

Weekday Readings

Monday, February 27: SIR 17:20-24; MK 10:17-27
 Tuesday, February 28: SIR 35:1-12; MK 10:28-31
 Wednesday, March 1: JL 2:12-18; 2 COR 5:20-6:2;
 MT 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday, March 2: DT 30:15-20; LK 9:22-25
 Friday, March 3: IS 58:1-9A; MT 9:14-15
 Saturday, March 4: IS 58:9B-14; LK 5:27-32
 Sunday, March 5: GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7; ROM 5:12-19; MT 4:1-11

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

ARE YOU WONDERING IF "40 DAYS FOR LIFE" MAKES A DIFFERENCE? YES!!!!... since 2007, God has used Prayer, Fasting & Vigil Presence to accomplish *amazing results* through 40 Days for Life ... in 675 cities in 40 countries: **725,000 individual participants from 19,000 churches, 12,668 lives saved from abortion, 141 abortion workers quit their jobs, 75 abortion facilities closed.** This next campaign runs from March 1 to April 9th, 7am to 7pm Monday through Friday with rallies scheduled on Sat March 4 & Sat April 8 from 10am to noon. Please consider "giving up" some of your free time during Lent to pray at the 40 Days for Life-St Cloud prayer vigil on East St Germain in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic. Prayer is the force behind the vigil, so if you cannot come to the vigil site, please **pray for a respect for all life from conception to natural death.** Any questions, contact Judy Haag judy4life@meltel.net, 320-453-7592

Youth Activities



30 Hour Famine

All students in grades 9-12 are invited to experience HUNGER that others in the world deal with daily. The activity includes helping serve the hungry at the Place of Hope in St. Cloud. The 30 Hour Famine will take place March 17th-18th in St. Anthony's Rectory. Friends are invited too! To sign up, please contact either Becky or Jessie.

Steubenville Spot

We have 20 spots at the July 28-30 Steubenville Conference in St. Paul to fill! Youth who will complete grades 8-12 may attend. Please consider sending a grandchild or godchild as a gift! More information can be found on Assumption's website or by contacting Becky or Jessie.



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Catholic Heart Work Camp

All youth who will complete grades 7-12 are encouraged to put the works of mercy into action, July 17-22 in Detroit Lakes. This is a great way to live as disciples of Christ and will foster the Catholic Faith of each participant. More information can be found on the Assumption's website or by contacting Becky or Jessie.



February 26th, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Aaron Nett,
Pastor/Parochial Administrator



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Traveling Chalice and Madonna

During this whole next year Assumption and St. Anthony families and individuals will have the chance to host a "Traveling Chalice" and Madonna Prayer in their homes, for a week each, to help pray for vocations. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the churches.

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.



Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, February 28: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, March 1: 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday † Ralph Haan
 Thursday, March 2: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, March 3: 7:00 a.m. Mass- † Walter Johnson
 Saturday, March 4: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Ruth Johnson
 Sunday, March 5: 10:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 28: 9:30 a.m. **No Mass at Hilltop** - Communion Service
 Wednesday, March 1: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass † Robert Donnay
 Thursday, March 2: TBD
 Friday, March 3: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, March 4: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Alcuin Huberty
 Sunday, March 5: 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 Catechetical Moment: Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we, as sinners, can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile ourselves with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

How do you make a good confession? The most important things about making a good confession is truly being sorry for the sins you commit, having the intention of returning to God with your whole heart and to do this before a priest. Why in front of a priest? Because that's the way God intended it to be. After Jesus' death and resurrection he appeared to the disciples and said, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:22-23) Jesus sends out His disciples with the authority on earth to forgive sins. He forgives sins through the priest... it is God's power, but He exercises that power through the ministry of the priest.

The church wants us to receive the sacrament on reconciliation at least once a year, and before we receive communion if we have committed a mortal sin (a sin of grave matter, that you know is wrong that you commit deliberately) but that is a bare minimum! We are encouraged to seek reconciliation whenever we are in need of its healing grace!

Upcoming opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday: 1/2 hour before Mass. 3:30 at St. Anthony & 6:30 at Assumption
 March 26th: Parish Lenten Penance Service, 4:00 at St. Anthony & 7:00 at Assumption
 March 31st: Festival of Forgiveness, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. Sts. Peter and Paul, Richmond



Magnificat- Those who ordered their own subscriptions to the Magnificat can pick their copies up in the back of the churches, they are labeled with your name. If you haven't yet paid for your subscription, you can pay your own parish \$29.95 and submit it by dropping it in the collection or sending it to the offices.

"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" - On Sundays during Lent (starting March 12) you will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a bible/book study explaining where Mass responses and gestures come from in scripture. This is a 5 session study that will take place after the Sunday Masses at both parishes that is sure to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist. More information to come.

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

March 1: Faith & Fun, 3:15-4:45
Ash Wednesday Mass, 5:00 PM
March 5: Sunday Inspiration, 11:15-11:35
March 10: Living Stations, 5:30
March 12: The Mass Bible Study, 11:15
March 17: Fish Fry, 4:00-8:00 PM
March 17-18: 30 Hour Famine
March 19: Youth Mass
March 27: Confirmation Retreat, 8:20-6:00

Ash Wednesday: March 1st, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Dave Moran & Linda Thielen
Ushers: TBD
Ministers of Communion/Ash Distributors:
Mary Jo Ruhland, Donna Bischof & Jim Schutz
Servers: Ethan Laudenbach, Carter Laudenbach,
Marissa Laudenbach & Abby Niewind
Music: Lisa Thielen

Ministry Schedule: March 4 & 5

Greeters: 7 p.m. Olivia Schleper & Jack Lies
10 a.m. Jennifer Schreifels
Gift Bearers: 10 a.m. Sophia Huschle, Lindsey, Troy & Zoey
Lectors: 7 p.m. Jason Huschle
10 a.m. Wanda Reiter & Sarah Magedanz
Ushers: 7 p.m. Ralph Hennen, David Braegelmann,
Bill Reiter & Jim Schutz
10 a.m. Jim Rademacher, Dan Schlangen,
Jim Linn & Jim Schutz
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Rose Becker & Sherri Zieglmeier
7 p.m. Jody Bauer, Bobbi Jo Kneip & Sharon Schettler
10 a.m. Sarah Kuechle, Steve Schoenecker & Lisa Ludwig
Servers: 7 p.m. Eric Bauer & Anthony Schettler
10 a.m. Emily Rose, Anna Rose,
Jack Evens & Mallory Evens
Rosary Leaders: February 27-March 3, Mary Jo Ruhland
7 p.m. Helen Theis
10 a.m. Janet Schwartz
Music: 7 p.m. Becky Haag
10 a.m. Guitar Group
Collection Counters: Sherri Zieglmeier & Colleen Sogge
Children's Liturgy: Theresa Lambert & Dyani Acosta

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	2/19/17	2/21/16
Loose Plate	216.02	110.25
Adult Envelopes	1957.00	1833.00
Youth Envelopes	10.80	9.25
Votive	54.00	63.25
Bazaar	75.00	0.00
Maintenance	1115.00	0.00
Total	\$3427.82	\$2015.75

2016 Bazaar:	Mass Attendance:
\$20,260	Feb 18, 7:00 p.m. 116
Monthly Auto Drafts:	Feb 19, 10:00 a.m. 215
\$1699	Total: 331

Security/Maintenance Collection:
Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$20,095

Legion of Mary Faith & Fun Day

Vocations- "Born of Prayer" will take place Wednesday, March 1st (Ash Wednesday) from after school until the 5:00 Mass. All students and friends in grades k-6 are invited. The afternoon will include "Walk & Talk with God Game", "The Story of the Stations", and "Outdoor Fun." Return permission slips or contact Bonnie or Becky to sign up.

Sunday Inspiration

More gripping than the pull of professional sports, the call to the priesthood reveals the great plans God has for those he has called. In this session, the story of Fr. Burke Masters, "the baseball priest," will be shared. His story begins with baseball, goes through Catholicism, and eventually ends in the priesthood. This last Sunday Inspiration session will be on March 5th after the 10:00 Mass. All are welcome!

Living Stations

Come and experience the passion of our Lord with the students on Friday, March 10 at 5:30. The Way of the Cross is a beautiful Catholic devotion and a great Lenten prayer. Everyone is invited.

Assumption Guild News

-The new officers for the Assumption Guild are: President: Lori Teicher, Vice President: Phyllis Holdvogt, Treasurer: Amy Thielen, Secretary: Doris Thielen. Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 4th and a special thank you to Phyllis and Amy for volunteering to take on these positions for 2017/2018. Also, the updated Guild Lists and Schedule are in the back of church. -Lori Teicher, Assumption Guild President
-There will be a 7:00 pm meeting on Sunday, February 26th for Chairs and Co Charis in groups 1,7,9 to plan the spring pizza fundraiser.

-Groups 7-12 are in charge of cleaning the lower level of the church on March 29th. Groups 1-6 are in charge of cleaning the upper level of the church on March 30th.

Attention Ushers!

If you want to be added or taken off the current usher list or have a new phone number to add, please contact Kevin Nohner at 320-249-8155.

Stations of the Cross Servers Needed!

We are looking for volunteer servers for Stations of the Cross on March 10th, 24th and April 7th. We'll take 3 servers each day. Let Sheri know if you are interested.

Catholic Men's Conference

The St. Cloud Diocese Men's Conference, "Men of Integrity: Men of Life, Men for Life" will be held on March 4, 8:00am-5:00pm at St. John's University. Any men interested in going should contact Tom Mathias (453-7943) or George Ruhland (453-3695). Those interested in a "Men's Caravan" that day can meet in the Assumption rectory parking lot at 7:45 to be men on a mission and drive together.

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.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 26: Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Monday, February 27: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
Wednesday, March 1: Faith Formation Classes 6:45 PM
Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 2: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
Saturday, March 4: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM

Ash Wednesday: March 1st, 7:00 PM

Servers: Ben & Charlie Teicher
Lector: Jessie Teicher
Eucharistic Ministers/Ash Distributors:
Theresa Faber, Molly Schlangen & Volunteer
Ushers: TBD

Ministry Schedule: March 4 & 5

Servers: 4 p.m. Anna Kramer & Max Geislinger
8 a.m. Carly & Cadence Meierhofer
Lectors: 4 p.m. Dolores Faber
8 a.m. Jessie Teicher
Eucharistic Ministers:
4 p.m. Bread: Gwen Asfeld
Wine: Gene & Sherri Asfeld
8 a.m. Bread: Joyce Libbesmeier
Wine: Tami Asfeld & Lori Dockendorf
Ushers: 4 p.m. Eldred Froehling, Leila Froehling,
Jay Schoenecker & Alan Dockendorf
8 a.m. Jim Schreifels, Margi Schreifels,
Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzl

Rosary Leaders:

4 p.m. Jan Vossen & Lori Unterberger
8 a.m. Sharon Simmons
Homebound: Jack & Rachel Kinzer, 764-2784
Church Cleaning: February 26 - March 11
Scott & Bobbi Jo Kneip, Karen Kramer,
Robert Klein, Flavian & Kathy Kramer and families.

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

Financial Blessings

	2/19/17	2/21/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	2022.00	2381.00
Loose Plate	145.50	202.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	250.00	175.00
Youth	5.00	7.00
Votive	31.00	25.25
Church Speakers	1825.00	0.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	3550.00	5130.00
Total	\$7863.50	\$7920.25

Thank you for
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Mass Attendance:
Feb 18, 4:00 p.m. 165
Feb 19, 8:00 a.m. 148
Total: 313

New Parish Center	2/23/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$114,659.97
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$132,640.90</u>
Remaining Goal	\$126,455.82

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



Knights of Columbus Benefit Breakfast

This Sunday, February 26th the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast in the parish center. Proceeds for the breakfast will be going towards St. Anthony's Faith Formation program. Serving from 8:30-12:00. Menu: pancakes, Rieland Locker sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit cocktail, coffee, milk and orange juice. Please come to support this worthy cause!!

Ash Wednesday Mass

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 1st on Ash Wednesday. Masses will be held at 5:00 PM at the Assumption Church & 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Anthony. Faith Formation students should report to class at 6:45 instead of 6:30.

Stations of the Cross

The first Stations of the Cross of this Lenten season will be held this Friday at 5:30 at the Church of St. Anthony and will alternate every Friday with the Assumption church. Please join us as we walk with Christ through his Passion.

Church Speakers Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the church speaker fund. Especially to one generous donor, who wants to remain anonymous, but donated the remaining balance needed. The new system might still need a few minor adjustments, but is now in use and getting good reviews!

New Parishioners

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes new members Nick and Amy Vossen and their two girls, Alexis and Natalie as official members of the parish! Please do your best to make them feel at home in their new parish family!

Rosary Leaders

We are in great need of a few more people who would be willing to lead us in rosary before the weekend Masses. If you are interested in this important ministry please call the office or Dolores Faber at 764-1607.

CCW Dues Envelops

CCW dues envelopes are available at all of the church entrances. They can be returned in the collection or by mail. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

CCW Spring Gathering

Saturday, March 11 @ Holy Family Silver Lake starting with mass @ 9 a.m. followed by brunch and speaker Deacon Mike McKeown. Mike will be speaking on "Unbound Freedom in Christ". We need a head count by March 1, contact Kathy Erpelding if you plan to join us at 764-9303.

Scholarship Reminder!

The New Ulm Diocesan Scholarship program is looking for people to apply to find out more about their ministry. The scholarship program is for anyone involved in parish work, such as musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Religious Ed teachers or anyone wanting to better themselves spiritually. The scholarship forms are available by calling Rachel Kinzer at 764-2784. Scholarships forms must be postmarked by March 1, 2017 to qualify.