

## Weekday Readings

Monday, January 2: 1 JN 2:22-28; JN 1:19-28  
 Tuesday, January 3: 1 JN 2:29-3:6; JN 1:29-34  
 Wednesday, January 4: 1 JN 3:7-10; JN 1:35-42  
 Thursday, January 5: 1 JN 3:11-21; JN 1:43-51  
 Friday, January 6: 1 JN 5:5-13; MK 1:7-11  
 Saturday, January 7: 1 JN 25:14-21; JN 2:1-11  
 Sunday, January 8: IS 60:1-6; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

## Prayer List



Please pray for: Bishop John Kinney, Lori Crozon, Jane Anderson, Lucille Lahr, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, Anna Mae Sturm, Elwood Hurley, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Burgetta Nistler and Jerry Weinmann Jr..

## Local Events

**January 8:** The St Boniface Christian Women, annual fundraiser breakfast, 9AM to 12 Noon at the St. Boniface Parish Center. The menu includes sausage, scrambled eggs and fried potatoes, Texas toast, fresh fruit, baked goods and beverages. Adult tickets are \$7.00, Children ages 5-12 are \$4.00 and children ages 4 and under are free. Tickets are available at the door.

### Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations to Jerry and Bertie Weinmann on 60 years of marriage! May the Lord bless them in health and happiness!

**\*\*Youth Group\*\*** – Our next **J.A.M. SESSION** (Jesus and Me) with Clinton is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, following the 4:00 PM Mass at the St. Anthony Parish Center • grades 7-12 • both parishes • get teens together • grow in friendship and faith • food, games, music, jokes and more!!!

Parish	Assumption:	St. Anthony:
Office hours	Monday: 8:30-11:30	Monday: 7:30-4:00
	Tuesday: 12:30-3:30	Tuesday: 7:30-3:30
	Wednesday: 8:30-11:30	Wednesday: 7:30-4:00
	Thursday: 12:30-3:30	Thursday: 7:30-3:30
	Friday: 8:30-11:30	Friday: 7:30-varies

### Knights of Columbus #11345's Nativity Raffle Winners

Fontanini Nativity Set	Elaine Welle
Schiefelbein Hamburger	Kyle Gabrelcik
Schiefelbein Hamburger	Diane Rohrbeck
\$200 Cash- Kuechle Underground	Steve Yanish
\$200 Cash- Steins Thriftway Foods	Rev. Tom Olson
\$100 in Kimball Bucks- Harvest Bank	Mike Erpelding
\$100 in Kimball Bucks- Harvest Bank	Jeanette Walz
\$100 Cash- A.M. Maus & Son	Vernon Mathies
\$100 Cash- Fire Trac Corp	Steve Yanish
\$100 Gift Certificate- Watkins Vet	Mike Erpelding
\$50 Cash- Wally's Café	Donald Schmitt
\$50 Gift Card- Triple R	Leonard Brunn
\$50 Cash- State Bank of Watkins	Mary Linn
\$25 Gift Card- Knaus Sausage House	Jody Gagnon
\$25 Gift Card- Knaus Sausage House	Butch Stelten
\$25 Trade- Ertl Hardware of Watkins	Kyle Gabrelcik
\$25 Trade- Ertl Hardware of Watkins	Teresa Carlson
\$25 Cash- Faber Building Supply	Christy Schreifels
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\$25 Cash- Mafia Customs	Rev. Tom Olson
\$25 Cash- KUE Contractors	Tom Unterberger
\$25 Gift Card- Gohmann's, Kimball	Judy Spies
\$25 Cash- Flash's Gas and Auto	Kaila Schmitt
\$25 Cash- Centra-Sota Coop	Harvey Hinz
\$20 Gift Certificate- AgVenture	Steve Yanish

Thank you to everyone who helped our council support our local communities by purchasing our Nativity Raffle tickets. The drawing was held on December 11, 2016 after the 8 A.M. Mass at St. Anne's.



# January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

## Solemnity of Mary

Fr. Aaron Nett,  
Pastor/Parochial Administrator



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# Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!



### Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, January 3: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, January 4: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Thursday, January 5: 5:45 Mass - Jerry & Bertie Weinmann  
 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 Friday, January 6: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Frank Lahr  
 Saturday, January 7: 7:00 p.m. Mass - † Paul Kerzman  
 Sunday, January 8: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Jason & Larry Ruhland

### St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 3: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Al Schneider  
 Wednesday, January 4: 6:45 p.m. Youth Mass at Church - Youth  
 Friday, January 6: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Saturday, January 7: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Aubrey Roeser  
 Sunday, January 8: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Helen Harth

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. at Assumption

### A Message from Father Aaron

#### Jesus' Mother and Our Mother

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My friend, Fr Robert, who is a priest from Ghana, West Africa came out to visit my family and I this past June. I marvel at how relational Father Robert is and how he considers all people to be his family members, brothers and sisters under one God. In fact, when he greets my own mother he refers to her as "mom," instead of her first name, Beverly. When he asks me how she is doing he says, "How is mom doing?" This is a broader and correct view of our faith, we are all children of the same God.

Today's Feast, Mary the Mother of God, honors Mary as the mother of the Divine Son of God the Father. This mystery proclaims that the Word, Jesus, was made flesh inside of Mary's womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, born of Mary's flesh, was also fully man and experienced life as we do, save sin. Therefore Jesus is the "God-Man," fully Divine (God) and yet fully human. St. Athanasius said, "When, therefore, they ask, 'Is Mary mother of man or Mother of God?' we answer, 'Both!' The one by the very nature of what was done and the other by relation"

Since Jesus is the brother of all then, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is our mother too. Mary is our spiritual mother who cares for us with her prayer and loving affection seated with her Son and the Father in heaven. As we would entrust our needs and prayers to the care of a prayerful mother or grandmother, then how much more should we to the mother of Jesus? "If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me." —St. Mother Theresa

Brothers and sisters make a New Year's resolution and entrust your prayers to our Blessed Mother in a new way!

#### Effects of Devotion to Mary:

1. Protection from evil and hell
2. Powerful intercession for our prayers
3. Share in Mary's faith
4. Gift of pure love
5. Great confidence and faith in God
6. The Communication of the spirit of Mary
7. Meriting of a high degree of glory in heaven
8. Mary's promise to obtain all we ask (If it be in accord with God's will)

\*\*I would like to offer my "Thank You" to everyone for their kind Christmas cards, gifts, Christmas goodies and food and all your prayers and kind words this Christmas Season. It was truly a joy to celebrate my first Christmas with you all! May God continue to bless us with his Christmas Spirit through this New Year! -Fr. Aaron

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# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

January 8: Jr. High Youth Rally, St. John's  
February 5: Special Mass Time! 8:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule: January 7 & 8

**Greeters:** 7 p.m. Kendra Kuechle & Emma Schultz  
10 a.m. MaKenna Ludwig & Olivia Schleper  
**Lectors:** 7 p.m. Lona Brutger  
10 a.m. Cyrilla Nohner & PJ Connors  
**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Gary Sogge, Nick Thielen,  
Samantha Kern & Jack Lies  
10 a.m. Paul Holdvogt, Tom Scherer,  
Damon Brutger & Trevyn Ludwig  
**Ministers of Communion: H.M:** Rose Becker  
7 p.m. Joyce Gertken, Paige Thielen & Bobbi Jo Kneip  
10 a.m. Deb Huschle, Jenny Evens, Mary Jo Ruhland  
**Servers:** 7 p.m. Ellaree Anderson & Peyton Thull  
10 a.m. Cory Zimmerman, Amy Zimmerman,  
Ellie Field & Skylar Field  
**Rosary Leaders:** January 2-6, LeRoy & Jeanette Smoley  
7 p.m. Helen Theis  
10 a.m. Perry Lemke  
**Music:** 7 p.m. Kris Latcham  
10 a.m. Joanne Bischof  
**Collection Counters:** Tom Ruhland & Shelly Kern

## Financial Blessings

	12/25/16	12/27/15
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	503.50	145.50
Adult Envelopes	1345.00	2277.00
Youth Envelopes	22.50	67.05
Votive	55.25	108.00
Christmas Envelopes	7613.00	8614.00
Maintenance/Security	500.00	0.00
Bazaar	375.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,414.25</b>	<b>\$11,461.55</b>

2016 Bazaar:  
\$17,875  
Monthly Auto Drafts:  
\$1699

**Mass Attendance:**  
Dec 24, 7:00 p.m. 354  
Dec 25, 10:00 a.m. 169  
**Total:** 523



### Did you know?

Did you know that January is "Poverty Awareness Month"?

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Resources can be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/>

## Save the Date!

Save the date of Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for the annual Assumption Church Appreciation Party. More details to come.

## Mass Servers

Father Aaron would like ALL servers to meet for a re-training/refresher course. Please meet after school on January 4th. We will meet by the stop sign at the High School and walk to the church together. Elementary students will need a note to depart the buses at the High School. Snacks will be provided. Please plan to pick up your child at the Church at 5:00. If any students would like to become a server, please contact Sheri Blonigen at 320-248-4617 for details. Students must currently be in 4th grade or older to become a server.

## Mission Sewing

The Mother Teresa Mission ladies will not meet on Monday, December 26. They will meet on Monday, January 2.

## Adoration News

There is an open Holy hour on Wednesday from 8-9 am. If you can pick up the hour, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

## Assumption Church Maintenance and Security Needs

At the last finance and parish council meetings some necessary items were brought forth regarding maintenance and safety in our Church. The main need is for *tuck pointing* around the entire Church. The second need is for the parish to have its own *defibrillator* on hand in case of medical emergencies. The third need is for an *automatic locking system* on all three main entries in the Church. The estimated costs of the items listed are as follows: Tuck pointing: \$18,000, Defibrillator: \$2,000, Automatic locking system: \$4,000 **Total: \$24,000** So far we have collected a total of \$10,500 with a remaining goal of \$13,500. Thank you to all who have been able to give so far! We all know that keeping a Church building maintained and beautiful is expensive but a very necessary community effort. Please consider donating to help meet these costs. You can mark the envelope for a specific need above and drop it in the collection, or bring it to the office. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for helping to meet these needs. -Fr. Aaron

## Thank You!

A special thank you to Rosemary Ruprecht for donating money to put towards the Christmas decorations. Thank you Rosemary!

## Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities needs your support to help area families in need. You can donate online at <http://ccstcloud.org/donate/> or you can mail in a donation to: Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 2390, St. Cloud, MN 56302-2390. Together, you can make a different tomorrow for Central Minnesota.

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, January 2:** Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM  
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00  
**Wednesday, January 4:** Faith Formation Youth Mass, 6:45  
**Thursday, January 5:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM  
**Saturday, January 7:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule: January 7 & 8

**Servers:** 4 p.m. Stephanie Kelly & Kayla Schindler  
8 a.m. Devin & Alison Waldorf  
**Lectors:** 4 p.m. Jessica Teicher & Gavin Klocker  
8 a.m. Paula Schlangen  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
4 p.m. Bread: Mary Dockendorf  
Wine: Roxy Geislinger & Volunteer  
8 a.m. Bread: Volunteer  
Wine: Ethel Donnay & 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. Kevin & Erin Donnay and family  
8 a.m. Ethel Donnay

**Homebound:** Betty Vossen, 764-9163

**Church Cleaning: January 1-14**  
Beth Holthaus, Bonnie Holthaus,  
Mike & Tina Holthaus, Robert & Nadine Jesberg  
and families.

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

## Financial Blessings

	12/25/16	12/27/15
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	7435.00	3558.00
Loose Plate	1068.60	231.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	230.00	125.00
Youth	0.00	.75
Christmas Envelopes	14,277.00	14550.00
Votive	41.00	36.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	25.00	0.00
Building Fund	15,273.76	12,150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,350.36</b>	<b>\$30,650.75</b>

Thank you for  
your  
donations!

**Mass Attendance:**  
Dec 24, 4:00 p.m. 664  
Dec 25, 8:00 a.m. 198  
**Total:** 862

<b>New Parish Center</b>	<b>12/29/16</b>
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,441,895.31)
Funds on Hand	\$151,058.42
Pledges (not paid)**	\$140,050.90
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$163,949.37</b>

## Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Teresa Kuechle and Robby Severson who were united in marriage on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Church of St. Anthony. May their marriage be blessed with health and happiness!

## Save the Date!

Please join us on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for a special 10:00 AM Mass with Bishop LeVoir for a blessing and dedication of the New Parish Center! Reception afterwards. More details to follow.

## Youth/Teaching Mass

For the student Mass on January 4<sup>th</sup> you will have the exciting opportunity to learn more about the Mass as we celebrate it. Father Aaron will be presenting a "Teaching Mass" to the students and you are invited to attend as well! The Mass is full of rich history and tradition and when you understand more about the "whats" and the "whys" of Mass, Mass can feel more accessible and meaningful. Mass is at 6:45 PM and will take longer than normal. Come and take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about Mass!

## Remembering Your Loved Ones

The family members of the parishioners that have passed away this past year that were remembered on All Souls Day, are invited into the handicap addition of the church to pick out an angel of their choice and a candle in remembrance of their loved ones. Please keep these dearly departed and their families in your prayers during this holiday season.

## "Rediscover Jesus" Book Club

Father Aaron has generously bought the book "Rediscover Jesus" for the parishes this year. Watch the bulletin for upcoming opportunities to join in on discussions and book study!

## Junior High Youth Rally

The Junior High Youth Rally (grades 6-8) will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John's. The day includes speaker Katy Lentz, fun activities, and Mass with Father Robert Rolfes. Flyers have gone home with the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders at class this last week. Discuss with them if they would like to go! Contact the office for more information or to register them. The cost goes up after 12/28.

## The Giving Tree

There are still envelopes left on the giving tree to help local area families in need of food. The tree will stay up until all the envelopes are gone. It's not too late to participate!!

## 2017 Calendars

Your 2017 "Saints of the Americas" calendars are still available in church. Thank you to the Farmers State Bank of Watkins and Faber Building & Supplies for sponsoring the calendars!

## Relevant Radio

Looking for something new to listen to on the radio? Give Relevant Radio a try! You will hear real Catholics, living real lives, addressing real problems. Through these personal forums of conversation, direction, humor and prayer, Relevant Radio is creating a community of hope. Hope is being rekindled, lives are being saved, and souls are drawing closer to Christ and His Church. The Truth will set you free! You can listen to Relevant Radio on 1330 AM, online at [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com), or on the free mobile app.