Jacob Donnay, son of Ethel and the late Robert Donnay of the St. Anthony parish, a seminarian for the priesthood from the Holy Cross Church, Orlando at the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. Please pray daily for Jacob and his family. *Lord, please bless and protect our seminarians. Through the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother, draw them to Your Son's Sacred Heart. We pray that they grow into apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen.*

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 9:

9:30 AM Mass: † Eugene & Kathy Donnay

Thursday, May 11:

8:30 AM Mass: † Mary Kielty

Sunday, May 14:

10:00 AM Mass: † Alcuin Huberty

Mass Ministries

Sunday, May 14, 10:00 AM:

Lectors: Tammy Winter & Amie Vetsch Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jessica Lorentz

Mass Servers: Finn Lorentz & Miles Hesse Ushers: Tammy Winter, Cory Meierhofer, Earl Dockendorf & Derreck Hennen

Rosary: Ethel Donnay

Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Christy Hospitality: Theresa Faber & Jessie Teicher Coffee & Rolls: Kramer Family

Financial Blessings

April 30, 2023

 Adult Env
 2542.00

 Loose
 906.00

 Youth
 6.00

 Easter
 30.00

 Votive
 258.25

 Wkly Auto
 690.00

 Total
 \$4432.25



Church Cleaners



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



Family Faith Formation This Wednesday, May 10th, is Family Faith Formation at St. Anthony for K-6th graders and parents. Join us at 6pm for a light dinner followed by class at roughly 6:25pm.

First Communion Practice & Retreat First Communion practice and retreat for St. Anthony 2nd graders and their parents will be on Saturday, May 20th from 9am-noon at St. Anthony.

First Communion Sacrament

The Sacrament of first Communion for St. Anthony 2nd graders will be on Sunday, May 21st at 10am at St. Anthony. Please keep these students and their parents in your prayers as they make 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.

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 if interested.

Tootsie Roll Drive The Knights of Columbus will hold the Tootsie Roll Drive after the 10:00 mass on Sunday, May 21. The proceeds are used in helping people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.

Blood Drive Thank You The American Red Cross hosted a blood drive at Watkins on April 18. Thank you to the 54 donors who came. 50 units were collected with 19 Type O and 1 first time donor. This was a community effort. Thanks to St. Anthony Parish for the use of the Social Hall. The work of the volunteers who readied and reset the furniture and those who worked at the registration desk and canteen was greatly appreciated. You all made a difference in saving lives. The next blood drive in Watkins will be on Wednesday, July 12, at 12-6pm and is open for scheduling. -Watkins Blood Drive Committee

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.

This is My Body Eucharistic Congress 2023 Come & join thousands of Catholics as we rejoice in the Lord through the Eucharist! The Diocese of Winona-Rochester's Bishop Robert Barron invites all Catholics to come to Mankato Civic Center on June 10, 2023 for a Eucharistic Procession, Mass, Speakers and Music. For more information & to register visit www.eucharist.dowr.org. Registration runs through May 15.

In order to help our faith community attend, the Shepherd of Souls AFC is planning on scheduling a 56-passenger bus for \$22 per person for transportation to and from the event. Departure is from St Philip at 7:15 am returning between 6:30-7pm. All reservations must be made and paid by May 15th. Should we not have enough interest all payments will be refunded. Any questions can be directed to Judy Dunbar, Coordinator of Time and Talent, at $320-693-3313 \times 105$; jdunbar@shepherdofsouls.org.



Extreme Faith Camp

This year EFC will be held at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN June MINISTRY 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 leaders are June 10th-16th. Contact (evwcatholic@gmail.com) with questions or to register.



Vacation Bible School Registration VBS "Stellar" is taking off July 31st -August 4th from 9am-12pm at St. Anthony in

Watkins. Each day we'll launch into the vastness of God's great love and discover how to shine Jesus's light! To register your child or ask questions contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com

TOTUS TUUS Summer Program SAVE THE DATE! July 8th - 14th, 2023



Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic 2 Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of Saint Cloud, From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games, and skits - your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith!

Entering Grades 1 – 6

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Entering Grade 7 – 12

Sunday – Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

*To register or for more information please contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com

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

Former members of St. Gertrude's parish are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, May 10th at 7pm at St. Philip's Social Hall to discuss plans for the buildings at Forest City.

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, June 2nd 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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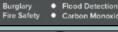


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