

Weekday Readings

Monday, Apr. 13: ACTS 4:23-31; JN 3:1-8
 Tuesday, Apr. 14: ACTS 4:32-37; JN 3:7B-15
 Wednesday, Apr. 15: ACTS 5:17-26; JN 3:16-21
 Thursday, Apr. 16: ACTS 5:27-33; JN 3:31-36
 Friday, Apr. 17: ACTS 5:34-42; JN 6:1-15
 Saturday, Apr. 18: ACTS 6:1-7; JN 6:16-21
 Sunday, Apr. 19: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19;
 1 JN 2:1-5A; LK 24:35-48

Prayer List

Please pray for: Bishop John Kinney, Dorothy Ludwig, Lori Crozon, Lisa Heinen, Jane Anderson, Lucille Lahr, Tim Eder, Elizabeth Mills, Jackie Boulton Family, Ruth Johnson, Carol Bacon, Theresa Welle and Pastor Tom.

Garden View At Hilltop
 new assisted living and
 independent living at
 Hilltop Health Care Center
 Public Open House
 April 12th 1:00-5:00 PM
 All are welcome!



Wedding Banns

To be married in Christ:
 -Holly Kramer & Lincoln Haugen on April 25, 2015 at the St. Anthony Church.
 -April Ruprecht & Luke Hentges on May 2, 2015 at the Assumption Church.

Local Events

April 12th: Matching Grant Pork Chop Supper, 4:30-8:30, St. Martin Parish Hall, proceeds go to religious ed program.
April 26th: Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper, Church of St. Anthony, Albany. All you can eat 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

Catholicism Series

The Catholicism DVD Series study group will next meet on April 10th for the evening session (6:30-8:00) and will meet next on April 17 for the morning session (after Mass) at the Assumption Church. All are welcome, anytime!

Youth Activities & Announcements

Attention all 8th grade to young adults! Please consider joining us for a weekend July 24th-26th for a Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul at St. Thomas University. There will be nationally known speakers and awesome music! We have room for more and we need to hear from you now. Please contact Heidi Schoenecker heidischoenecker@msn.com, 320-250-1091, Mary Jo Ruhland: rhlg@aol.com, 453-3695 or Theresa Branstner: tbranstner@meltel.net, 320-492-1796 for more details.

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April 12th, 2015

2nd Sunday of Easter

Fr. Jerome Naduvathaniyil, OSB

Fr. Richard Gross, Retired Priest

Welcome to the Catholic Faith Community of

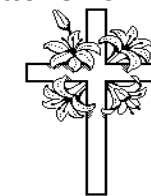


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The **Rite of Confirmation** was Thursday, April 9th at Assumption Church with Bishop Donald Kettler. We would like to thank all who had a part in making this a memorable celebration for the 22 young people of both Assumption and St. Anthony's. Thank you to the choir, it was beautiful. Thank you to parents, sponsors, and teachers for giving the support each candidate needs during their faith journey in life. Thanks to everyone else that prayed for a successful Confirmation year - your prayers were answered. Thank you to the candidates for being excellent disciples filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit -- *Dyani Acosta, Mackenzie Field, Emily Frank, Hunter Flaschenriem, Carter Geislinger, Courtney Geislinger, Madeleine Geislinger, Kaitlyn Gruber, Trevor Hesse, Destiny Hutchings, Joseph Kuechle, Blake Meyer, Mitchell Molitor, Benjamin Nistler, Alyson Och, Kallie Plantenberg, Sydney Ruhland, Miranda Scherer, Corine Schlagen, Elaina Stommes, Isaac Stommes, Jacob Streit.*

Congratulations to the students who received their **1st Communion** at the Church of St. Anthony this weekend: Gracie Asfeld, Ellie Becker, Ethan Erpelding, Jordan Erpelding, Max Geislinger, Cambel Hesse, Bryce Hinkemeyer, Cadence Meierhofer, Carter Scheeler, Dylan Walz, Ellie Donnay, Charles Teicher, Jordyn Schreifels, Paige Kneip & Chelsea Neuman. **Thank you to everyone who helped at home, in the classrooms, at the retreat and in church to help these students prepare for this sacrament!

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, Apr. 13: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, Apr. 14: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, Apr. 15: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Thursday, Apr. 16: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, Apr. 17: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Renne Topp
 Saturday, Apr. 18: 7:00 p.m. Mass - Pastor Tom Fischhaber
 Sunday, Apr. 19: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Monica Huschle

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Apr. 14: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Thursday, Apr. 16: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service at Manor
 Friday, Apr. 17: 9:15 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, Apr. 18: 4:00 p.m. Mass - Ewald & Violet Theis
 Sunday, Apr. 18: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Jackie Boulton
***Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's
 Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption**

A Message from Father Jerome



EASTER-II SUNDAY-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity of trusting faith and the need for forgiveness of sins. Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of faith.

One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. Mother Teresa presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

† Assumption Parish is saddened to announce the passing of Pastor Tom Fischhaber on Tuesday, April 7th, after a brief battle with cancer. Pastor Tom had been the current pastor at our neighboring church, The Church of God for the past two years. He was a wonderful man with a dedicated faith in God. Our sympathies go out to his entire family and the members of his congregation. A public memorial service honoring his life will be held on Sunday, April 12th, at 10:00 am at the Church of God.

Father Gross and I will be gone this next week from Sunday evening to Thursday afternoon for a priest retreat at the Christ the King retreat center in Buffalo. Please pray for your priests.

Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 12: 8:00 AM Mass
 Sunday, April 19: Spring Brunch
 Wednesday, April 15: Guild Cleaning, groups 1-6, 3:00 PM
 Thursday, April 16: Guild Cleaning, groups 7-12, 3:00 PM
 Saturday, April 25: 1st Communion Practice
 Sunday, April 26: 1st Communion

Ministry Schedule: April 18 & 19

Greeters/Gift Bearers: 7 p.m. Nick & Doris Thielen
 10 a.m. Carol Rose & Family

Lectors: 7 p.m. Deb Huschle
 10 a.m. Cyrilla Nohner

Ushers: 7 p.m. Jerome Ludwig, Bill Reiter & David Braegelaman
 10 a.m. Perry Kuechle, Rick Hennen & Jeff Magedanz

Ministers of Communion- H.M.: Jeanne Schmitz
 7 p.m. Andrea Huschle, Jenny Evens, Volunteer
 10 a.m. Jeanne Schmitz, Becky Haag & Rhonda Kuechle

Servers: 7 p.m. Jack Evens*, Mallory Evens,
 Rylan Schueller & Eric Bauer
 10 a.m. Nathan Brutger*, Alison Brutger,
 Macy Brutger & Megan Blonigen

Rosary Leaders: April 13-17 Tom & Mary Ann Ruhland
 7 p.m. Mary Jo Ruhland 10 a.m. Larry & Jeanne Schmitz

Music: 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen 10 a.m. Guitar Group

Collection Counters: Pat Arnold, Julie Kummet & Mike Huberty

Children's Liturgy: 1st Sunday: Helen Theis
 2nd Sunday: High School Youth
 3rd Sunday: Molly Z. & Janet Binsfeld
 4th Sunday: Jenni Scherer
 5th Sunday: Helen Theis

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	4/5/15	Easter 2014
Loose Plate	641.00	660.00
Easter	5528.25	4827.26
Youth Envelopes	25.00	55.25
Votive	67.00	55.75
2 nd Collection	254.00	380.10
Holy Thursday	347.10	189.00
Good Friday	709.50	634.00
Total	\$7571.85	\$6801.36

Thank you for your Donations!

Mass Attendance:
 Apr. 2, 8 p.m. 258
 Apr. 3, 1 p.m. 211
 Apr. 5, 10 a.m. 284

† Additional Easter Flower Memorials

-In memory of parents, Louis & Mary Nohner, deceased brothers and sisters, & husband, Virgil Christoffer from Mary Christoffer

-In memory of Isadore Arnold from the Myra Arnold Family.

Special Mass Time!

Please note: On Sunday, April 12th Mass will be at 8:00 AM at the Assumption Church due to St. Anthony's 1st Communion.

Married in Christ

Congratulations to Angela Holdvogt and Chris Schutz who were united in Christ on Saturday, April 11 at the Assumption Church.

Guild Spring Cleaning

Spring Cleaning will be April 15th and April 16th at 3:00 p.m. Groups 1-6 will be cleaning the lower level of the church on Wednesday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m. and Groups 7-12 will be cleaning the upper level of the church on Thursday, April 16th at 3:00 p.m. If needed, finishing up will be on Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Students and 1st Communicants. See the front of the bulletin for a full list of names and mentions of thanks!

Birthday Sunday

Birthdays for the month of April will be celebrated on April 18th & 19th due to Easter Sunday and 1st Communions.

T-Coil Loop System

Along with the Assumption Church's interior renewal project a "loop system" has been installed under the carpeting. A loop system is designed to work one's own with hearing aid to broadcast Mass. Currently the loop system is designed to work with hearing aids containing a "t-coil" or "telecoil". More information on how to use this system will be coming soon.

Gift Bearer & Greeter Sign-up

There will be sign-up sheets for anyone interested in being greeters or gift bearers for the weekend Masses. If interested, please sign your name and also list which Mass works best with your schedule (7 PM or 10 AM). Please consider signing up to help welcome people into our church and also to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist by carrying up the gifts.

Usher Sign-up

The new usher schedule will be made and distributed soon. If you would like to be a new volunteer to help with this ministry please sign-up in the back of church and indicate which Mass best fits your schedule.



Assumption Spring Brunch

Sunday, April 19th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. To include: smoked sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit, bread, sweet rolls and a beverage. Adults: \$8, Children 5-10: \$4 and 4 & under: free.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, Apr. 12: 1st Communion, 10:00 AM
 Monday, Apr. 13: St. Theresa Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00 PM
 Mary's Cenacle, 7:00 PM
 COF Meeting, 7:30
 Wednesday, Apr 15: Faith Formation Classes, 6:30
 Thursday, Apr. 16: Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM
 Saturday, Apr. 17: Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM

Ministry Schedule: April 18 & 19

Servers: 4 p.m. Maddie Umana, Alison Olson,
 Ben Teicher & Amber Boulton
 8 a.m. Matt Schindler, Kayla Schindler
 Ryan Wirz & Stephanie Kelly

Lectors: 4 p.m. Mary Ann Hesse
 8 a.m. Andy Hesse

Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Jessica Lorentz & Heidi Schoenecker
 8 a.m. Margie Schreifels & Sharon Simmons

Ushers: 4 p.m. Joe Rathmann, Chuckie Unterberger,
 Don Schmitt & Doris Rathmann
 8 a.m. Earl Dockendorf, Ralph Huberty,
 Tammy Winter & Joe Rathmann

Rosary Leaders:
 4 p.m. Kevin & Erin Donnay & Family
 8 a.m. Pam Loch

Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163

Church Cleaning - April 12-25
 Karen Kramer, Ron Kramer,
 Flavian Kramer & Lynne Kramer
 and families

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



Financial Blessings

Parish Income	4/2-4/5	Mass Attendance:
Adult Envelopes	380.00	Apr. 2, 6:00 p.m. 152
Easter Envelopes	8514.00	Apr. 3, 7:00 p.m. 145
Loose Plate	530.85	Apr. 4, 8:00 p.m. 291
Weekly Auto Drafts	90.00	Apr. 5, 8:00 a.m. 341
Youth	4.95	
Votive	27.75	
Holy Thursday	401.32	
Good Friday	526.00	
2 nd Collection	735.00	
Building Fund	1200.00	
Total	\$12,409.87	

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Special Mass Time!

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Baptized in Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes our newest member through the waters of baptism, Tarek John Faber, son of Chris Faber and Sarah Olson. He was baptized on April 11th.

Fr. Gross' New Contact Info.

Father Gross has moved to the Garden View Apartments at the Hilltop Health Care Center. His new address will be 404 Luella Street Apt 1001, Watkins, MN 55389, phone: 764-1586.

Festival News

St. Anthony's "Picnic in the Park" will be held SUNDAY, JUNE 21 (Father's Day), from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A Polka Mass will be at 10:00 AM followed by food and festivities. We hope that by shortening the festival times, this will encourage more people to come and participate. Also, worker shifts will be for 1 hour, and we hope this will encourage more parishioners to volunteer at the festival. Many hands make light work for the chair people, who have already devoted many hours to the festival planning before the day arrives. Worker signup sheets and raffle tickets will be available at church soon.

NUDCCW Convention

The convention will be held in St. Aloysius church, Olivia, MN on April 25th. The keynote speaker is a best-selling, award winning author, Elizabeth Ficocelli. She will be speaking on "A Journey in Grace: My Conversion Story". The day will include; Silent Auction, business meeting, Woman of the Year Award, Mass, lunch and Q&A session with Msgr. Lozinski. All those attending will receive an 11x14 picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The cost is \$30.00 if registered by April 10, \$35.00 after that and St. Anthony CCW will pay for you to attend. If interested in going, contact Kathy Erpelding @ 764-9303.

New Parish Center	4/6/15
Our Goal	1,600,000.00
Expenses Paid	(\$135,907.31)
Funds on Hand	1,060,026.59
Remaining Goal	\$404,066.10

We need \$4066 more to meet our goal!
 (75% of our total goal, as per diocesan rules)
Plus an additional \$223,143 in new pledges.
 (25% of our total goal in pledges)

****Due to the re-designation of unrestricted funds, the insurance recovery and interest from investments and CD's to new totals have been updated by the joint finance-parish council.**