

Weekday Readings

Prayer List

Monday, Apr. 27: ACTS 11:1-18; JN 10:1-10
 Tuesday, Apr. 28: ACTS 11:19-26:1A JN 10:22-30
 Wednesday, Apr. 29: ACTS 12:24-13:5A; JN 12:44-50
 Thursday, Apr. 30: ACTS 13:13-25; JN 13:16-20
 Friday, May 1: ACTS 13:26-33; JN 14:1-6
 Saturday, May 2: ACTS 13:44-52; JN 14:7-14
 Sunday, May 3: ACTS 9:26-31; 1 JN 3:18-24; JN 15:1-8

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 and Theresa Welle.

† **Rest in Peace** Luella Looman, 92, of Watkins, passed away on April 17th. The funeral Mass was held on April 22nd at the Church of St. Anthony. Please keep Luella and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Activities & Announcements

Catholicism Series

The Catholicism DVD Series study group will next meet on May 8th for the evening session (6:30-8:00) and will meet next on May 1st for the morning session (after Mass) at the Assumption Church. All are welcome, anytime!

Monday: 8:00-11:00 Assumption, 11:30-4:30 St. Anthony
 Tuesday: 7:30-4:00 St. Anthony
 Wednesday: 7:30-10:30 St. Anthony, 11:00-3:00 Assumption
 Thursday: 7:30-4:00 St. Anthony
 Friday: 8:00-11:00 Assumption 11:30-3:30 St. Anthony

Parish Secretary Hours

(These hours are subject to change. It is always best to call before you come.)



Wedding Banns

To be married in Christ:

-April Ruprecht & Luke Hentges on May 2, 2015 at the Assumption Church.

Local Events

April 26th: Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper, Church of St. Anthony, Albany. All you can eat 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
 May 5th: Daughters of Isabella Annual Spring Salad Buffet Supper, St. Louis Catholic Church, Paynesville, 6:30. All D of I members and KC members and their guests are welcome. \$6 tickets, call Julie, 453-3891, or Mary, 243-4848, for reservations.
 May 6th: The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley from 1:00-7:00 PM at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Contact Bonnie at 282-1468 to schedule your appointment. Bring along your ID- it is required to donate.

Please Support Our Advertisers

Ertl Hardware Hank

101 Central Ave
 PO Box 407
 Watkins, MN 55389
 320-764-2890

Faber Building & Supplies, Inc.

Hwy 55 & Central Ave S
 PO Box 495, Watkins
 320-764-2225

Stein's Thriftway Foods, Inc.

135 Central Ave
 PO Box 99
 Watkins, MN 55389
 320-764-2980

Farmer State Bank Of Watkins

www.fsbwatkins.com
 320-764-2600
 Member FDIC

Riverwood Realty, Inc.

Ron Dockendorf
www.riverwoodrealty.com
 320-764-SOLD

Jack's Companies

Eden Valley & Watkins
 320-453-6560
 320-764-5345

KBI

Linda's Magic Mirror
 267 State Street So.,
 Eden Valley
 320-453-2020

State Bank In Eden Valley
 359 State St. No.
www.edenvalleybank.com
 320-453-2000

Schmitt Farms Seed
 Steven P. Schmitt
 Custom Farm Products
 Eden Valley
 320-333-0655

Voss Plumbing & Heating
 E Hwy 23, Paynesville
www.vossplumbing.com
 320-243-3644

Granite Realty of MN
 Art & Carol Lahr
www.graniterealty.us
 320-333-8862

Eden Valley Lumber Co.
 183 State Street
lesh@meltel.com
 320-453-2360

Weinmann Trucking & Excavating, Inc.
 John Weinmann
 320-248-2697

Joanne's Place Family Hairstyling
 209 State St.
 Eden Valley
 320-453-8725

Thunder Valley
 State Hwy 55,
 Eden Valley
 320-282-7801

Dino's Eden Lakeside Club
 Wed.-Mon. 4 pm-Close
 Sunday Buffett 9-12:30
 320-453-4444

Farmers Insurance Steven P. Schmitt
 378 State St. No.,
 Eden Valley
 320-333-0655

Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home
www.williamsdingmann.com
 320-453-3608

LeSage, Reynolds & Welter Co.
 101 Stearns Ave. E.
 Eden Valley
 320-453-2375

Eden Valley Veterinary Clinic
 248 Park Avenue East
drperry@meltel.net
 320-453-2293

April 26th, 2015

4th Sunday of Easter

Fr. Jerome Naduvathaniyil, OSB

Fr. Richard Gross, Retired Priest

Welcome to the Catholic Faith Community of

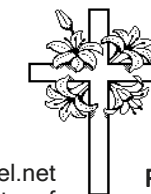


Church of the Assumption

P.O. Box 9, Eden Valley, MN 55329

www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org

Parish Office: 320-453-2788 Parish Email: assumptionev@meltel.net
 Parish Contacts: Jessica Teicher, Secretary, Becky Haag, Director of Faith Formation, Bonnie Meyer, Faith Formation Assistant
 Religion Office: 320-453-5765, email: assumptionre@meltel.net



Church of St. Anthony

P.O. Box 409, Watkins, MN 55389

www.stanthonywatkins.com

Parish Office: 320-764-2755, Email: stanthony@meltel.net
 Parish Contacts: Jessica Teicher, Secretary
 Ariss Stenger, Coordinator of Faith Formation (Grades 1-6)
 Adam Teicher, Maintenance,

● **STEUBENVILLE SPOT** Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me." (John 14: 6) He did not say "I am a way, an opinion and a lifestyle." Sadly the latter is the direction many of our Catholic youth are being led toward. They are surrounded by a world of media that is contrary to their faith. We have a real task as parents, grandparents, godparents, and all us believers and followers of our Catholic faith, to do as much and more than we can to set the direction, the path, in which points toward the LOVE of Christ, the TRUTH of Christ and the WAY to Our Father. How do we do this? By offering more opportunities for youth to experience the LOVE of Jesus, to see other youth EXCITED about being a Catholic, to learn how deep their faith can reach within them. **STEUBENVILLE** is one of these opportunities. Give the gift that keeps on giving to your teen, your grandchild, your godchild. Get them registered today. Help to defray the cost to attend. Deadline is May 20th. Conference is July 24-26, 2015. Look for registration forms/colored information flyers at the entries front and back the church. Can fill out registration forms or register online. Call parish office, Jessie will also have forms and information on registration.

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, Apr. 27: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, Apr. 28: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, Apr. 29: 8:00 a.m. Mass- Ben Plantenberg
 Thursday, Apr. 30: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, May 1: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Bonnie Trout
 Saturday, May 2: 7:00 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish
 Sunday, May 3: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Bernard Gruenes

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Apr. 28: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - Norbert Donnay
 Thursday, Apr. 30: 8:30 a.m. Mass at Manor - Carol Fuchs
 Friday, May 1: 9:15 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, May 2: 4:00 p.m. Mass - Kenneth Geislinger
 Sunday, May 3: 8:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish
***Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption**

A Message from Father Jerome



The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and it is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The scripture lessons are about the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church. Each year, on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects—responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The Gospel offers us both comfort and great challenge. The comforting message is that no one can snatch the sheep out of his Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors and lay people alike should be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care.

Let us become good shepherds and good sheep, good leaders and good followers. Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice. Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors by regular participation in the Holy Mass by frequenting the sacraments and through prayer services, renewal programs and missions. Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, by encouraging them in their duties and by praying for them. We should also cooperate in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. Let us pray for vocations to priestly and religious life so that we may have more good shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community.

Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 26: 1st Communion, 10:00 AM
Sunday, May 10: End of Year Youth Mass

Ministry Schedule: May 2 & 3

Greeters/Gift Bearers: 7 p.m. Francis & Helen Theis
 10 a.m. Gene & Donna Bischof

Lectors: 7 p.m. Al Mueller
 10 a.m. Sarah Kuechle

Ushers: 7 p.m. Ralph Hennen, Francis Bischof & Frank Meyer
 10 a.m. Nick Thielen, Alvin Stommes & Joe Streit

Ministers of Communion- H.M.: Sherri Zieglermeier & Donna Bischof
 7 p.m. Jim Schutz, Bill Tschumperlin & Volunteer
 10 a.m. Tom Ruhland, Marge Kuechle & Dawn Schramel

Servers: 7 p.m. Miranda Scherer*, Amber Scherer,
 Lisa Holdvogt & Kallie Jo Becker
 10 a.m. Shelby Kuechle*, Sidney Kuechle,
 Sawyer Kuechle & Porter Kuechle

Rosary Leaders: April 27-May 1 Dorothy Schultz
 7 p.m. Edith Fink 10 a.m. George & Mary Lou Ruhland

Music: 7 p.m. Joanne Bischof 10 a.m. Guitar Group

Collection Counters: Pat Arnold, Tom Ruhland & Sherri Zieglermeier

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	4/19/15	4/6/15
Loose Plate	154.00	140.26
Adult Envelopes	1821.00	2194.00
Easter	25.00	0
Youth Envelopes	9.50	14.00
Rice Bowl (youth)	185.83	0
Votive	54.00	89.02
Total	\$2249.33	\$2437.28

Thank you for your
Donations!

Mass Attendance:

Easter 2014: \$8731.26
 Easter 2015: \$8003.25

Apr. 18, 7 p.m. 89
 Apr. 19, 8 a.m. 159
Total 248

E-U-C-H-A-R-I-S-T See what the Eucharist means to me
E-U-C-H-A-R-I-S-T It's Jesus' Body and Blood you see.

E = It gives me **Eternal Life**
U = brings me **Union** with Jesus Christ
C = **Christ** is holy and truly there, in tabernacles everywhere
H = brings me **Healing** down deep within
A = when I **Abandon** myself to Him
R = and He leads me to **Reconcile**, He lives in me, I can't help but smile
I = I become **Intimate** with Christ
S = and I am one with His **Sacrifice**
T = when I receive Him I am **Transformed**, His grace can see me through any storm



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having their "Tootsie Roll Drive" to benefit their campaign for people with intellectual challenges this weekend after the Masses.

Youth Choir

There will be a youth choir for the end-of-the-year youth Mass on Sunday, May 10. Practices for the choir will be on Wednesday, April 29th and Wednesday, May 6th from 6:00-7:00 at church. Any 3rd-12th grade student is invited, no rsvp necessary, but if you feel more comfortable, you can send a message to the faith formation office.

Share the Glory

Share the Glory is a **SHOE DRIVE** that we will be starting this weekend. Please keep us in mind when doing spring cleaning of the closets etc... There are containers in the back of the church for donating your used, gently worn shoes. They must be bound in pairs (no singles). Can be any kind of shoe, heels, flip-flops, old golf cleats, tennis shoes etc... Shoes in need of repair can also be included. Do make sure they are clean. This shoe drive will run through the month of May or until we see donations dwindle. All shoes will be transported to the STEUBENVILLE Conference for youth to get ready for shipment to youth in developing countries.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the ladies who worked so hard hand stitching and putting on the binding on the beautiful quilt for the fall raffle. Also, thank you to the many businesses, parishioners, guild officers, chairs and co-chairs who contributed so generously. Because of you, our parish will once again have over \$8,000 in prizes. Tickets will be available at the spring brunch and raffle books will be given out later this summer.

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 1st Communion

Congratulations to the First Communicants at Assumption: Ellaree Anderson, Justin Becker, Reece Bischof, Jack Boyer, Nevaya Carlson, Mitchell Hemmesch, Hayli Hemingson, Aubri Inselman, Brinn Kuechle, Marissa Laudenbach, Treyce Ludwig, Wyatt Moehrle, Abby Niewind, Ethan Nohner, Carter Sogge, Hunter Sogge and Kylee Vossen. Thank you to the parents, teachers, and everyone who helped prepare them. Thank you to the guitar group, servers, parking lot attendants, ushers, and ministers of communion.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, Apr. 27: Mary's Cenacle, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Apr 29: Mass server training, 5:30
 Faith Formation Classes, 6:30
Thursday, Apr. 30: Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM
Saturday, May 2: Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM

Ministry Schedule: May 2 & 3

Servers: 4 p.m. Kennedy Schoenecker, Sheila Riebe,
 Tori Reikofski & Josie Huberty
 8 a.m. Lauren Libbesmeier, Devin Waldorf,
 Carly Meierhofer & Anna Kramer

Lectors: 4 p.m. Pam Loch
 8 a.m. Bev Schmitt

Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Earl Dockendorf & Mary Dockendorf
 8 a.m. Maynard & Jeanette Walz

Ushers: 4 p.m. Elmer Geislinger, Brian Linn,
 Jack Schlangen & Vic Geislinger
 8 a.m. Ralph Vossen, Maynard Walz,
 Mike Erpelding & Stan Welle

Rosary Leaders:
 4 p.m. Ramona Hokanson
 8 a.m. Betty Donnay

Homebound: Jack & Rachel Kinzer, 764-2784

Church Cleaning - April 26-May 9
 Joseph Kuechle, Edwin Kuechle,
 Willard Kuechle and Joe Kuechle
 and Families

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

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	4/18-4/19	Mass Attendance:
Adult Envelopes	3096.00	Apr. 18, 4:00 p.m. 119
Loose Plate	195.00	Apr. 19, 10:00 a.m. 181
Weekly Auto Drafts	90.00	Total 300
Youth	7.85	
Votive	23.90	
Home Mission	40.00	Thank you for your
Building Fund	721.06	Donations!
Total	\$4173.81	

New Parish Center	4/20/15
Our Goal	1,600,000.00
Expenses Paid	(\$135,907.31)
Funds on Hand	1,068,125.61
Remaining Goal	\$395,967.08

We reached our current "funds on hand" goal, but we still need an additional \$228,314.16 in new pledges.

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.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having their "Tootsie Roll Drive" to benefit their campaign for people with intellectual challenges this weekend after the Masses.

Mother's Day Flowers

Preorder forms will be available at all the entrances now through May 3rd to order flowers for Mother's Day. Call Ethel Donnay at 398-7332 with questions.

Baptized in Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes our newest member through the waters of baptism, Zaelyn LaVern Smallwood, daughter of Cindy Schwegel & Lance Smallwood. She was baptized on April 25th.

Married in Christ

Congratulations to Holly Kramer and Lincoln Haugen who were united in Christ on Saturday, April 25 at the Church of St. Anthony.

Mass Servers Training

There will be a Mass servers training held Wednesday, April 29th at 5:30 at the St. Anthony Church. This training is available to all servers, from 1st communicants who want to become Mass servers to the experienced servers who want to learn more about Mass serving.

Share the Glory

Share the Glory is a **SHOE DRIVE** that we will be starting this weekend. Please keep us in mind when doing spring cleaning of the closets etc... There are containers in the back of the church for donating your used, gently worn shoes. They must be bound in pairs (no singles). Can be any kind of shoe, heels, flip-flops, old golf cleats, tennis shoes etc... Shoes in need of repair can also be included. Do make sure they are clean. This shoe drive will run through the month of May or until we see donations dwindle. All shoes will be transported to the STEUBENVILLE Conference for youth to get ready for shipment to youth in developing countries.

Silent Auction Items

The Church of St. Anthony's "Picnic in the Park" will, once again, include a silent auction. Please consider donating new items to the auction or make up your own basket. Think of some creative ideas and make people want to bid on your basket! For more details please contact Jeanne Olson, 764-2910, Theresia Linn at 764-7251 or Cindy Geislinger at 764-2230.

Words of the Risen Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes anyone to attend our new discussion group "Words of the Risen Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Resurrection". We will meet at the St. Anthony rectory on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. All are welcome!

Festival Tickets

Picnic in the Park is coming soon! We will have books of tickets to be picked up by all parishioners before and after the weekend Masses. Be sure to stop and pick up your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will also be available for individuals to buy.