

Weekday Readings

Monday, January 9: IS 42:1-4, 6-7; MT 3:13-17
 Tuesday, January 10: HEB 2:5-12; MK 1:21-28
 Wednesday, January 11: HEB 2:14-18; MK 1:29-39
 Thursday, January 12: 1 HEB 3:7-14; MK 1:40-45
 Friday, January 13: HEB 4:1-5, 11; MK 2:1-12
 Saturday, January 14: HEB 4:12-16; MK 2:13-17
 Sunday, January 15: IS 49:3, 5-6; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34

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.

February 3: The EVW Music Department, Chili Supper from 4-8 p.m. Ticket prices: Senior Citizens and Elementary Students: \$6, Adults and High School Students: \$7, Preschool Children: Free. 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.

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.

****Youth Group**** - Our next **J.A.M. SESSION** (Jesus and Me) with Clinton is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28th**, 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!!!

National Migration Week

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 (January 8-14) draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us.

Knights of Columbus, 2017 Youth Free-Throw Championship



Sunday, January 15th, 12:30-2:00 PM. Boys & Girls ages 9-14. Held at the Kimball Area High School. For entry forms or more information call Fritz Hoffman at 320-309-9235.

January 8th, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Help Carter "Pay it Forward!" Carter Ertl is collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to help Carter, you can donate your own pop tabs at collection boxes in the back of either church.

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, January 10: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, January 11: 8:00 a.m. **No Mass** Communion Service
 Thursday, January 12: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, January 13: 8:00 a.m. **No Mass** Communion Service
 Saturday, January 14: 7:00 p.m. Mass - † Adella Schmitt
 Sunday, January 15: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Ed Ebensteiner

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 3: 9:30 a.m. **No Mass at Hilltop** - Communion Service
 Thursday, January 12: **No Mass**
 Friday, January 6: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, January 7: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Jim Hesse
 Sunday, January 8: 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

A Message from Father Aaron

A New Beginning

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 Today, "Epiphany Sunday," we celebrate a feast that marks the end of our Christmas Season and the beginning of a new year, both liturgically and on the regular calendar. The journey of the Wise Men is an adventurous journey foretold in the message given through the prophet many years ago. These men were well-studied men who were searching for life's deepest answers and purpose for their lives. They also in a certain sense must have been searching for a new beginning.

We also are a people who search for new beginnings. We perhaps begin 2017 with new resolutions of things we would like to change. How quickly these resolutions at times fizzle out on us. I know I have experienced this too often! However, let this not discourage us from trying. I encourage you to prayerfully make your resolutions for 2017. Bring your aspirations for the year to prayer and make spiritual resolutions, asking for help from above. How much more can we accomplish when we bring it to prayer!

Spiritual Resolutions Ideas:

1. Take time to give God thanks each day (just 5mins)
2. Give 3 compliments to people each day
3. Pick a good Catholic spiritual book and read more about your faith
4. Read the bible (just a chapter of the Gospels per day)
5. Try going to daily Mass when you are able
6. Smile more
7. Keep a list of people to pray for each day
8. Make a good confession for God's healing and mercy
9. Exercise more or make more time for recreation with family (especially on Sundays!)
10. Pray the rosary (start with one decade first)



May God bring your new year spiritual resolutions to completion for 2017!

In Christ Our Hope, Fr. Aaron

**I will be away at our annual diocese clergy retreat at the King's House Retreat Center in Buffalo this week. Please pray for all the clergy making their retreats! Thank you. **

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

January 8: Jr. High Youth Rally, St. John's, 8:30-5:00

Education Committee Mtg, 11:15

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

Date Change: 1st Communion Parent Mtg, after 10 AM Mass

February 5: Special Mass Time! 8:00 AM

February 19: Christian Women Benefit for Life, 9-1

Ministry Schedule: January 14 & 15

Greeters: 10 a.m. Justin Schlagen & Herbie Walker

Lectors: 7 p.m. Shelby Kuechle

10 a.m. Shelly Kern & Dyani Acosta

Ushers: 7 p.m. Randy Kuechle, Jason Kuechle,

Arnie Gruenes & Pat Schettler

10 a.m. Ron Molitor, Mitch Molitor,

Brian Nohner & Kevin Nohner

Ministers of Communion: H.M: Colleen & Gary Sogge

7 p.m. Jim Schutz, Andrea Huschle & Sharon Schettler

10 a.m. Paige Thielen, Donna Bischof & Sarah Kuechle

Servers: 7 p.m. Rylan Schueller & Tyler Brutger

10 a.m. Kylie Vossen, Blake Vossen,

Dylan Vossen & Kallie Jo Becker

Rosary Leaders: January 9-13, Cyrilla Nohner

7 p.m. Rose Becker

10 a.m. Donna Bischof

Music: 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen

10 a.m. Guitar Group

Collection Counters: Dorothy Brutger & Sherri Zieglmeier

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	1/1/17	1/3/16
Loose Plate	213.00	151.96
Adult Envelopes	3077.00	3633.00
Youth Envelopes	10.75	2.00
Votive	77.00	14.25
Christmas Envelopes	2505.00	2250.00
Maintenance/Security	2000.00	0.00
Bazaar	<u>1025.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$8907.50	\$6301.21

2016 Bazaar:
\$18,900

Monthly Auto Drafts:
\$1699

Mass Attendance:

Dec 31, 7:00 p.m. n/a

Jan 01, 10:00 a.m. n/a

Total:

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!

Christmas Decoration Help

We will be taking the Christmas Decorations down on Tuesday January 10 at 3:30 PM. Help is needed & much appreciated!

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.

Christmas Flower Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated money to the Christmas Flowers this year in memory of loved ones. Also a thank you to the Cyrilla Nohner family for donating plants in memory of The Schaefer Family and the Adrian Nohner and the Louis Nohner Family.

Brookview Thank you!

The residents of Brookview Apartments would like to thank the 1st Grade Religion Class & their teachers for the cute light-up snowman made for them and the 5th Grade Religion Class and their teachers for their visits, treats and beautiful crafts made for them. The residents really appreciate their thoughtfulness and look forward to their upcoming visits.

Recent Donations

We would like to thank all our generous parishioners who have been able to donate money towards the new wall in the sanctuary/adoration chapel, the improvements to the basement classroom and children's area and the ongoing "church maintenance/security" collection.

Thank You!

A special thank you to Rosemary Ruprecht for donating money to put towards the Christmas decorations. This was done in memory of Lawrence Ruprecht. Thank you!

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 \$10,500. Thank you to all who have been able to give so far!

Save the Date!

The Assumption Church Appreciation Dinner will be January 29th at the Eden Valley Event Center. Social hour at 3:00 and meal at 4:00. Those invited - collection counters, finance council, religion program, all choirs, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Council, Guild officers, Christian Women Officers, Assumption Cemetery Board, St. Peter's Cemetery Board, the mission group, Eucharistic Adoration members, Building and Grounds committee, Men's Group Officers, bulletin folders, and prayer line - along with the spouses of all of the above.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 9: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM

Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00

Wednesday, January 11: Faith Formation Classes. 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 12: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 14: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM

Ministry Schedule: January 14 & 15

Servers: 4 p.m. Ben & Charlie Teicher

8 a.m. Jack & Paige Kneip

Lectors: 4 p.m. Mary Kay Kieilty

8 a.m. Jada Jesberg

Eucharistic Ministers:

4 p.m. Bread: Theresa Faber

Wine: Linda Faber & Ruth Geislinger

8 a.m. Bread: Kathy Erpelding

Wine: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse

Ushers: 4 p.m. Joe Rathmann, Chuckie Unterberger,

Don Schmitt & Doris Rathmann

8 a.m. Earl Dockendorf, Ralph Huberty,

Tammy Winter & Joe Rathmann

Rosary Leaders:

4 p.m. Volunteer

8 a.m. Volunteer

Homebound: Molly Schlagen, 249-8235

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

Parish Income	1/1/17	1/3/16
Adult Envelopes	2376.00	5318.00
Loose Plate	172.12	255.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	230.00	125.00
Youth	5.00	11.00
Christmas Envelopes	625.00	420.00
Votive	38.00	22.75
Building Fund Auto Draft	25.00	0.00
Building Fund	<u>7500.00</u>	<u>12,307.43</u>
Total	\$10,971.12	\$18,459.18

Thank you for your donations!

Mass Attendance:

Dec 31, 4:00 p.m. 205

Jan 01, 8:00 a.m. 81

Total: 286

New Parish Center

1/5/17

Total Project Goal 1,896,954.00

Expenses Paid (\$1,441,895.31)

Funds on Hand \$158,583.42

Pledges (not paid)** \$140,025.90

Remaining Goal \$156,449.37

Rest in Peace

Rest in Peace Ed Neisen, 89, who passed away on Wednesday, January 4th. The funeral Mass was held on Saturday, January 7th, at the Church of St. Anthony. Please remember Ed and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

Chicken Noodle Soup & Bouja

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be once again making their homemade chicken noodle soup and Bouja to sell. Soup will be available next Sunday, January 15th from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM. Chicken Noodle Soup is \$12/gallon and Bouja is \$13/gallon. Bring your own pot or pail. Ice cream pails will also be available for \$1. Maynard Walz Team.

Upcoming Meetings

There is a Finance Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 PM, followed by a Parish Council meeting at 7:30 PM. Both meetings will be held in the parish center.

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. More details to follow.

Snow Removal Help

Adam, our custodian/maintenance person, has fallen and broken his leg and we need help with snow removal while he recovers. Anyone who is willing to help with clearing the sidewalks, steps and walking areas around the church, please call the office. Thank you!

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!

"Rediscover Jesus" Book Club

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

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!!

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.

Relevant Radio

Looking for something new to listen to on the radio? Give Relevant Radio a try! You can listen to Relevant Radio on 1330 AM, online at relevantradio.com, or on the free mobile app.