

Weekday Readings

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Prayer List

Please pray for: Bishop John Kinney, Lori Crozon, Jane Anderson, Lucille Lahr, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Jerry Weinmann Jr. and Joe Hines.

II. Wedding Banns: Mike Sullivan and Makayla Hesse will be united in marriage on August 12, 2017 at St. Anthony's.

Youth Opportunities!!



St. Anthony Vacation Bible School
 August 7-11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Ages 4-10 (older kids are invited to be helpers) \$15, registration forms are at the entrances. You can also register by contacting the St. Anthony parish office. Youth from both parishes are invited to attend! Call/email the office or Arliss at 453-8153.

The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on **Wednesday, August 9th from 1:00-7:00pm at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eden Valley.** Appts. available online at www.redcrossblood.org or by contacting Bonnie at 320-282-1468, or mbmeyer@meltel.net Bring along your identification--it is required to donate.



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Outside Parish Events:

August 15: Manannah, Pie & Ice Cream Social, 4:00-6:30 PM.
August 19-20: Church of St. Boniface, Cold Spring "Boni-Fest 2017" Music, food, fireworks, games, parade, quilt auction, car raffle and more.

New Bulletin Format Coming!

Starting in September there will a big exciting change in the bulletin. The bulletin will still be prepared by parish staff and then it will be sent to be printed (in color) by an outside company. At the end of this month, the bulletin company will be reaching out to local companies to discuss advertising. These ads, in turn, then pay for the new bulletin.

Available Ad Space

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Chris Blocher from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of 7/24/17 securing new ads for our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for one full year, at one low price.
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

Chris Blocher
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July 30th, 2017

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Aaron Nett,
 Pastor/Parochial Administrator



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Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, July 31: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, August 1: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, August 2: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Arvilla Miller
 Thursday, August 3: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, August 4: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Ruth Johnson
 Saturday, August 5: 5:30 p.m. Mass- † Paul Kerzman
 Sunday, August 6: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Kenneth Holdvogt

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 1: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Gordie Kramer
 Thursday, August 3: 5:45 p.m. Mass at Church - † CCW Members
 Friday, August 4: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Sunday, August 6: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Ralph & Betty Vossen (50th)

Reconciliation: St. Anthony- Thursdays: 5:15 pm & Sundays: 9:45 am
Assumption- Wed: 5:15 pm, Fri: 8:00 am & Sat: 4:30 pm & Sun 7:30 am

A Message from Scott

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we hear in Saint Paul's letter to the Romans "For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." These words of Saint Paul can be confusing so much so that Saint Peter says as much about Paul's letters in *2 Peter 3:14-16* please take time to take a look.

To help understand, we need a little background on Paul. Paul whose given name was Saul was a devout Jew. He was well trained and zealous for his Jewish faith. He helped persecute the Christians and even put them to death. His encounter on the road to Damascus with the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, changes everything for the rest of his life. He returns to studies of the scriptures to come to understand how they are fulfilled in Jesus. I admit these are rather broad strokes, but this topic is very rich and these starting points help to understand who Paul was and is.

Saint Paul is talking about everyone in this difficult verse. He, God the Father, foreknew all of us. The Father wants each of to be like His Son, Jesus. Saul thought salvation could only come to those who obeyed the will of God. The Mosaic Law was known to be the will of God and impossible to live out fully until Jesus fulfilled it. Fulfillment of the Law was something so unthinkable to Saul; he thought those claiming it had been done should be put to death. After realizing Jesus is God, Paul spent the rest of his life "conforming" himself to Jesus Christ. Christ is the full revelation of the will of God. We too are called to conform our lives to Christ. Paul in his writings gives us his insights in how to do this. Paul's writings, in some ways, are the first spiritual diary of the Church.

I invite each of you to take time this week to conform your lives to Christ. Step one is already accomplished by coming to Mass today! Consider time in adoration, a family rosary, or reading a letter of Saint Paul; (they are even in order by length) start with Titus, it is rather short. You might consider joining me during one of the reflections I will offer this week. Wednesday, August 2 after the 5:45 PM Mass I will be talking about Saint Paul and Sunday, August 6 after the 10:00 AM Mass I will discuss private prayer.

May we live our lives as those who have found the pearl of great price!

May God Bless You,

Scott Athey

Seminarian

Theology III

Diocese of Saint Cloud

More Upcoming "Scott Talks":

Wednesday, August 2 after the 5:45 PM Mass at Assumption: Saint Paul
 Sunday, August 6 after the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Anthony: private prayer.

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

July 28-30: Steubenville
 August 2: "Scott Talk", after 5:45 Mass
 August 3: 125th Choir Practice, 7:00
 August 10: 125th Choir Practice, 7:00
 August 13: 125th Anniversary

Ministry Schedule: August 5 & 6

Lectors: 5:30 p.m. Dave Moran & Sarah Magedanz
 8:00 a.m. PJ Connors & Dyani Acosta

Ushers: 5:30 p.m. Bill Reiter, Gene DeMorett,
 Art Lahr & Dave Braegelmann
 8:00 a.m. Jeff Magedanz, Vern Becker,
 Dan Thielen & Ernie Heinen

Ministers of Communion: H.M: Donna Bischof & Marge Kuechle
 5:30 p.m. Jim Schutz, Bill Tschumperlin & Volunteer
 8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland, Tom Ruhland & Jeanne Schmitz

Servers: 5:30 p.m. Rylan Schueller, Tyler Brutger,
 Paige Kneip & Jack Kneip
 8:00 a.m. Nathan Brutger, Macey Brutger,
 Alison Brutger & Amber Scherer

Rosary Leaders: July 31-August 4, Mary Jo & George Ruhland
 5:30 p.m. Anna Mae Gruenes
 8:00 a.m. Larry & Jeanne Schmitz

Music: 5:30 p.m. Joanne Bischof
 8:00 a.m. Lisa Thielen

Collection Counters: TBD

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	7/23/17	7/24/16
Loose Plate	224.00	367.00
Adult Envelopes	2604.00	2830.00
Youth Envelopes	10.70	14.75
Votive	18.23	41.00
Total	\$2856.93	\$3252.75

Thank you for your donations! Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1739



Bid on a Holy Roller!

2002 Jeep Wrangler Sahara, under 134,000mi, soft top, automatic, good condition, reserved at \$8,500

Fall Raffle

This weekend the Raffle Committee is handing out raffle tickets for the Fall Dinner to all parishioners to sell. You are encouraged to sell (or purchase) the tickets and return them per the letter we have enclosed in each envelope. ALL TICKETS, SOLD OR UNSOLD, MUST BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017.

Attention: Sunday Lectors

In the event that you are unable to lector at your scheduled date you may call either Sarah Kneip at 320-237-2218 or Steve Ries at 320-503-577-6918 to fill in for you.

125th Anniversary Choir (*Date Change)

We are looking for singers for the 125th Celebration Mass at 10:00 on August 13th. There will be 2 practices: 7pm on August 3rd and 7pm on August 10th. Please join this '125th Anniversary Choir!'

Are you interested in teaching?

Grade 1-10 classes are during the day either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Children's Liturgy is during the 8AM Mass on Sundays. Please contact Becky or Bonnie (assumptionre@meltel.net or 453-5765) if you would be able to help.

Faith Formation Registration

The registration forms will be in the back of church the first two weekends in August. The remaining forms will be mailed. There will also be extra forms available.

Facebook

The Assumption Church now has its own Facebook page. You can find the page by searching "Assumption Parish Eden Valley". "Friend" the page to keep updated on parish happenings and events!

Bid on a Holy Roller!

Fr. Aaron's Jeep is being auctioned off August 13th at Assumption's 125th Anniversary Festival! Here are the specs on the Jeep: 2002 Jeep Wrangler Sahara, under 134,000mi, soft top, automatic, good condition, reserved at \$8,500, sentimental value for Fr. Aaron....priceless! (All bids above the reserved amount go towards the parish.)

For Both Parishes...

Traveling Chalice and Madonna

IT IS REALLY GOD HIMSELF THE 'LORD OF THE HARVEST' who chooses His laborers. His call is always undeserved and unexpected. We are called to cooperate with His providence and to use the powerful tool which He has placed in our hands: PRAYER. Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Thank you to Bob and Judy Haag of Our Lady of Manannah Parish who will host the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this week, and Walt & Betty Donnay of St. Anthony's Parish. May abundant graces be showered upon our parishes as we nurture the fields for harvest. We still need more hosts, sign up today!

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, July 31: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
 Thursday, August 3: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
 Saturday, August 5: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
 Sunday, August 6: "Scott Talk", after 10 AM Mass

Ministry Schedule: August 6

Servers: 10 a.m. Reyse Hesse, Cambel Hesse,
 Abby Holthaus & Alexis Vossen

Lectors: 10 a.m. Pam Loch & Holly Geislinger

Eucharistic Ministers:
 10 a.m. Hosts: Ethel Donnay
 Precious Blood: Mary Dockendorf & Lori Dockendorf

Ushers: 10 a.m. Ron Molitor, Margi Schreifels,
 Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzl

Rosary Leader: 10 a.m. Ethel Donnay

Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163

Children's Liturgy: Donna Deutsch

Church Cleaning: July 30- August 12
 Kim Mauer, Ron & Laurie Molitor,
 Brian & Julia Libbesmeier and Brian & Tanya Neu
 and families.

*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

Faith Formation Help Needed

The St. Anthony Faith Formation program is looking for anyone willing to help with religious education classes for this upcoming school year (teachers, aides, volunteers). If you are interested in helping shape and nurture the faith of the youth of our parish, prayerfully consider helping! Call or email the parish office if interested or if you have any questions about the program.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for Faith Formation classes will begin soon. Faith Formations classes will be offered on Wednesday nights (Starting September 13th) from 6:30-7:30 and begins in the 1st grade. If you are not yet registered with the parish and have child(ren) that you would like to enroll, please contact the parish office to become members and enroll your child(ren).

Faith & Fun in the Sun!

We had another great Faith & Fun in the Sun day on Thursday! The kids had fun with volleyball, kickball, games and adoration. Watch the bulletin for more dates in August.

Magnificats The Magnificat subscriptions for August are now in the back of each church.



Festival News

Raffle books to sell will be available after Masses on Sundays, you can also pick yours up at the office. We encourage each parishioner to sell at least 2 raffle books. Everyone who sells two books or more will be entered into a drawing to win \$100 cash! The raffle is the major moneymaker for the festival and it's important that it do well! We will also be looking for baked goods for the bake walk, pies for Pie & Ice Cream, items from your garden for the Farmers' Market, inexpensive kids toys for the kids games and also silent auction baskets and items. Save the date for the festival: **September 10th**. The workers' sign-up sheets will be out next Sunday.

Did You Know??

Did you know that St. Anthony has a Facebook page? (Church of St. Anthony Watkins) "Like" our page to keep updated on parish events, get a quick link to the bulletin and to see pictures of parish activities! Be sure to "like" the right page (there are a couple different St. Anthony pages). The right one has posts from the last week. You can also find the link from the parish website.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to all who donated at the Red Cross Blood Drive in Watkins on July 19th. 72 units were collected which could help up to 216 patients! Taking time out of your busy schedule and helping others with your gift of life is so appreciated. It takes many people to make a drive successful. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked as a team for this event.

Cemetery Meeting

St. Anthony Cemetery Committee annual meeting will be Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 1:30 PM in the St. Anthony Social Hall.

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	7/23/17	7/24/16
Adult Envelopes	2246.00	1965.00
Loose Plate	78.10	169.00
Youth	6.00	6.50
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	205.00
Votive	6.00	16.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	25.00
Building Fund	25.00	850.00
Total	\$2676.10	\$3236.50

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center	7/27/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$145,576.64
<u>Pledges (not paid)</u>	<u>\$84,434.23</u>
Remaining Goal	\$143,745.82