

Weekday Readings

Monday, January 23: HEB 9:15, 24-28; MK 3:22-30
 Tuesday, January 24: HEB 10:1-10; MK 3:31-35
 Wednesday, January 25: ACTS 22:3-16; MK 16:15-18
 Thursday, January 26: 2 TM 1:1-8; MK 4:21-25
 Friday, January 27: HEB 10: 32-39; 11; MK 4:26-34
 Saturday, January 28: HEB 11:1-2, 8-19; MK 4:35-41
 Sunday, January 29: ZEP 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 COR 1:26-31; MT 5:1-12A



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 28: 4:30-7:30 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper, Holy Cross School, Marty.
 January 29: Foresters Matching Grant Breakfast, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond, 9:00-12:00.
 February 3: The EVW Music Department, Chili Supper from 4-8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the EVW HS by contacting Kim Salo 453-2900 x1137 or Kris Latcham x1220 or through any EVW Band/Choir student.

Andrew Dinner

January 27th, 5:00 PM. For young men, grades 8th-12th of either parish that are interested in, or thinking about the priesthood. Enjoy a dinner at the home of Bishop Kettler where he shares about his life and the priesthood! Talk to Father Aaron if interested.

MARCH FOR LIFE, 2017

What are we doing in Eden Valley to commemorate the January 22, 1973 horrendous Supreme Court decision legalization Abortion? Hopefully some have signed up on the bus to attend the MCCL March for Life. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE ATTENDANCE AT THIS RALLY. BEING IT IS ON A SUNDAY THIS YEAR, PERHAPS FAMILIES COULD ATTEND TOGETHER. Let us all Pray, Pray, Pray for an END TO ABORTION. During LENT, we hope that many of you will participate in 40 DAYS FOR LIFE by PRAYING, FASTING, and PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL VIGIL at the abortion facility, Planned Parenthood in East St Cloud. (*more information upcoming*) Contact Judy Haag 320-453-7592 with questions/concerns. Bus opportunities are as follows:

Bus leaving from the Richmond Catholic church parking lot at 12:15, Call Tудie at 252-3017 to sign up.

Church of St. Phillip, Litchfield - 11:40 AM, Church of St. John, Darwin - 12:00 Noon, Call Wes at 320-693-0165 to sign up.

If you are unable to attend the rally, there is another St Cloud Diocesan opportunity for you for prayers "FOR AN END TO ABORTION" **PRO-LIFE VESPERS will be held at St Anthony's Catholic Church in St Cloud at 4pm on Sunday January 22 with Bishop Donald Kettler VESPERS** is a special Community Prayer Service to turn to God in supplication for babies lost to abortion, the lives of those who cannot protect themselves. Call Tудie at 252-3017 for more information or "just come & pray with us".

The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on **Wednesday, January 25th from 1:30-7:30pm at the Eden Valley Watkins High School Cafeteria.** Appointments available online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling or texting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 or via email to mbmeyer@meltel.net. Bring along your identification--it is required to donate. **Parking and entrance thru Door #12.** PLEASE do not park along the sidewalk on the west side of the school until AFTER 3:30pm. **After 3:30pm** doors 1, 2 and 5 will also be open.



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January 22nd, 2017

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Aaron Nett,
 Pastor/Parochial Administrator



Church of St. Anthony

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Church of the Assumption

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

The Assumption Church Presents: "Build Your Own Sub" on Super Bowl Sunday!

Come get your sub for the game, February 5th selling from 9AM-Noon. Proceeds raised goes toward Castaway Camp for 9th - 12th graders. For \$6.00 you get a sub sandwich (made to order), bag of chips, and a treat. Subs can also be ordered separately for \$5.00. Call 453-5765 or email assumptionre@meltel.net for pre-orders.

**Confirmation students who help can count this as service hours. Let Becky know ASAP!



Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, January 24: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, January 25: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Judith Thielen
 Thursday, January 26: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, January 27: 7:00 a.m. Mass † Jim & Hilda Petermeier
 Saturday, January 28: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Ray Tschumperlin
 Sunday, January 29: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Youth of the Parish

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 24: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Robert Donny
 Thursday, January 26: 5:45 p.m. Mass at Church - † Mike & Arletta Turner
 Friday, January 27: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, January 28: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Richard Neu
 Sunday, January 29: 8:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

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

Whatever You Did For the Least... You Did For Me

Jesus calls us to always protect the "least among us," as he himself came to seek out and save and what was lost. This January 22nd (observed January 23rd this year because the 22nd is on a Sunday) marks the 44 year anniversary of the dreadful decision made by our Supreme Court Justices in 1973 to legalize the killing of unborn babies in the womb. The bell tolls 59 million times since then for as many innocent lives lost, and God's plan for life brutally rejected. Our beloved St. Mother Theresa once said, "Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."

My friends we must not accept this "right to choose" as a legitimate choice to end a completely innocent life. The right to life is our God given right. We as Christians are each called to not to sit back in this attack against the least of God's children, but rather to pray, fast and speak out peacefully and truthfully to our lawmakers against this great injustice. The time to act is now! For what we have or have not done will be measured out by the Lord alone. For Jesus said, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Let us pray that Jesus and all his children be always welcomed in our country.

God bless you,
 Father Aaron



Ways to pray and get involved in this great cause for life:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-pray.cfm>
<http://www.mccl.org/>
<http://www.priestsforlife.org/>

I thank you all for your prayers and thoughts in my retreat time away. It was a very restful and rejuvenating time. It is good to be back home with you!

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

January 22: Sunday Inspiration, 11:15-11:35
January 28: J.A.M. Session, 5:00-6:40 at St. Anthony's
January 29: Youth Mass, 10:00 AM
Date Change: 1st Communion Parent Mtg, after 10 AM Mass
 Appreciation Dinner, 3:00 PM Social Hour, 4:00 PM Dinner
February 5: Special Mass Time! 8:00 AM
 Super Bowl Sub Sale (9am-Noon)
February 19: Christian Women Benefit for Life, 9-1

Ministry Schedule: January 28 & 29

Greeters: 10 a.m. Youth
Gift Bearers: 10 a.m. Youth
Lectors: 7 p.m. Dave Moran
 10 a.m. Youth
Ushers: 7 p.m. Gene DeMorett, Bill Reiter,
 Johanna Ruhland & Emma Schultz
 10 a.m. Youth
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Rose Becker & Sherri Zieglmeier
 7 p.m. Denise Nohner, Ron Ruhland & Jody Bauer
 10 a.m. Rhonda Kuechle, Becky Haag & Marge Kuechle
Servers: 7 p.m. McKenna Moehrle & Wyatt Moehrle
 10 a.m. Alex Haag, Carmen Haag,
 Blake Vossen & Kylie Vossen
Rosary Leaders: January 23-27, Rose Becker
 7 p.m. Ron Ruhland Family
 10 a.m. Cyrilla Nohner
Music: 7 p.m. Jeanette Becker
 10 a.m. Youth Choir
Collection Counters: Donna Theis & Linda Thielen

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	1/15/17	1/17/16
Loose Plate	188.00	199.81
Adult Envelopes	2285.00	1595.00
Youth Envelopes	11.75	4.25
Votive	53.05	37.00
Christmas Envelopes	100.00	0.00
Maintenance/Security	1900.00	0.00
Bazaar	60.00	0.00
Total	\$4597.80	\$1836.06

2016 Bazaar: \$19,460	Mass Attendance: Jan 14, 7:00 p.m. 96
Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1699	Jan 15, 10:00 a.m. 191
	Total: 287

Assumption Church APPRECIATION DINNER RSVP

January 29th, 2017 at the Eden Valley Event Center
 Social Hour: 3:00 Dinner: 4:00

Name _____

Number Attending _____

*Please return the RSVP in the collection basket or call Linda Ruhland at 453-7052 or Ruth Holdvogt at 290-5183 by January 22nd to reserve your spot!

Cemetery Meeting

The Assumption Cemetery Board will meet on Thursday January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the church lower level. Everyone welcome.

Christian Women Benefit

Please join us for the Assumption Christian Women Benefit for Life and Family Ministries on Sunday, Feb. 19th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Silent auction, craft and bake sale, and luncheon serving pulled pork sandwiches, salads, chips, pies, desserts, and beverages. Please consider donating a silent auction item or basket! (drop these at the Religious Education office). Early online volunteer signup appreciated! Sign up at: assumptionre@meltel.net

JAM SESSION

Our next Youth Group Meeting (JAM SESSION) is next Saturday, January 28th, after the 4:00 PM Mass at the St. Anthony Parish Center. JAM SESSIONS are for the youth of both parishes in grades 7-12. Please encourage the youth to attend!!

Adoration News

We have another Adoration hour open. Friday morning at 1-2 A.M. If you can pick up the hour, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Sunday Inspiration

Everyone is invited to hear the story of Dr. Bernard Nathanson on January 22nd from 11:15-11:35. Dr. Nathanson was one of the foremost pioneers of the modern abortion industry. Through the use of technology, he came to recognize the undeniable humanity of the unborn child and became an outspoken pro-life leader. The story of his journey from an atheist abortionist to the Catholic faith is both dramatic and inspiring. Jan. 22nd is the anniversary date of the Supreme Court decision to make abortion legal.

Teaching Masses

On the weekend of January 28-29, Father Aaron will be offering "teaching Masses" at all the weekend Masses at both parishes. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Mass! Please plan for Mass to take a little longer than usual.

Church Maintenance/Security Needs

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 of the Church. The estimated costs of the items total \$24,000. So far we have collected a total of \$15,050. Thank you to all who have been able to give so far!

Magnificat

Contact the office if you are interested in ordering the Magnificat daily devotional monthly booklet. The more orders we get, the cheaper the subscription!

Save the Date!

The Assumption Church Appreciation Dinner will be January 29th at the Eden Valley Event Center. RSVPs are due by January 22nd.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 23: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
 Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
Wednesday, January 25: Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 26: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
Saturday, January 28: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
 JAM SESSION, after 4:00 PM Mass

Ministry Schedule: January 28 & 29

Servers: 4 p.m. Emma & Ellie Donnay
 8 a.m. Anna & Olivia Kramer & Breanna Walz
Lectors: 4 p.m. Rich Stenger
 8 a.m. Kelly Meierhofer
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Bread: Marilyn Kuechle
 Wine: Ed Kuechle & Ralph Linn
 8 a.m. Bread: Terry Pauls
 Wine: Scott & Emily Piccerillo
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. Jan Vossen & Lori Unterberger
 8 a.m. Sharon Simmons

Homebound: Dolores Faber, 764-1607

Church Cleaning: January 15-28
 Kevin & Annette Holtz, Chad & Amber Huberty,
 Roman & Marty Huberty & James Janssen
 and families.

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

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	1/15/17	1/17/16
Adult Envelopes	2115.00	1088.00
Loose Plate	211.25	176.90
Weekly Auto Drafts	230.00	125.00
Youth	5.00	5.00
Votive	12.00	32.00
Church Speakers	435.00	0.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	25.00	0.00
Building Fund	2000.00	0.00
Total	\$5033.25	\$1426.90

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Mass Attendance: Jan 14, 4:00 p.m. 167
Jan 15, 8:00 a.m. 160
Total: 327

New Parish Center	1/19/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$102,174.97
Pledges (not paid)**	\$137,775.90
Remaining Goal	\$133,805.82

*This total has been updated after the addition of interest and the allocation of other funds.

Annual Contribution Reports

The Church of St. Anthony annual contribution reports will be mailed out next week along with a letter regarding the building project. The contribution reports will not be available in the church as in years past. All reports will be mailed. Watch for them in the mail next week!

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Catholic United Financial Donation

Thank you to Catholic United Financial for a \$300 donation to the church through their "Ministree" program. Through this program the church earns money for every hour volunteers help within the church and submits a card. All this couldn't be done without Dolores Faber who helps these volunteers fill out their cards and turns them in. Thank you Dolores!! And, of course, thank you to all those who volunteer!! We are also looking for a volunteer to help Dolores for this next year. Let the office know if you are interested!

Save the Date!

Please join us on Sunday, February 5th for a special 10:00 AM Mass with Bishop LeVoir for a blessing and dedication of the New Parish Center! Lunch will be served afterwards.

Cleaners Needed

We are looking for volunteers that would like to help clean the new parish center to get ready for the blessing and dedication. We will be giving the parish center a deep cleaning on Saturday, January 28th at 8:00 AM. If interested, all you need to do is show up that morning ready to clean!!

Audio/Sound System Update

Many of you are aware of our ongoing battle with the sound system in church. The problem has been narrowed down to the main speaker. We now have the opportunity to improve the quality of sound for everyone in church by replacing the one speaker with six new speakers throughout the church. The estimated cost of this project is \$3000. Anyone willing to donate towards this project can drop an envelope marked "speakers" in the collection. Thank you for all your patience during this time!

Children's Liturgy Instructors

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass will be starting again in February. We are looking for more instructors. This is a great way to help our preschool children understand the Mass in a meaningful way! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Kramer at 764-3025.