



# Church of the Assumption

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# Church of St. Anthony



July 3rd, 2022 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

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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  
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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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#### Twinned Parish Contacts

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

## A Gospel Meditation

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

## Twinned Parish News 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!

Another great week with this year's Totus Tuus missionaries including skits, games, daily Mass, solid catechesis, fun and so much more!





## Assumption Parish News

### Mass Intentions

#### Wednesday, July 6:

5:45 PM Mass: † Margie Gruenes

#### Friday, July 8:

7:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions

#### Saturday, July 9:

4:00 PM Mass: Ernie & Kay Heinen  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

#### Sunday, July 10:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

### Mass Ministries

#### **-Saturday, July 9, 4PM:**

**Lector:** Lona Brutger

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Ron Ruhland

**Rosary Leader:** Mary Jo Ruhland

**Hospitality:** Jerry Arnold & Michelle Brutger

#### **-Sunday, July 10, 8AM:**

**Lector:** Denise Nohner

**Extraordinary Minister of**

**Communion:** Jenny Evens

**Rosary Leader:** Larry & Jeanne Schmitz

**Homebound:** Tom & Mary Mathies

**Hospitality:** Dan & Kim Mead

**Coffee & Rolls:** Sarah Field & Joe Loch

### Financial Blessings

#### **June 26th, 2022**

Adult Env	1950.00
Loose	46.00
Votive	34.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2030.91</b>

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

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Congratulations to Nick & Rachel Koltes who were married June 17th! May they be blessed with many years of marriage!

### Adoration Announcement

The Adoration chapel will be closed on the 4th of July, & opening Tuesday the 5th at 8:00 AM.

### 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.

### 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:

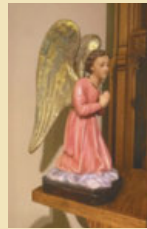
Steve Schmitt 320-333-0655 or Sheri Blonigen 320-248-4617

### Assumption 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.

### Altar Angels

We have two new angels on the altar guarding and adoring our Blessed Lord in the tabernacle. Thank you to those who donated towards these beautiful new additions to the sanctuary!



### Stewardship as a Way of Life

*"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few'" (Luke 10:2).* As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms," otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit, to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of June 27, the Appeal raised \$1,062,733 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 6,627 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](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

## St. Anthony Parish News

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, July 5:

9:30 AM Mass: † Marian Froehle

#### Thursday, July 7:

8:30 AM Mass: † Deceased Relatives  
of Karen Kramer

#### Sunday, July 10:

10:00 AM Mass: † Brian Walz

### Mass Ministries

#### **Sunday, July 10, 10AM:**

**Lectors:** Mary Ann Hesse & Michelle Kramer

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion:** Ethel Donnay

**Mass Servers:** Avery & Gavin Schmitt

**Children's Liturgy:** Heidi & Erin

**Rosary Leader:** Betty Donnay

**Hospitality:** Margi Schreifels &

Lori Unterberger

**Coffee & Rolls:** Mindy Heinen

### Financial Blessings

#### **June 26th, 2022**

Adult Env	2435.00
Loose Plate	165.00
Youth	6.00
Votive	112.25
Wkly Auto	750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3468.25</b>

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

### 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 Art of Living** The Art of Living book study is well on its way, but it isn't too late to delve deeper into growing in virtue on your own. In this 6-part series you will learn what a virtue is, how to grow in them, and how our ability to love is dependent on our pursuit of the virtuous life.

Visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) to sign up!



**Please Welcome**  
**OUR NEW MEMBERS**

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!

### Local Pilgrimages!

• **Eucharistic Pilgrimage** Have you always wanted to make a pilgrimage but never taken the time? Well now is your chance. The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Thursday, August 4. The day starts with 8 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Bertrand in Foreston, followed by a message from Fr. Derek Wiechmann, tour of the church and chapel, and adoration. Then it's on to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti where Fr. Don Wagner will greet us at approx. 11 a.m., followed by a tour, adoration and lunch. The day will conclude at St. Andrew's in Elk River around 2:30 p.m. where Fr. Mark Innocenti will join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, tour and adoration. Drive yourself or coach busing is available. Registration is required. Contact Jean Zwilling at (320) 492-7069 to reserve your spot by 7/15.

• **Grasshopper Chapel Pedal Pilgrimage** The St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring MN is sponsoring a pedal pilgrimage to the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring. The trip combines spiritual and physical exercise. Bikers gather at 3:30pm Saturday, August 13th.

The 2022 pilgrimage is a prayerful bike tour starting at the base of Chapel Hill, visiting various churches along the way, finally ending back at Chapel Hill in time for the Annual Assumption Mass on top of the hill at 7:00 pm. The 2022 Pedal Pilgrimage is a 23 mile bike tour along country roads and trails stopping at Richmond, Jacobs Prairie, Rockville and back to Cold Spring. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. While the prayer during the pilgrimage will be in a Roman Catholic style, the pilgrimage is open to people of all faith traditions. New this year: Will start with a prayer to Fr. Denny Dempsey who was an avid biker & Priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul.

To register go to [www.pedalpilgrimage.com](http://www.pedalpilgrimage.com) for a registration and waiver form and instructions.

# 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](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) or follow the links on the parish websites.**



## 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. \*There was an early deadline for the July 10th bulletin. Announcements for this bulletin were due on July 1st.

**Women's Group:** We will next meet on July 9th 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.

## -SAVE THE DATE- PRO-LIFE RETREAT (all day)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Outdoor PRAYER VIGIL 8:30am-3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration in church 8:30-3:30

4pm Benediction & MASS

5pm Speaker Molly Winters:

"STANDING FIRM----and HOLY"

A light Supper will be served.

Contact: [judy4life@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net), 320-453-7592

## 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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