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June 4, 2023 • The Most Holy Trinity



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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

A Message from Father Aaron



Priest Assignment Change

Dear Friends,

While I was away last week spending some time with friends and family, the priest assignment changes were made for the St. Cloud Diocese and for the current parish assignment I have. As you know Father Bob Harren made the announcement. I would have liked to be there myself to make this announcement personally, but it didn't work out that way.

The bishop and the personnel board of the St Cloud Diocese has asked me to be the pastor of the St Francis Xavier Area Faith Community starting on June 28th. This ACC includes the parishes of St. Joseph in Pierz, St. Michael in Buckman, St John Nepomuk in Lastrup, and Holy Cross in Harding.

With St. Anthony's parish moving back under the care of the New Ulm Diocese, the Assumption Parish will now be with the St. Nicholas parish and St. Anne's in Kimball. The pastor who has been assigned to these three parishes is Father Don Wagner, who is a wonderful and well-respected priest. Assumption will join the St Augusta ACC which will now consist of six parishes.

I must admit I did not originally expect to be moving locations but as we know, God's ways are not our ways. And so, I said yes, and I place my trust in God's goodness and his divine plan. Although change is a constant part of life, it still does not make it easy. We will do our best to help the parishes and staff transition in the next weeks so that the new arrangements will go well, as we of course place our trust in God's guiding hand.

I am saddened to be leaving these parishes where I have been blessed in so many ways by the Lord and by all of you. It has been a great privilege to be your pastor for these past seven years, and you have been a great gift to me. We will have some time together in the next four weeks to reflect on what God has done in our midst.

But in the meantime, there will be much to do in the next four weeks. And so I ask for your prayers, as I will be praying for you, the staff and the people who I will minister to in the near future. May our good Lord guide us, as he always does, in his ways wisdom, love and peace.

May God bless you all,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Congratulations to all of the graduates of the Class of 2023, especially those that are a part of the St. Anthony & Assumption parish community. Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin their newest journey! [Eric Bauer, Ava Blonigen, Teya Boyer, Allison Brutger, Skyler Field, Charley Fish, Brent Kelm, Luke Kipf, Jack Kneip, Brielle Kuechle, McKenna Moehrle, Madalyn Notch, Katie Ruhland, Amber Scherer, Micayden Schmitz, Leya Teicher, Blake Vossen, Mykayla Ballard, Allyson Pauly, Emma Donnay, Ellie Donnay, Alder Ertl, Keegan Kramer, Alicia Hansen, Reagan Hennen, Carly Meierhofer, Kera Pikula, Payton Schreifels, Maddie Umana, Emily Walz, Alec Zadra, Ethan Geislinger, Collin Garding, Olivia Langer, Troy Geislinger, Faith Unterberger]. We wish you all the best and pray that you will seek to grow in virtue as you move forward to whatever God may be calling you next. May the Will of God always be your guide!

Sunday Mass Swap Next Week! On Sunday, June 11th, 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 a celebration at Assumption for Dan Ruprecht's ordination to the transitional diaconate.

Mission Trip Raffle Tickets! This weekend is the last to buy any raffle tickets to benefit the Puerto Rico Mission Trip! Each ticket is \$25, but you have a chance to win an assortment of ten cash prizes! The Grand Prize is a whopping \$2,000! The drawing will take place after the 10 am Mass at St. Anthony's on June 4th. Thank you to those you bought raffle tickets and helped us sell some!

Totus Tuus Hosts & Meals We are looking for one more family who has room for two adults on the Totus Tuus missionary team! We've had one generous parishioner step up and are looking for one more! Hosting includes providing a place to stay and at least a cold continental breakfast each morning. The dates are July 8th through July 14th. We are also looking for a family to host a meal each of these nights for the missionaries. If interested, contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or 320-630-7590.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, June 7:

5:15 PM Mass: † Aurelia Becker

Friday, June 9:

7:00 AM Mass: † James Bischof

Saturday, June 10:

4:00 PM Mass: † Doreen Ebensteiner

Sunday, June 11:

10:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, June 10, 4:00 PM:

Lector: Jeanne Schmitz

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sheila Laudenbach

Rosary: Rose Becker

Hospitality: Theresa Branstner &
Michelle Brutger

-Sunday, June 11, 10:00 AM:

Lector: Steve Ries

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jenny Evens

Rosary: Jim & Linda Thielen

Homebound: Tom & Mary Mathies

Hospitality: Jenny Evens & Jamie Ries

Financial Blessings

May 28, 2023

Adult Env	2039.75
Loose	330.00
Votive	47.00
Total	\$2416.75

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2715



Mass for Celebration of Marriages, June 4th

Congratulations to those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries, especially 50 years or more! Please join us after Mass for a reception in the parish hall to recognize these couples.

Marriage Blessing Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the love You have implanted in our hearts.

May it always inspire us to be kind in our words, considerate of feelings, and concerned for each other's needs and wishes.

Help us to be understanding and forgiving of human weaknesses and failings. Increase our faith and trust in You and may Your Prudence guide our life and love.

Bless our Marriage, O God, with peace and happiness, and make our love fruitful for Your Glory and our joy both here and in eternity. Amen.

Diaconate Ordination of Dan Ruprecht

Mass of Ordination will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, Sat. June 10th at 10:30AM. All are welcome! For those who would like a ride, we will meet in the Assumption Church parking lot at 9:00. There will be a reception at the Cathedral following the Mass.

Mass Time Switch: Mass at St. Anthony's on Sunday June 11th will be at 8:00 am, and at 10:00 am at Assumption. Please support Dan in prayer as he moves into becoming a Deacon and prepares for his ordination to the Priesthood one year from now. Dan will be preaching at both Masses.

Corpus Christi Procession

Come join in the Corpus Christi Procession, Sunday, June 11th, after the 10AM Mass at Assumption. Immediately following, all are welcome to a pancake/sausage reception celebrating Deacon Dan's Ordination.

*Any families/parishioners from either parish that would like to help with the procession please call Theresa at 320-492-1796 or Jeanne at 320-420-5535.



Parish River Outing June 4th, Sauk River between Rockville and the Waite Park Government Office landings. Meet at the park in Rockville at 1:00 to shuttle vehicles, rain, or shine! Please bring your own watercraft if you can (we do have extra canoes, etc. to lend), life jackets, spare set of dry clothes, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. Please RSVP to Molly at 320-250-8501.

Valley Daze Youth Booth The Assumption Church will be hosting a food stand at Valley Daze. Profits help to off-set costs for youth activities. *Looking for families, parishioners and students to help out in the booth Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th. A shift consists of a 2 hour commitment. Contact Bonnie (282-1468 or evwcatholic@gmail.com) or Sam (320-630-7590 or evwyouthministry@gmail.com).

*Accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies for the Fundraiser:

•Eight \$25 donations for beverages •One \$95 donation for the permit •One \$75 donation for the stand fee
•Two \$20 donations for popcorn •Five \$25 donations for hot dogs •Five \$30 donations for buns •Two \$10 donations for cheese •Four \$10 donations for chips •Two \$10 donations for popcorn oil •Four \$15 donations for ice •One \$20 donations for dill pickles •Five \$45 donations for pretzels *Donations are being accepted through the collection basket (please mark "Valley Daze Supply Donation"). Thank you very much!

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 6:

9:30 AM Mass: † Mary Kay Kielty

Thursday, June 8:

8:30 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

Sunday, June 11:

8:00 AM Mass: † Pete Neisen

Mass Ministries

Sunday, June 11, 8:00 AM:

Lectors: Heidi Schoenecker &
Tammy Winter

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Ethel Donnay

Mass Servers: Avery & Gavin Schmitt

Ushers: Tammy Winter, Cory Meierhofer,
Earl Dockenorf & Derreck Hennen

Rosary: Lori Dockendorf

Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Christy

Hospitality: Theresa Faber & Ellen Libbesmeier

Coffee & Rolls: Mindy Heinen

Financial Blessings

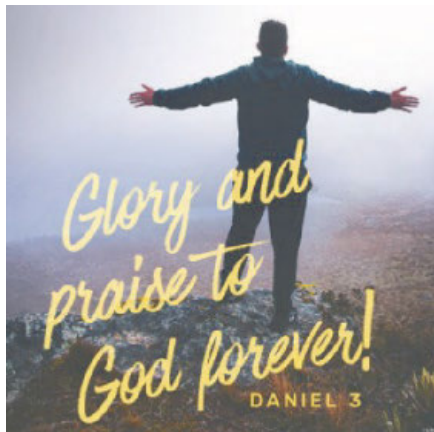
May 28, 2023

Adult Env	1335.00
Loose	629.00
Youth	6.00
Votive	145.50
Wkly Auto	690.00
Total	\$2805.50

Church Cleaners



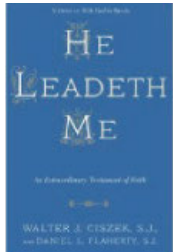
May 28-June 10: Jim & Betty Donnay, Mike & Lisa Donnay, Andy & Heidi Donnay and families. Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.



Funeral Lunch Donations: At our May 2nd CCW meeting it was voted on to resume donating cakes, bars or cookies to funeral lunches. -Kathy Erpelding CCW Co-President

Attention: From the St. Anthony CCW to all the parishioners of St. Anthony Church going on the Puerto Rico trip. The CCW has scholarships available. To apply, fill out a Scholarship Application Form that are on the counter in back of the church. The scholarships are for students and chaperons. You can receive up to \$50.00. The application will be reviewed for acceptance by the CCW scholarship committee. The Scholarship forms are due by June 15. Any questions, call Rachel Kinzer @ 764-2784.

Summer Book Study! Join us this summer as we read the extraordinary story of Father Walter Ciszek, SJ who was captured by the Russian army during World War II and went on to spend 23 years in Soviet prisons and the labor camps of Siberia. Only through an utter reliance on God's will did he manage to endure the extreme hardship. He tells of the courage he found in prayer--a courage that eased the loneliness, the pain, the frustration, the anguish, the fears, the despair. *We will meet on Wednesdays from June 7-July 19 at 6:15-7:30 PM and the location will alternate between the parishes. It's not a long book and if you are not a reader and would still like to join in on the discussion, the book in audio is also available on YouTube. Books will be \$13, please contact Jessie in the office by June 5th to join in and order a book!



Church Project Update

Due to the coming change in late June of St. Anthony's joining the Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community, it has been decided that the capital campaign will be temporarily put on hold. The New Ulm Diocese approved this project several months ago before it began and is aware that it is being put on hold. Father Jeff, who will take over as pastor in June, has met with the committee and looks forward to working on the project after he takes on his duties as pastor of St Anthony's. If you still wish to put forth a donation during this time you are welcome to but all other campaign activities for the project will be put on temporary hold until further notice. Thank you to all the committee members who have worked so hard on this project so far. Thank you to all who have supported the project so far as well, and thank you to everyone for your patience and prayers. -Father Aaron

Hello, this is Fr. Jeff Horejsi communicating a brief message to you. I am to be your new Pastor at the end of June. Bishop Zielinski has asked for a "pause" to the Capital Campaign until I can arrive and begin to interact with the parish council and the committees who have been working on this extensive project. I look forward to being a part of the Campaign and its needed repair and maintenance. Thank you all for your patience in this time of transition. -Father Jeff

Financial Update:

Campaign Financial Goal	\$1,104,000.00
Total Commitments (pledges) & Other Income	\$355,233.76
Remaining Balance to Reach Goal	\$748,766.24
Total Contributions Received	\$209,141.12

YOUTH MINISTRY

Extreme Faith Camp Extended!

We still have a few spots open for EFC and registration is now open to 5th graders. All 5th-8th graders are invited as campers! We are also looking for highschool (9th-12th gr) leaders. EFC will be held at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, June 12th-16th. 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.



VBS Registration

Registration is open for VBS Stellar 2023! This year's vacation bible school is July 31st-August 4th at St. Anthony's from 9am-12pm. Cost for preK-4th is \$20, while 5th graders and up (free entrance) are encouraged to come, participate, and be role models to younger students. VBS includes skits, games, crafts, learning about Scripture and Saints, snacks, and friendship! For registration forms or questions, please contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com.

TOTUS TUUS

Summer Program
July 8th – 14th, 2023



Entering Grades 1 – 6 (\$25) **Entering Grade 7 – 12 (\$10)**
M–F: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Su–Th: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic 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!

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

Youth Bonfire Nights Any student in grades 7th-12th are invited to the following nights to enjoy a smoldering bonfire, gooey s'mores, and exhilarating games. The following June dates will all be at the Church of St. Anthony in Watkins: June 7th, June 21st, and June 28th. Times will be from 7:00pm-9:30pm. Be on the lookout for an email regarding weather or other circumstances. Future dates in July and August will be held at Assumption in Eden Valley.



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, July 7th at a location TBD. Starting at 6:00 PM.

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, 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. Margaret, Lake Henry
(confessions @ 4:00-4:30)

Sundays:

8:00AM St. Agnes, Roscoe
9:30AM St. Louis, Paynesville

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