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Church of St. Anthony



September 4th, 2022 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 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.....5:15 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
Fri: 8-12:00 (hours may vary)

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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 Message from Father Aaron

Following Jesus Above All Things

Dear Friends,

In this week's Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27) Jesus proclaims a challenging and yet freeing message. Taking up the cross and following Christ means that we are free from the idea that we must bear the burdens of life on our own, but we trust that he wants to bear the sufferings of life with us and for us. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Jesus desires our faithfulness, trust, love; free from the weight of this world. This is what it means to be his disciple.

Notes:

*I would like to thank all who volunteered for and participated in "Assumption Fest" this past Sunday. What a wonderful and joy-filled event it was providing something for all ages. God blessed us with beautiful weather and a good turnout of people from both parishes and beyond. Parish festivals offer a unique time for parishioners to work together, relax, talk and celebrate faith, family and community. It even provided some time for the priests vs. students in volleyball!

A special thank you goes to the Festival Committee who worked so diligently and well together to plan and fantastic day. Father George from India told me, "I came to your parishes on the best day!"

*September 7th kicks off the very first night of Family Faith Formation (St. Anthony's starts on the 14th)! We are excited to provide the opportunity for parents and children to come together on these special nights to explore the treasure of their Catholic Faith and how God is calling all people to holiness. What could be more exciting than the Creator's plan for our lives! May we explore this great adventure of our Faith together as a faith family. Please keep family faith formation in your prayers.

*As noted in the bulletin, there will be three meetings coming in September which focus on the maintenance and upkeep needs of St. Anthony's. The beautiful church, built in 1912, amazingly still has the original roof, but now it needs to be replaced, among other maintenance needs. It is amazing to ponder how much our ancestors poured out in order to provide beautiful houses of worship where God could be praised, loved and adored. Please keep the campaign for this beautiful House of God in your prayers!

God bless you all,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

New Wednesday Night Mass Time

The Wednesday evening Mass time has switched to 5:15 pm with confessions at 4:45 pm. This is to make the Mass more available to Faith Formation families and the members of the teen Bona Fide group.

India Mission Appeal

If you missed the second collection for the Diocese of Alleppey last weekend you can still give. Just mark your envelope "India Mission".

Food or Supplies for Family Faith Formation

We will be providing a light supper to our families when they meet once a month for Family Faith Formation Nights. Are you able to donate money to help offset the cost? Do you have bulk food, like ground beef, that you could donate toward these meals? If so, please either call our office at 453-5765 or drop your monetary donation in the collection marked "Food for Faith Formation Nights". Thank you for your support.

Haven't Registered for Faith Formation?

The Faith Formation office is still accepting registration paperwork. Extra forms can be found on the "Faith Formation" tab of the parish website or in the back of the church. Forms can be emailed to evwcatholic@gmail.com, given to the parish office, placed in the basket in the back of the church, or placed in the Sunday collection basket.



The St. Anthony Festival is Next Sunday!

All are welcome! St. Anthony parishioners: please see the bulletin insert for important information regarding the festival.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 7:

5:15 PM Mass: † David & Aniceta Lahr

Friday, September 9:

7:00 AM Mass: † Rosemary Ruprecht

Saturday, September 10:

4:00 PM Mass: † Jeff Ruhland

Sunday, September 11:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, September 10, 4PM:

Lector: Al Mueller

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jim Schutz

Rosary Leader: Rose Becker

Hospitality: Molly Zimmerman &
Mark Schoenecker

-Sunday, September 11, 8AM:

Lector: Steve Ries

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Steve Schmitt

Rosary Leader: Cyrilla Nohner

Homebound: Rita Haan

Hospitality: Jenni & Amber Scherer

Coffee & Rolls: TBD

Financial Blessings

August 28, 2022

Adult Env	1023.00
Loose	97.00
Bazaar Ltr	1250.00
Votive	49.00
Total	\$2419.00

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

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Diocesan Blue Mass Saturday September 10th 5pm. Church of St. Mary, Alexandria Mass to honor police, fire & emergency medical service personnel who serve the Diocese of St. Cloud. All are Welcome! Please join us!

Young Adult Night Wednesday, September 14th. We will start with Mass at 5:15PM at Assumption, followed by a bonfire at the St. Anthony's rectory in Watkins. If you can't make it to Mass, please join us at the rectory around 6:15. We hope to see you there!

Adoration Announcement

The Adoration chapel will be closed on Labor day and open at 8:00 AM on Tuesday. Also, thank you for getting your own subs for Adoration when unable to make your holy hour.

Assumption Fest Thank You!

The Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who made the Assumption Fest a success this year! Thank you goes out to those who contributed to the silent auction, live auction, bake walk, children's games and food stands; to those who worked at the fest, or contributed their time and talents to the event; and to those who purchased items from the auctions and stands. May God bless you abundantly!

Family Faith Formation Kick Off

All Kindergarten-6th grade students and parents are invited to join us for monthly Family Faith Formation nights. Our kick off night will be on September 7th beginning at 6pm with a meal provided by the program. The night will conclude at 8pm. We look forward to learning in faith together!

*Updated: Looking for new teachers, classroom aides, nursery helpers, and kitchen helpers

We are looking for teachers and aides to help in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms during Family faith Formation on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. We are also looking for nursery and kitchen helpers for these same nights. Additionally, we are in need of a 7th grade female aide, a 10th grade teacher, and a 10th grade aide to help on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8pm. Please contact Nancy in the Faith Formation office if you are interested in volunteering (evwcatholic@gmail.com).

Christian Mothers Short Meeting

Saturday, September 10th, 10:30 We will be voting on plans discussed at the Annual Meeting. It is an exciting time for the renewal of Christian Mother's fellowship and ministries in the parish. Hope you can make it!



Back to School Prayer

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 6:

9:30 AM Mass: † Walter Donnay

Thursday, September 8:

8:30 AM Mass: † Patricia Strohmeier

Sunday, September 11:

10:00 AM Mass: † Gerald Schreder

Mass Ministries

Sunday, September 11, 10AM:

Lectors: Amie Vestch & Kelly Meierhofer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresa Faber

Mass Servers: Emma & Timmy Donnay

Children's Liturgy: Kaila & Rosie

Rosary Leader: Kevin & Erin Donnay Family

Hospitality: Theresa Faber & Nettie Holtz

Financial Blessings

August 28, 2022

Adult Env	2217.00
Loose	227.00
Votive	147.25
Youth	6.00
Wkly Auto	700.00
Total	\$3297.25



Thrift Store

Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm

*Closed during funerals

Church Cleaners



August 28-Sept 10:

Kevin & Nancy Ruprecht,
Pete Schindler, Jeff

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Schlangen and families.

*Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.



**Congratulations to
Mark & Marissa Thelen!**

Many blessings on your
marriage, both now & always!

CCW Meeting Come join us for our meeting on Sept. 6 @ 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. We will be discussing the final plans for the Fall Gathering, our annual donation to the parish and to the Catholic schools that our parish students attend, number of CCW meetings in a year and CCW Sunday. See you there, Kathy Erpelding CCW Co-president

CCW Fall Gathering Monday, Sept. 12 at St. Anthony's. Mass will be at 5:30 followed by dinner and our speaker, Farther Bruno Santiago. His presentation will be on "Water Project for India". The registration fee will be paid for by the CCW. Please RSVP Sept 5. Kathy Erpelding 764-9303

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St. Anthony New Member Welcome! On September 18th after the 10AM Mass there will be a welcome meeting for our newest members of the parish. If you have joined the parish recently and haven't been to a welcome meeting, this meeting is for you!

Wanted: A parish member to fill a vacant position on the St. Anthony Cemetery Committee. This is an opportunity to perform a Corporal Work of Mercy, to "Bury the Dead". This committee is tasked to manage the cemetery for the parish. It is required to meet once annually, but may also meet as cemetery issues come up. Call the parish office to volunteer.

Celebrating 125 Years of St. Anthony's Court All members and their families are welcome to join us for our 125th Anniversary Celebration of St. Anthony Court #743 on Sunday, Sept. 18. This will begin with 10AM Mass, followed by a catered meal by Keek's at 12 noon in the Parish Social Hall. Please RSVP by contacting Erin Donnay at erin.donnay@gmail.com or 320-398-6370 by Sept. 7, 2022.

***Updated: Looking for Volunteers** The 2nd Wednesday evening of each month we are in need of kitchen & nursery helpers for Faith Formation. The 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8pm need a 7th grade female teacher, an 8th grade aide, and a 9th grade teacher. Please the Faith Formation office interested in volunteering.

Proposed Exterior Church Repairs & Interior Church Renovation Meetings

Please watch your mail for a postcard with an important invitation to attend **one** of three identical Presentation/Dialogue meetings that best fits your schedule. The meetings will take place in the Parish Social Hall:

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| • Tuesday evening | September 13 | 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. |
| • Thursday morning | September 15 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. |
| • Sunday afternoon | September 18 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. |

At each meeting we will share information about the proposed projects, the projected cost, and the priority order to complete the work. In addition, we will answer your questions based on the best information we have at this time and share the next steps as we move forward to conduct a capital campaign this fall for the proposed projects. Your attendance and participation in **one** of these three identical meetings is very important. We need and want to hear your reactions to proposed projects. Please join us. Thank you!

Fr. Aaron Nett
Pastor

Rich Hesse
Parish Trustee

Cindy Kuechle
Parish Trustee

YOUTH MINISTRY

Bona Fide High School Group

As Youth Minister, I would like to give high school leaders the best environment to thrive and grow in their Catholic faith. As parish staff, we are excited to allow high schoolers (incoming grades 9-12) to become members of the discipleship group Bona Fide. Bona Fide is a Latin phrase that means to act in good faith, to be genuine, or to be authentic. Being a true disciple of Jesus calls us to act in authenticity. If we want to be close to Jesus, we need to be genuine with Him. But, we need to show our readiness to be disciples through acts of discipline. Bona Fide will have some requirements that will help each high school student develop a prayer routine and continue to spiritually grow. If you are interested in joining this team and forming friendships that are faith-based contact Sam.

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.

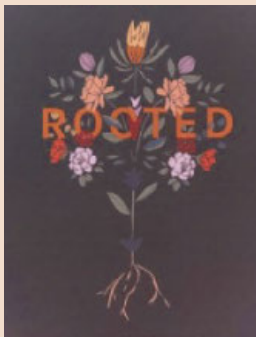
Bulletin Deadline Bulletin announcements are due on Tuesdays by noon.

-WOMEN'S GROUP-

Blessed Conversations:

A Study on the Catechism

ROOTED is a study from the "*Blessed is She*" sisterhood community. The program contains seven different studies on seven topics of the Catechism by seven different authors. Each study is on the beauties of the Catechism such as: the Virtues; Ways to Pray; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Seven Sacraments; the Ten Commandments; the Our Father; and the Beatitudes. Our first topic will be on prayer!



New Later
Meeting
Time!!

Fellowship (and coffee/breakfast!) begins at
8:00AM; Discussion begins at 8:30AM

2nd & 4th Saturdays at St. Anthony's

Women's Group:

Women's group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. We will next meet on September 10th at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's. New later start time!

Community Rosary Night/Potluck:

Friday, October 7th at 6:00PM at TBD. Potluck at 6pm, rosary at 7pm. More details to come!

Assumption Knights of Columbus:

The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8PM 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.



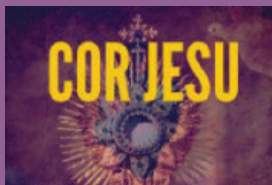
Remember in Your Prayers...

Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, Joyce Manske, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, and Carol Huberty.

Cor Jesu at St. Anthony

Thursday, September 8th 7:00 PM

Cor Jesu is an opportunity to encounter our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during adoration, while singing songs of praise, hearing a short sermon, and reconciling oneself with God in the Sacrament of Penance. Stay for 10 minutes or stay for the whole hour!



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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