

Weekday Readings

Monday, February 13: GN 4:1-15, 25; MK 8: 11-13
 Tuesday, February 14: GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; MK 8:14-21
 Wednesday, February 15: GN 8:6-13, 20-22; MK 8:22-26
 Thursday, February 16: GN 9:1-13; MK 8:27-33
 Friday, February 17: GN 11:1-9; MK 8:34-9:1
 Saturday, February 18: HEB 11:1-7; MK 9:2-13
 Sunday, February 19: LV 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 COR 3:16-23; MT 5:38-48



Prayer List

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

Local Events

Service of Healing On Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Donald Kettler will preside over a healing service for anyone who has been wounded in any way by the Church. This service provides a time to pray for healing and for the Church to seek the forgiveness of those whom it has hurt. Holy Angels Performing Arts Center, 3rd Street North & 6th Avenue North St. Cloud.



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Ash Wednesday Mass (March 1st)

5:00 PM Assumption
 7:00 PM St. Anthony
Stations of the Cross
 Fridays during lent at 5:30 PM (alternating between the parishes)
 March 3- St. Anthony, March 10- Assumption, etc.



Please begin your Lenten journey with us on Ash Wednesday and also walk with Jesus in his Passion with the Stations of the Cross.

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

Youth Activities

Steubenville Update** Steubenville is a 3-day personal encounter with Jesus for youth who will be completing grades 8-12 this spring. Steubenville will be July 28-30 and is held at the St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Please contact Jessie or Becky to sign up. Adult chaperones will also be needed. Any youth interested in Franciscan LEAD should also contact Jessie or Becky.



February 12th, 2017

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Aaron Nett,
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****Rediscover Jesus Reflection & Discussion**** On Sunday, February 19th after the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Anthony's, all are welcome to join us in the parish center for a reflection and discussion of the book "Rediscover Jesus" that was given out at Christmas time. This will be a time to share your favorite passages and reflect on what you might have learned. Members from both parishes are welcome!!

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, February 14: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, February 15: 5:45 p.m. Mass † Renee Topp
 Thursday, February 16: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, February 17: 7:00 a.m. Mass † Florence Rademacher
 Saturday, February 18: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Nibert Jansen
 Sunday, February 19: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Arvilla Miller

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 13: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Isadore & Clara VonBank
 Thursday, February 16: 5:45 p.m. Mass at Church CCW Members
 Friday, February 17: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, February 18: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Helen Harth
 Sunday, February 19: 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

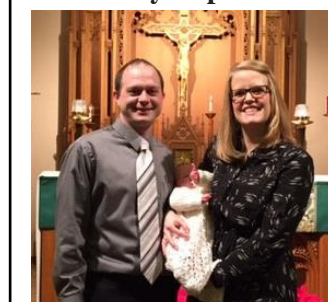
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very thankful for the many blessings bestowed on our parishes throughout the year and the many people through whom they have been brought to us. The generosity of hands and hearts of so many bring life to our parishes! Of late, I am thankful for all who helped out with the Superbowl Subs fundraiser which was a huge success. Also, thank you to the building committee and all who helped out with the St. Anthony's parish center blessing by the Bishop. What a great occasion it was. Thank you to one and all for your service! May God bless you, Father Aaron

FYI...8 Fun facts about the Catholic Church:

- Vatican City has the highest crime rate in the world!** With a population around 500 people is only about one square mile in size, and has nearly 20 million visitors annually. Most of the crimes are pickpockets, purse snatching and other petty offenses done by outsiders.
- The ONLY Christian church in existence** for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their lineage back to the Roman Catholic Church.
- Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press**, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible.
- The Catholic Church is entirely responsible for the composition of the Bible.** Protestants have removed some books of the Bible because some of the verses were inconsistent with their theology. Catholics are often accused of "adding" the books, but despite this common belief, it is false.
- How many Saints are recognized by the Catholic Church?** There does not seem to be an official number, but it exceeds 10,000. Of course, any person who enters heaven is a saint, by definition, so it is certain the number of actual saints in existence is much greater than the number recognized by the Church.
- Any Catholic may perform an emergency baptism**, such as if a person is in grave danger of death. There are specific guidelines for such practices that Catholics should follow. Generally, such practices ought to be left to trained clergy.
- About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals.** In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.
- The Pope is protected by the Swiss Papal Guard.** Each member is Catholic, male, and Swiss, and must complete military training in Switzerland. They must demonstrate good conduct and be at least five-foot-eight in height. In extreme circumstances, they are expected to guard the Holy Father with their lives. The Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military unit in continual existence since 1506.

Newly Baptized!



Brynn Christine Bischof

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

February 11-12: Christian Women Carnation Sale
February 12: Confirmation Retreat Team Mtg. 11:15 AM
February 16: Usher's Meeting, 7PM Lower Level
February 19: Christian Women Benefit for Life, 9-1
March 1: Faith & Fun, 3:15-4:45
March 5: Sunday Inspiration, 11:15-11:35

Ministry Schedule: February 18 & 19

Gift Bearers: 10 a.m. Justin Schlangen & Herbie Walker
Lectors: 7 p.m. Lona Brutger
 10 a.m. Dyani Acosta & Shelly Kern
Ushers: 7 p.m. Volunteers
 10 a.m. Volunteers
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Colleen & Gary Sogge
 7 p.m. Stacey Moehrle, Bill Tschumperlin & Kris Gruenes
 10 a.m. Sarah Kuechle, Rhonda Kuechle & Marge Kuechle
Servers: 7 p.m. Rylan Schueller & Tyler Brutger
 10 a.m. Jack Evens, Mallory Evens,
 Megan Blonigen & Reece Bischof
Rosary Leaders: February 13-17, Helen Theis
 7 p.m. Helen Theis
 10 a.m. Marge Kuechle
Music: 7 p.m. Joanne Bischof
 10 a.m. Guitar Group
Collection Counters: Donna Theis & Julie Kummet
Children's Liturgy: 10 a.m. Janet & Thomas Binsfeld

Financial Blessings

	2/5/17	2/7/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	192.75	94.72
Adult Envelopes	3007.00	2505.00
Youth Envelopes	30.00	7.00
Votive	18.00	56.10
Maintenance/Security	2650.00	0.00
Bazaar	\$3325.27	\$2556.85
Total		

2016 Bazaar:	Mass Attendance:
\$19,935	Feb 04, 7:00 p.m. 131
Monthly Auto Drafts:	Feb 05, 10:00 a.m. 163
\$1699	Total: 294

Security/Maintenance Collection:
 Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$18,980



Super Sub Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who purchased subs last Sunday. Sales passed expectations, apologies to those who were not able to purchase a sub. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!



Carnation Sale!

This weekend the Assumption Christian Women will be selling carnations for your loved ones for Valentine's Day. The proceeds from the flowers will go towards funding the baptismal baskets.

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

Catholic United Financial Meeting

The St. Joseph St Mary's Council of Catholic United Financial will hold a meeting on Sunday, February 12th, at 8:30 AM in the lower level. The purpose of this meeting is for the auditor to go over and sign the financial report for 2016. We also need to schedule our Corporate Communion Sunday in March.

Usher's Meeting

All current ushers and people interested in becoming ushers are asked to attend a meeting on February 16th at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

Adoration FYI

Anyone is invited and welcome to stop in at the Adoration Chapel to pray with the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Thursday, 7AM-9PM. You do not need to be a scheduled adorer to do this. All are welcome!

St. Blaise Blessings

During this weekend's Masses there will be St. Blaise Blessings of the Throat for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. Anyone is welcome to participate in this special blessing.

Adoration News Update

We still have another Adoration hour open. Friday morning at 3-4 A.M. If you can pick up the hour, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will once again be starting this Sunday. Thank you to those who have come forward to help and also thank you to the children and their families for participating! It's not too late to help, please call Becky in the religion office if interested.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 13: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
 Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
Wednesday, February 15: Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 16: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
Saturday, February 18: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 19: "Rediscover Jesus" discussion, 9:00 AM, Parish Center

Ministry Schedule: February 18 & 19

Servers: 4 p.m. Reyse & Cambel Hesse & Alex Birr
 8 a.m. Jack & Paige Kneip & Haylee Geislinger
Lectors: 4 p.m. Heidi Schoenecker
 8 a.m. Andy Hesse
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Bread: Gene Asfeld
 Wine: Sherri Asfeld & Mary Dockendorf
 8 a.m. Bread: Betty Dockendorf
 Wine: Earl Dockendorf & Tami Asfeld
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. Volunteer
 8 a.m. Volunteer
Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163
Church Cleaning: February 12-25
 Craig & Becky Kipf, Gary & Arliss Klein, Amy Klein,
 and Jason & Jen Klein and families.
 *Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

Financial Blessings

	2/5/17	2/7/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	2370.00	1978.00
Loose Plate	169.16	214.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	250.00	125.00
Youth	5.00	2.25
Votive	44.49	25.50
Church Speakers	200.00	0.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	500.00	375.00
Total	\$3573.65	\$2719.75

Thank you for
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Mass Attendance:
Feb 04, 4:00 p.m. 104
Feb 05, 8:00 a.m. 191
Total: 295

New Parish Center	2/9/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$104,659.97
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$136,690.90</u>
Remaining Goal	\$132,405.82
*This total has been updated after the addition of interest and the allocation of other funds.	

Commitment Sunday

We have 7 candidates for confirmation this year who will be making their official commitment towards confirmation at Mass this weekend. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they continue to work toward Confirmation on April 2nd at the Assumption Church. This year's candidates are:

Alex Birr	Son of Marsha Loch
Brandon Donnay	Son of Andy & Heidi Donnay
Brooke Geislinger	Daughter of Lawrence Jr & Sarah Geislinger
Haylee Geislinger	Daughter of Dan & Christin Geislinger
Stephanie Kelly	Daughter of Kim & Dave Mauer
Gavin Klocker	Son of Stacy & Ryan Becker
Breanna Walz	Daughter of Bruce & Terri Walz

Blessing and Dedication of Parish Center

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last weekend's blessing and dedication of our New Parish Center. We are blessed with faithful and generous parishioners who all helped to make our parish center possible. Also thank you to Bishop LeVoir for coming and to everyone else for helping with the blessing and the meal. There are extra dedication booklets in the back of church, please help yourself!

St. Anthony's Newest Members

The Church of St. Anthony is happy to welcome new members, James & Ruth Harter to the parish. Please do your best to make James and Ruth feel at home in their new parish family!

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Diocesan Ministry Appeal Update

This year's Diocesan Ministries Appeal is well underway and we are just under halfway towards our goal of \$14,063.09, with a total of \$6910 in donations from 41 donors. If you have not given to the DMA or could give more, please consider giving. There are envelopes available in the back of church or the parish office. Please note that the parish is responsible for paying any unmet portion of our goal!

Automatic Deposits

Tired of searching for your Sunday envelopes every weekend? Or writing checks? Sign up to have your contributions to the church taken out of your bank account automatically every week. It's easy and convenient! You can even pay your parish center pledges this way. Sign up forms are available in the back of church, on the website or at the parish office. Please call if you have any questions.