

## Weekday Readings

Monday, August 10: 2 COR 9:6-10; JN 12:24-26  
 Tuesday, August 11: DT 31:1-8; MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday, August 12: DT 34:1-12; MT 18:15-20  
 Thursday, August 13: JOS 3:7-10A, 11, 13-17; MT 18:21-19:1  
 Friday, August 14: JOS 24:1-13; MT 19:3-12  
 Saturday, August 15: RV 11:19A, 12:1-6A, 10AB; 1 COR 15:20-27; LK 1:39-56  
 Sunday, August 16: PRV 9:1-6; EPH 5:15-20; JN 6:51-58

## 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).  
**August 15:** St. Andrew's Fun Fest, Fairfax, MN. 9:30 AM Polka Mass, deep fried chicken dinner 10:30 AM -1:00 PM. Adults \$11.00, Children (5-10) \$5.00, under 5 free. Afternoon music, cash raffle, games for all ages, quilt raffle, bingo, tacos and much, much more! 10:30-4:00.

## 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.

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# August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## 19<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

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 Parish Contacts: Jessica Teicher, Secretary, Becky Haag, Director of Faith Formation, Bonnie Meyer, Faith Formation Assistant  
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### Church of St. Anthony

P.O. Box 409, Watkins, MN 55389

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 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 10: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, August 11: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, August 12: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Thursday, August 13: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Friday, August 14: 9:00 a.m. Mass - James Kerzman  
 Saturday, August 15: 7:00 p.m. Mass - Monica Huschle  
 Sunday, August 16: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Nobert Jansen  
 \*Note Fri. Mass Time Change & Wed. Communion Service

## St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 11: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop- Mike & Arletta Turner  
 Thursday, August 13: 8:30 a.m. Mass at Manor - Carol Fuchs  
 Friday, August 14: 9:15 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Saturday, August 15: 4:00 p.m. Mass - Deceased Relatives of Ralph & Theresia Linn  
 Sunday, August 16: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Beata Hesse  
**\*Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's and at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption**

## A Message from Father Jerome

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** We are living in a world where people of all races and creeds hunger more for spiritual sustenance than for physical food. In response to the spiritual hunger of people in his own day, Jesus proclaims himself to be "the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven." Today's Gospel describes Jesus' discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum on his return there after his miraculous feeding of the five thousand. During the discourse, Jesus reveals himself as the true "Bread of Life that came down from Heaven," to give life to the world. Jesus proclaims himself as the new and perfect manna, the Incarnate Son of God literally "come down from Heaven." This means that the Holy Eucharist actually gives us a share of eternal life while we are still on earth. But some of Jesus' followers turned away when he explained the source of his mysterious power and his Heavenly origin.

Let us accept the challenge to become bread and drink for others: "You are what you eat?" Let us recognize that Jesus whom we consume in the Holy Eucharist is actually God who assimilates us into His being. Then, from Sunday to Saturday we will grow into Jesus, as Jesus grows in us, our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will become more like Jesus. Thus, we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world - Bread for a hungry world, and Drink for those who thirst for justice, peace, fullness of life, and even eternal life. In other words, the Eucharist challenges us to sacrifice ourselves for others, as Christ has done for all of us. Let us appreciate Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist: Since the Holy Eucharist is "the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ," the Sacrament a) increases our intimate union with Christ; b) preserves, increases, and renews the Sanctifying Grace we received at Baptism; c) cleanses us of past sin and preserves us from future sins; d) strengthens the theological virtue of Charity in us, thus enabling us to be separated from our disordered attachments and to be rooted in Christ; and e) unites us more deeply with the mystery of the Church.



# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

**August 12:** Eden Valley Blood Drive, 1-7 PM, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## Ministry Schedule: August 15 & 16

**Greeters:** 7 p.m. Helen & Francis Theis  
10 a.m. Art & Marge Kuechle

**Gift Bearers:** 7 p.m. The Family of Monica Huschle  
10 a.m. The Family of Norbert Jansen

**Lectors:** 7 p.m. Al Mueller  
10 a.m. Sarah Magedanz

**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Chad Kuechle, Leander Thielen,  
Art Lahr & Volunteer

10 a.m. Lou Kramer, Ralph Moser,  
Ernie Heinen & Dan Thielen

**Ministers of Communion- H.M:** Julie Ruprecht

7 p.m. Andrea Huschle, Sharon Schettler &  
Stacey Moehrle

10 a.m. Sheila Laudenbach, Jeanne Schmitz &  
Donna Bischof

**Servers:** 7 p.m. Olivia Kuechle\*, Brielle Kuechle,  
McKenna Moehrle & Wyatt Moehrle

10 a.m. Nathan Brutger\*, Macey Brutger,  
Alison Brutger & Dyani Acosta

**Rosary Leaders:** August 10-14, Dorothy Schultz

7 p.m. Jim & Linda Thielen  
10 a.m. LeRoy & Jeanette Smoley

**Music:** 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen 10 a.m. Becky Haag

**Collection Counters:** Sheila Laudenbach & Art Holdvogt

**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	8/2/15	8/3/14
Loose Plate	153.25	179.42
Adult Envelopes	3004.00	1803.00
Youth Envelopes	9.75	13.50
Votive	62.01	51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3229.01</b>	<b>\$2046.92</b>

Thank you for your  
Donations!

Mass Attendance:	
Aug 1, 7 p.m.	88
Aug 2, 10 a.m.	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>

Monthly Auto Drafts:  
\$1554

## 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.

## Meals on Wheels

The Eden Valley Meals on Wheels program is looking for a Monday driver (20-30 minutes). If interested, call Claudia at 320-295-9966.

## 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.

## A Steubenville Thank You...

THANK YOU! and THANK YOU AGAIN! Without your contributions and saying "YES" we could not have completed this. May God Bless each and every one of you as He did our youth and those assisting them on our Steubenville weekend.

### To the following businesses/individuals:

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### All prayer partners, team members/chaperones/volunteers:

Fr. Jerome - for your enthusiasm and desire to bring others to Christ. Prayer Partners - you know who you are and we so appreciate your prayers / this is a first and foremost. George/Mary Jo Ruhland - for your assistance in everything and anything. Especially for hauling our Shoes for the SHARE THE GLORY shoe drive. Jessica - for your unending patience with the handling and taking in of all necessary information. Chaperones - Heidi Schoenecker, Sarah Field, Sherri Braegelmann, Lisa Ruprecht, Roch Ruhland, Mike Jewel, Steve Schoenecker. - for your commitment of time to spend with a BUNCH of teenagers for an entire weekend. Thank you for sharing this, and your prayers with our youth. Volunteers - Gary Branstner, George and MaryJo Ruhland. Partnership for Youth needed you and you answered the call. I enjoyed being a part of this endeavor and was grateful for the experience of working with each and every one of you. Thanks so much! -Theresa Branstner

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, August 10:** Mary's Cenacle, 7:00 PM  
Foresters Mtg, 7:30 PM, rectory  
**Thursday, August 13:** Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM  
**Saturday, August 15:** Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule: August 15 & 16

**Servers:** 4 p.m. Amber Boulton, Sheila Riebe,  
Ben Teicher & Charlie Teicher  
8 a.m. Stephanie Kelly, Carly Meierhofer,  
Cadence Meierhofer & Devin Waldorf

**Lectors:** 4 p.m. Lauren Libbesmeier  
8 a.m. Pam Loch

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
4 p.m. Ralph & Theresia Linn  
8 a.m. Earl Dockendorf & Lori Dockendorf

**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:** Bob & Ethel Donnay, 398-7332

**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	8/2/15	8/3/14
Adult Envelopes	1334.00	1963.38
Loose Plate	241.86	102.42
Weekly Auto Drafts	115.00	0.00
Youth	7.00	7.00
Votive	5.00	28.45
Building Fund	110.00	1997.50
Vac. Bible School	15.00	26.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1827.86</b>	<b>\$4124.75</b>

Thank you for  
your donations!

Mass Attendance:	
Aug 1, 4:00 p.m.	152
Aug 2, 8:00 a.m.	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>328</b>

New Parish Center	8/2/15
New Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>(\$207,726.29)</b>
Funds on Hand	\$1,050,478.50
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$638,749.15</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.**

## Vacation Bible School Update

"Everest" Vacation Bible School was held this last week at the Watkins Elementary School. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped in any way! Thank you to all the parents that send their kids year after year and thank you to those same kids who eventually become crew leaders and helpers. Thank you to the Dockendorf Bus Service for providing transportation to and from Eden Valley. A HUGE thank you to Arliss for tirelessly arranging Vacation Bible School for our children all these years!! Thank you, Arliss!!



Pictured are the 50+ kids and helpers from this year's vacation bible school. The kids are showing off their muscles showing us how powerful God is! The theme this year was "Everest: Conquering challenges with God's mighty power."

## St. Anthony Financial Statements

The 2014 and 2015 financial statements for St. Anthony's will not be available in the back of church or on our website quite yet. Sorry for the delay, we are changing the format of the documents to read in a more "user-friendly" way!

## 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

## Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to the donors and everyone who helped in any way with the Blood Drive on July 22. 53 units were collected. Our next drive will be on December 30.

## 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!