

## Weekday Readings

Monday, August 3: NM 11:4B-15; MT 14:13-21  
 Tuesday, August 4: NM 12:1-13; MT 14:22-36  
 Wednesday, August 5: NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35; MT 15:21-28  
 Thursday, August 6: DN 7:9-10; 13-14; 2PT 1:16-19; MK 9:2-10  
 Friday, August 7: DT 4:32-40; MT 16:24-28  
 Saturday, August 8: DT 6:4-13; MT 17:14-20  
 Sunday, August 9: 1 KGS 19:4-8; EPH 4:30-5:2; JN 6:41-51

## Prayer List

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

## Local Events

**August 14:** St. Gertrude's 20 mile Pedal Pilgrimage, from Forest City to the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring (concluding with Mass). Registration forms and more information is available at [www.churchofstgertrude.org](http://www.churchofstgertrude.org).  
**August 15:** Church of Our Lady, Manannah is hosting a Pie and Ice Cream Social from 4-7 p.m. They are serving: BBQs, potato salad, beans, pie, ice cream, and beverages for a free will offering. Mass will be at 8 p.m.  
**August 15-16:** Boni-fest, St. Boniface Parish Festival. Bluegrass Mass, dance, fireworks, chicken and dressing dinner, parade and general raffle and car raffle. For more details go to [www.stboniface.com](http://www.stboniface.com).

## Activities & Announcements

**Faith Formation Registration** - Registration packets for families in Assumption and St. Anthony's are in the back of the church Aug. 1-9. Please pick up your packet and remind others to do so. Thank you!  
**Kraut 'n Wurst** - Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Kraut 'n Wurst celebration this weekend. Our firefighters do so much for St. Anthony's and the community of Watkins, and this is one way to show our gratitude for the service they provide.  
**•STEUBENVILLE SPOT** - Last weekend 21 Youth from Assumption/St. Anthony attended the 2015 Steubenville Conference at St. Thomas University. It was a GIFT to be a part of a larger group of youth that were given tools to build and enhance their faith. It was an exciting weekend filled with presentations, music and speakers that shared powerful insight into the importance of our individual relationship with Jesus Christ as well as our worship of our God through the Catholic faith. Simply put - it was worth ALL the effort to make it possible for these teens and young adults to participate in. You can be proud of the youth that attended from these parishes. It was **inspiring** to observe them together, participating and sharing. We are looking forward to **STEUBENVILLE 2016!** Thank you to ALL who supported us in some way or another and especially the businesses and individuals who supported us financially. A list of donors/supporters will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

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## August 2nd, 2015 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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](http://www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org)

Parish Office: 320-453-2788 Parish Email: [assumptionev@meltel.net](mailto: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](mailto:assumptionre@meltel.net)

### Church of St. Anthony

P.O. Box 409, Watkins, MN 55389

[www.stanthonywatkins.com](http://www.stanthonywatkins.com)

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

### Parish Secretary Hours

\*these hours are subject to change

Monday: 8:00-11:00 Assumption, 11:30-4:30 St. Anthony

Tuesday: 7:30-4:00 St. Anthony

Wednesday: 7:30-11:00 St. Anthony, 11:30-3:00 Assumption

Thursday: 7:30-4:00 St. Anthony

Friday: 8:00-11:00 Assumption, 11:30-3:30 St. Anthony

### Help Wanted!

The parishes of Assumption & St. Anthony are looking for a Youth Activity Coordinator to help plan and facilitate youth activities of both parishes. This is a part time position with hours varying from week to week with an average of 8 hours each week. Send your resumes to either parish office.

### Assumption Mass Intentions

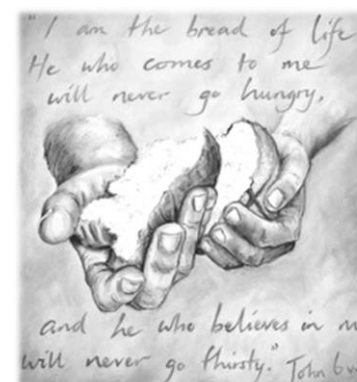
Monday, August 3: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, August 4: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, August 5: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Thursday, August 6: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Friday, August 7: 9:00 a.m. Mass - Mary Boeckmann  
 Saturday, August 8: 7:00 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish  
 Sunday, August 9: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Ralph Haan  
 \*Note Fri. Mass Time Change & Wed. Communion Service

### St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 4: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop- Jean Flaschenriem  
 Thursday, August 6: 8:30 a.m. Mass at Manor - CCW Members  
 Friday, August 7: 9:15 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Saturday, August 8: 4:00 p.m. Mass - Jack & Rachel Kinzer 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 Sunday, August 9: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Gordie Kramer

**\*Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's and at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption**

### A Message from Father Jerome



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Today's readings challenge us to trust in the providence of a loving and caring God and to hunger and thirst for the Bread of eternal life - the Holy Eucharist. Only God can satisfy our various forms of spiritual hunger. In the Holy Mass, the Church offers us two types of bread: a) the Bread of Life, contained in God's Word and b) the Bread of Life, contained in the Holy Eucharist. Let us nourish our souls with this Heavenly manna and carry Jesus to our homes and workplaces, radiating his love, mercy and compassion all around us. But we should not take for granted the Divine generosity that provides these gifts so readily and gratuitously by sharing in the Bread of Life simply as a matter of habit, without showing due attention and proper respect.

We need to accept God's gifts of spiritual life and strength by properly receiving the Holy Eucharist: The Sacrament gives us 1) Courage to carry out God's work in the world, 2) Help to live the life God wants for us, 3) Inspiration to know the will of

God in our lives, 4) A deeper Understanding of the holy mystery of Christ's Presence 5) Encouragement to love others and strengthen the Faith community, 6) Grace to overcome temptation and avoid sin and 7) Joy and Peace of heart, knowing that Christ lives in us and will bring us to God's Heavenly Kingdom. Let us remember that the "Bread of Life" is Jesus Christ himself, not merely human bread. It is Food for our souls giving us a share in God's life and assurance of eternal life with Him.

I am required to report to my community of Asirvanam Benedictine Monastery, India for the retreat and the election of my Major Superior. I am leaving on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and be back on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Jim Maderak will be here August 8/9; Rev. Eb Scheffers on August 15/16; Rev. Bob Kieffer on August 22/23.

# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

**August 3-7:** Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm,  
Watkins Elementary  
**August 7:** Men's Group Family Fishing & Cookout

## Ministry Schedule: August 8 & 9

**Greeters:** 7 p.m. Lona & Dorothy Brutger  
10 a.m. Art & Ruth Holdvogt

**Gift Bearers:** 7 p.m. Ron & Ursula Ruhland  
10 a.m. The Ralph Haan Family

**Lectors:** 7 p.m. Dave Moran  
10 a.m. PJ Connors

**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Ron Ruhland, Bill Reiter,  
Dave Braegelman & Josh Bischof  
10 a.m. Tom Scherer, Paul Heibel,  
Vern Becker & Jerry Schutz

**Ministers of Communion- H.M:** Tom Mathies  
7 p.m. Joyce Gertken, Marge Kuechle & Volunteer  
10 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland & 2 Volunteers

**Servers:** 7 p.m. Johanna Ruhland\*, Ben Ruhland,  
Katie Ruhland & Sydney Ruhland  
10 a.m. Miranda Scherer\*, Amber Scherer,  
Alex Haag & Carmen Haag

**Rosary Leaders:** August 3-7, Mary Jo Ruhland  
7 p.m. Rose Mary Becker 10 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland

**Music:** 7 p.m. Joanne Bischof 10 a.m. Rachel Stommes

**Collection Counters:** Sherri Zieglermeier & Art Kuechle

**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	7/26/15	7/27/14
Loose Plate	107.40	152.21
Adult Envelopes	1355.00	1929.05
Youth Envelopes	5.82	5.05
Votive	53.25	42.00
Restricted Gifts	377.47	0.00
Steubenville Donation	630.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2528.94</b>	<b>\$2128.31</b>

Thank you for your  
Donations!

Monthly Auto Drafts:  
\$1554

**Mass Attendance:**

July 25, 7 p.m.	69
July 26, 10 a.m.	185
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>

## Baptized in Christ

The Assumption Church welcomes its newest member through the waters of baptism, Knolan John Bischof. Knolan is the son of Chris and Amy Bischof. He was baptized on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Vacation Bible School Update

"Everest" Vacation Bible School will be held at the Watkins Elementary School, Aug. 3-7, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We ask that all people responsible for dropping off and picking up children exercise extra caution in the parking lot as there will be young children present. Preschoolers will need to bring a backpack with them each day. Participants are asked to bring school supply donations to be used at our local schools. There will be transportation provided from Eden Valley. Pick up and drop off will be at the Lil' Eagles Kids Daycare Center and the High School (door 9). This transportation will be provided courtesy of the Dockendorf Bus Service, **THANK YOU!!** Please make arrangements for transportation prior to the start of vacation bible school.

## Schmitt Family Thank You

The family of Adella Schmitt would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the out pouring of warm wishes and sympathy from the parish family at the time of our mother's passing. Thank you for all the help in preparing the funeral luncheon and taking care of all our needs at this time. A special Thank You to all who welcomed Mom into your hearts and homes the past 2 years and made her to feel right at home here in Eden Valley. God Bless you for all your help and support! - The Schmitt Family

## Family Fishing and Cookout

Men's Group Fishing & Cookout will be held on Friday, August 7. This event is held at Art Kuechle's lake lot on Long Lake. Pontoons available upon request: Art Kuechle 764-9092 or Don Trout 761-0035. Everyone is welcome!

## Eucharistic Adoration Hours

There is still an open hour for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays from 12:00-1:00 AM. If interested in this hour please call Mary Ann Ruhland at 453-2575 or Rose Becker at 453-7496. Or if you currently adore from 6-11 PM and would be willing to trade for this hour, please call.

## Banns of Marriage

-Travis Schlangen and Elizabeth Stang-Walz are to be married on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Assumption Church.  
-Jim Ruhland and Linda Reiter are to be married on August 22, 2015 at the Assumption Church.

## Eden Valley Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-7 pm at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Appointments available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling or texting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 or via email to [mbmeyer@meltel.net](mailto:mbmeyer@meltel.net). Bring along your identification—it's required to donate.

## Garden Vegetables

If you have extra vegetables from your garden, please consider donating them to the church. Just bring them to church and place them on the table in the back. Call Tom or Mary Ruhland at 453-2575 with any questions.

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**August 3-7:** Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm,  
Watkins Elementary  
**Monday, August 3:** Mary's Cenacle, 7:00 PM  
**Thursday, August 6:** Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM  
**Saturday, August 8:** Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule: August 8 & 9

**Servers:** 4 p.m. Tori Reikofski, Alison Olson,  
Maddie Umana & Brooke Geislinger  
8 a.m. Kayla Schindler, Jenifer Kipf,  
Ryan Wirz & Alison Waldorf

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
4 p.m. Ed & Marilyn Kuechle  
8 a.m. Robert & Ethel Donnay

**Ushers:** 4 p.m. Eldred Froehling, Leila Froehling  
Jay Schoenecker & Alan Dockendorf  
8 a.m. Jim Schreifels, Margie Schreifels,  
Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzl

**Rosary Leaders:**  
4 p.m. Ramona Hokanson  
8 a.m. Cele Asfeld & Ramona Hokanson

**Homebound:** Ruth Geislinger, 764-6431

**Church Cleaning: August 2-15**  
Dave Neisen, Don Neisen,  
Rosie Nistler (Austin), Dave Oster  
and Families.

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

## Financial Blessings

Parish Income	7/26/15	7/27/14
Adult Envelopes	1488.00	1960.00
Loose Plate	194.58	213.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	115.00	0.00
Youth	6.00	.75
Votive	17.00	31.50
Building Fund	5866.00	128.00
Gethsemane Chap.	500.00	0.00
Vac. Bible School	15.00	0.00
Youth Group	300.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8501.58</b>	<b>\$2333.25</b>

Thank you for your donations!

<b>New Parish Center</b>	<b>7/26/15</b>
New Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>(\$207,726.29)</b>
Funds on Hand	\$1,050,368.50
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$638,859.15</b>

**\*\*We have reached our goal to start Phase I, but we will still need more money and pledges to continue with Phase II after Phase I is complete.**

## Baptized in Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes its newest member through the water of baptism, Thomas John Ouke. We also welcome Thomas' family, big brother Joseph and parents Nicholas and Nicole as new members of the parish. Welcome!

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## Schwan's Cares Campaign

The Schwann Food Company's fundraising campaign for our new parish center is still ongoing. 5% of your total order will be donated back to the new parish center! To take advantage of this offer, order ahead by phone or online. You'll need our campaign code of **#18530**. Parishioners have already raised \$184! This offer goes until January 2016. Spread the word to have everyone take advantage of this offer to raise money for our new parish center!

## St. Anthony Financial Statements

The 2014 and 2015 financial statements for St. Anthony's are available in the back of church or can be found on our website.

## Thank you, Fr. Gross

Thank you to Fr. Gross who will be taking care of the daily and funeral masses during Fr. Jerome's time back in India. We wish Fr. Jerome safe travels back to his Monastery. The following priests will be covering the weekend masses:

Rev. Jim Maderak on August 8/9  
Rev. Eb Schefers on August 15/16  
Rev. Bob Kieffer on August 22/23

## Mass Attendance:

July 25, 4:00 p.m.	124
July 26, 8:00 a.m.	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>

*"I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*