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Church of St. Anthony



July 24th, 2022 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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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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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

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Mondays 8:00 AM- Fridays 5:00 PM

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Mon: 12:30-4:30, Wed: 8-4
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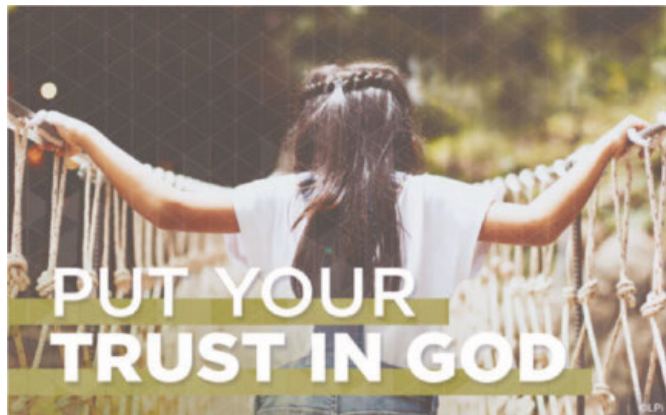
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RE Assistant	Bonnie Meyer
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A Gospel Meditation

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.



Twinned Parish News

Vacation Bible School

We still have a few spots available for VBS August 1st-5th at St. Anthony's. Make sure to register your child(ren) soon to reserve your spot! Cost is \$15 for incoming preK-4th grade. Older children are encouraged to help out for free. We are also looking for adult snack help during the week. We are looking for a variety of items to be donated/borrowed for VBS use: 10 ft of paracord; spray bottles; small donation for groceries for skits. *If you are able to help with snack time or have any of these items contact Sam or either parish office.

Christ Our Hope ACC Pastoral Council

On July 12th, the new ACC Pastoral Council met for the first time. The council consists of two members from each parish. The council will primarily address the spiritual needs of the parishes and will address both the needs of the ACC and the needs of each individual parish. The council members are as follows: Karla & Adam Hemmesch from St. Margaret's, Lake Henry; Michael Osendorf & Mary-Margaret Symanietz from St. Agnes, Roscoe; Jerald Quarfot & Rachel Braun from St. Louis, Paynesville; Ron Ruhland & Perry Lemke from Assumption and Josh Pikula & Erin Donnay from St. Anthony's.

Upcoming Mass Changes There will be no daily Mass this Tuesday due to a funeral. Also, no daily Mass August 1-5 & 8-12 and the Sunday Masses for August 28th will be flipped; the 8AM Mass will be at St. Anthony and Assumption will have Mass at 10AM due to Assumptionfest.



**Special birthday blessings to Father Aaron on his birthday! (July 24th)
May God bless you on your birthday and always!**

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 27:

5:45 PM Mass: Christian Women

Friday, July 29:

7:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions

Saturday, July 30:

4:00 PM Mass: † Doris Schutz

Sunday, July 31:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, July 30, 4PM:

Lector: Jeanne Schmitz

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jim Schutz

Rosary Leader: Lorraine Vivier

Hospitality: Jerry Arnold & Janet Binsfeld

-Sunday, July 31, 8AM:

Lector: Steve Ries

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Steve Schmitt

Rosary Leader: Knights of Columbus

Homebound: Rose Becker

Hospitality: Jenny Evens & Jamie Ries

Coffee & Rolls: Karen & Joe Becker

Financial Blessings

July 17, 2022

Adult Env	2768.00
Loose	106.00
Votive	26.00
Total	\$2900.00

Total Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2215
(Not included in the above totals)



National NFP Awareness Week – July 24-30, 2022

Called to the Joy of Love is the theme for the 2022 National NFP Awareness Week. Let's join together to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality.

Annual Christian Women Meeting The annual Christian Women meeting will be on Wednesday, July 27th after the 5:45 PM Mass at Assumption.

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:

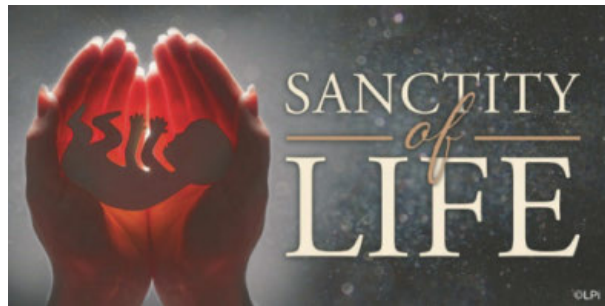
Steve Schmitt 320 333 0655 or Sheri Blonigen 320 248 4617

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!

Annual All Day Pro-Life Retreat



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH, EDEN VALLEY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th, 8:30am-3:30pm

Outdoor PRAYER VIGIL and
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in the church

4pm: BENEDICTION and MASS

(Mass intention: "For an End to Legalized Abortion")

5pm: Speaker: Molly Winters

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A light Supper will be served.

Contact: judy4life@meltel.net, 320-453-7592 or
assumptionev@meltel.net, 320-453-2788

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 26:

No Mass: (Due to Funeral)

Thursday, July 28:

8:30 AM Mass: Joan Erickson & Family

Sunday, July 31:

10:00 AM Mass: † Marlene Kramer

Mass Ministries

Sunday, July 31, 10AM:

Lectors: Alan Bear & Amie Vetsch

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresia Linn

Mass Servers: Finn Lorentz & Miles Hesse

Children's Liturgy: Donna & Holly

Rosary Leader: Ethel Donnay

Hospitality: Eric & Kaila Schmitt

Coffee & Rolls: Emily Piccerillo

Financial Blessings

July 17, 2022

Adult Env	965.00
Loose	149.00
Youth	0.00
Votive	42.00
Wkly Auto	750.00
Total	\$1906.00

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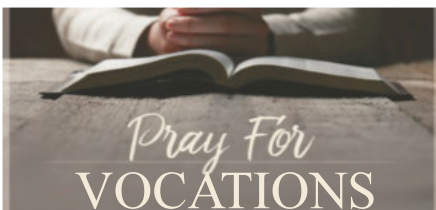
Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm
*Closed during funerals

Church Cleaners



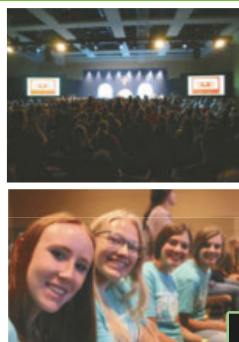
July 17-30: Jeanne Olson
& Keith Faber, Dave &
Mary Neisen, Don & Jean
Neisen, Dave & Audrey
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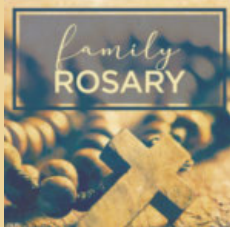


St. Anthony Festival Planning Meeting It's the time of year again to start planning this year's parish festival. And once again we are looking for more help in planning. Anyone is welcome to come help, but we are especially asking the chairs and co-chairs from each stand to come and be part of the planning. We can't continue having the same few people heading this up each year, we need more help. The work of many can make this a manageable and fun endeavor! We will meeting on Tuesday, July 26th at 7PM at St. Anthony's. Even just to come to this meeting to share your ideas and opinions is a great help! The more input we can get ensures a successful event and a fun time for everyone.

Blood Drive Thank You! Fifty-six units of life saving blood were collected at the Watkins Drive. Thank you to each of you who helped in any way to make this drive successful. The next drive is Tuesday, September 20th from 1-7 pm. The drive is open for scheduling.



Steubenville 2022



Outdoor Rosary and Potluck Friday, August 5th @ 6:00 PM at the Henneman Residence (Deacon Phil's & family!) At 63150 277th St, Litchfield. Bring the family and a dish to share. The entire family and people of all ages are invited. Potluck at 6PM and Rosary at 7 PM. Feel free to come for the potluck and rosary or come at 7 PM just in time for the rosary. A campfire and fellowship to follow! Please BYOC (bring your own chair!) All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Bonfire Nights

Youth Bonfire nights are for anyone 7th-12th grade from 7:30pm-9:30pm.



There will be games and s'mores! The next one will be August 11th at St. Anthony's.

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.

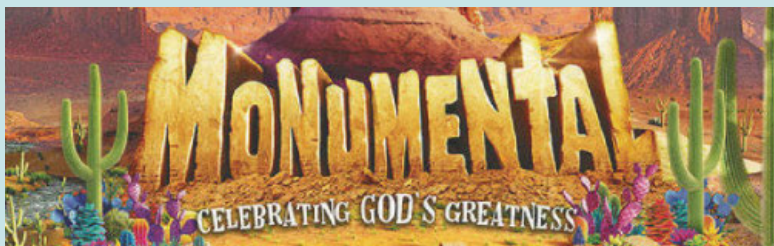
What - Vacation Bible School

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. 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: Women's group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. We will next meet on August 13th at 7:00-8:30 AM at St. Anthony's

Community Rosary Night/Potluck: Friday, August 5th at 6:00PM at the Henneman Residence. 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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