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Church of St. Anthony



July 10th, 2022 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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.....5:45 PM
Fridays.....7:00 AM
Saturday.....4:00 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Wed: 5:15 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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DRE	Nancy Jans
RE Assistant	Bonnie Meyer
Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron

Justice and Freedom for the Most Innocent!

Dear Friends,

As you know, just weeks ago on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Supreme Court ruled to end the unjust federal law mandating abortion in all states in our country, upholding the constitutional right to life! This decision will mean the immediate protection of the unborn in some states throughout the US, and perhaps even dozens of prolife states in the future. Praise the God of life!!

In an open letter our Minnesota Bishops stated, "For almost 50 years, Roe grievously denied one of America's founding principles: that all men and women—irrespective of their stage of development—are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Forgetting this self-evident truth has resulted in the death of over 60 million preborn children and the wounding of millions of mothers and fathers."

As Catholics we believe in protecting and promoting all life from conception to natural death, aiming to build a culture of life in our world. Through different organizations and efforts over the years the church has reached out to support those in need, especially those considering abortion and young mothers in need of assistance. The bishops stated, "We have been privileged as well, through post-abortion healing retreats, to help parents who have chosen abortion to work through the pain they so often suffer." The Catholic bishops of the United States have launched a nationwide initiative, Walking with Moms in Need (walkingwithmoms.com), to create additional avenues of support for mothers in our communities by way of Catholic parishes, ministries, and crisis pregnancy centers.

Although a great victory has been won, we know the battle will continue in many states throughout the US. Unfortunately, the landscape in Minnesota is shaped by our own version of Roe v. Wade, and so we must re-double our efforts to pray that our "great state" of Minnesota becomes a state that protects the most innocent life in the womb. The bishops state, "Abortion advocates want people to believe that abortion promises liberation, but instead, it leads to sadness, pain, and the death of a human being. To quote one pro-life leader, 'Abortion says 'I sacrifice your life for my convenience.' But Love says, 'I sacrifice my convenience for your life.' Only love will lead to fulfillment.'" Let us be a credible witness to the Gospel of Life by sacrificing ourselves for the sake of others, both born and unborn."

My brothers and sisters, let us continue to pray, fast and sacrifice that the trend of promoting a prolife culture continues! In Christ we can do all things!

God bless you,
Father Aaron

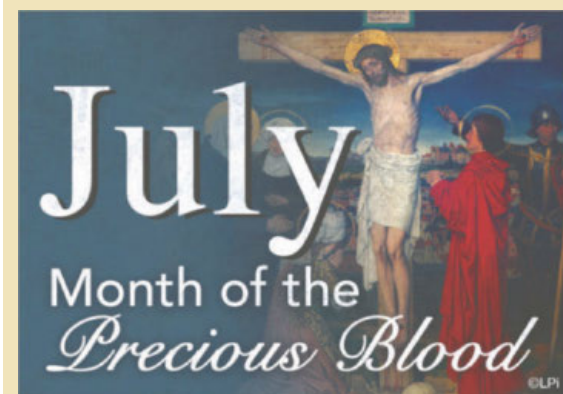
Twinned Parish News

No Friday Daily Mass There will be no daily Mass on Friday this week due to Father being gone on the Steubenville trip.

Family Faith Formation

Announcement Through a prayerful discernment process and taking into account the thoughts and desires of many of our teachers and parish families, it has been decided that we will be adapting a Family Faith Model for this upcoming year. Our goal with this new model will be to empower parents to be the primary educators of their children. This model will be for our next year's K-6th graders and their parents. In person classes for K-6th and parents will take place just one Wednesday a month. Beyond that, flexible, short, engaging, and accessible home lessons will be sent home to families for the remaining 3 weeks out of the month. We are so excited for the fruits of this model and we cannot wait to walk with parents in the catechesis of their children! The faith formation schedule for high schoolers will remain quite similar to this past year with meetings also taking place on Wednesday nights. K-12th grade families can expect to receive a letter with more information, a calendar, and registration paperwork by mail later on this summer.

Totus Tuus Thank You Thank you to everyone that helped out with Totus Tuus this year! We had 38 elementary students and 22 high school students between the two parishes! Without the help of the volunteers and parents, we wouldn't be able to host Totus Tuus.



Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 13:

5:45 PM Mass: † David & Aniceta Lahr

Friday, July 15:

No Mass

Saturday, July 16:

4:00 PM Mass: † Jerry Weinmann

Sunday, July 17:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, July 16, 4PM:

Lector: Al Mueller

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sheila Laudenbach

Rosary Leader: TBD

Hospitality: Janet Binsfeld

& Mark Schoenecker

-Sunday, July 17, 8AM:

Lector: Tom Mathies

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sharon Schettler

Rosary Leader: TBD

Homebound: Rita Haan

Hospitality: Becky Haag & Theresa Branstner

Coffee & Rolls: Knights of Columbus

Financial Blessings

The financial information for this past weekend was not available due to the early bulletin deadline and will be published next week.



2022 FALL DINNER/RAFFLE INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS: Your generosity & past support always assures a successful annual raffle! We are reaching out to you, our parish community, to once again put together a great raffle ticket that we can sell proudly and successfully! We would appreciate all donation commitments by Wednesday July 27th! To contribute an item(s) please contact one of the Raffle Committee Chairs:

Steve Schmitt 320 333 0655 or Sheri Blonigen 320 248 4617

Valley Days Youth Booth Thank You!

Many thanks and blessings to all of you who helped with the Valley Daze Food Booth. It was great to get together to see and talk with so many people again. God has blessed this community with wonderful volunteers like yourself. Some volunteers worked a shift in the booth, some volunteers donated money toward expenses, others prayed for a successful weekend and still others came out to support the stand. I'd like to thank everyone for all you have done.

Assumption Lost & Found

Did you know that we have a lost and found area? It's located in the church basement on the east end in the "coat room" next to the bathrooms. If you've lost something maybe we found it! Check out the Lost and Found.

Stewardship as a Way of Life

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise' (*Luke 10:37*).

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Assumption Fest

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION IN THE VALLEY

This year's Assumption Fest is planned for August 28th and the festival committee is looking for your help! They are seeking items for a silent auction. All items must be new and any amounts are welcome! Gift cards, themed baskets, games, crafts, etc. Feel free to be creative with your baskets or you can donate money to put towards creating baskets. You can drop off your items and baskets at Lost & Found or downstairs in the religion room. Monetary donations can be given at the office, by mail or dropped in the collection. Just mark your envelope "silent auction". Thank you for your help in making this year's festival a success!

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 12:

9:30 AM Mass: † Pat Strohmeier

Thursday, July 14:

8:30 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

Sunday, July 17:

10:00 AM Mass: † Gerald Schreder

Mass Ministries

Sunday, July 17, 10AM:

Lectors: Chad Dockendorf
& Heidi Schoenecker

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresa Faber

Mass Servers: Ellie Donnay & Zack Heinen

Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Rosie

Rosary Leader: Sharon Simmons

Hospitality: Theresa Faber & Jessie Teicher

Coffee & Rolls: Pikula Family

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Thrift Store

Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm
*Closed during funerals

Church Cleaners



July 3-16: Cory & Kelly Meierhofer, Ron & Diane Meierhofer and Ron & Laurie Molitor and families.

*Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.



The Church of St. Anthony is happy to welcome new members to our parish family! Please join us in welcoming the **Mark & Bridgette Zobeck Family** and **Denny & Sue Heath** to the parish!

Blood Drive The Church of St. Anthony will be hosting a Red Cross Drive on Wednesday, July 13th from 1PM to 7PM. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or register on-line at redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor App. Please bring your donor card or a photo ID. Call Theresia at 764-7251 with questions.

Steubenville Youth Conference Trip

This Thursday, 27 8th-12th graders will be heading out to Steubenville Rochester! Please continue to pray for our retreatants as they encounter Jesus in Adoration, listen to inspirational Catholic speakers, and grow in holy friendships. Again, this wouldn't be possible without the support of parishioners willing to donate time and money into the youth ministry program.

God our Father, let Your Presence be known to all high schoolers attending Steubenville. Instill Your Spirit in them, that they may know of Your unconditional love for them. Equip them with the gifts to remain faithful to You during and after Steubenville. Holy Family, we entrust these young souls into your loving care. Amen.

- EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral gray and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Bonfire Nights

Youth Bonfire nights are here again! These are for anyone 7th-12th grade from 7:30pm-9:30pm. There will be games and s'mores! The next one will be July 19th at Assumption.



God's Girls The next God's Girls meeting will be at St. Anthony on July 24th from 2:00-3:30. We will be doing some coloring and if the weather is nice we'll also use sidewalk chalk. We will also read a bible story.

In Search of ...another bean bag game for the youth group. Contact Sam if you have a set or would be willing to donate towards one. Thank you to the individual who already donated a game!

Vacation Bible School This year's VBS will be MONUMENTAL! At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate God's greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

What - Vacation Bible School

Where - St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Watkins

When - August 1st-5th, 9am-12pm.

For - Next year's preK-4th, 5th and up can help!

***To register for Vacation Bible School email Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or follow the links on the parish websites.**



Seeking Youth Game Donations The Youth Ministry program would like to invest in a "9-Square in the Air" game. This game was a big hit at our recent EFC camp and will be a popular item for young kids (and adults!) at youth nights, church festivals, etc. It's mobile and has adjustable heights. To get a high quality game that will last, it will cost over \$500. If you would like to help the parishes purchase this game we would gladly accept donations. Thank you!



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. The next class will be offered on June 25th at 9:30 AM at Assumption. 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.

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 to sign up.

Bulletin Deadline Bulletin announcements are due on Tuesdays by noon.

Women's Group: We will next meet on July 23rd at 7:00-8:30 AM at St. Anthony's

Community Rosary Night/Potluck: Friday, August 5th at 6:00PM at a location TBD. Potluck at 6, rosary at 7, with campfire and fellowship to follow!

Assumption Knights of Columbus: The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the Assumption Church.

Men's Group: Saturdays, 7:30 AM Rosary, 8-9 AM meeting, at Assumption. Join us for a morning of reflection & fellowship.



Remember in Your Prayers...

Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, Joyce Manske, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, and Janice Zobeck.

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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