

Weekday Readings

Monday, February 6: GN 1:1-19; MK 6: 53-56
 Tuesday, February 7: GN 1:20-2:4A; MK 7:1-13
 Wednesday, February 8: GN 2:4B-9, 15-17; MK 7:14-23
 Thursday, February 9: GN 2:18-25; MK 7:24-30
 Friday, February 10: GN 3:1-8; MK 7:31-37
 Saturday, February 11: GN 3:9-24; MK 8:1-10
 Sunday, February 12: SIR 15:15-20; 1 COR 2:6-10; MT 5:17-37

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..

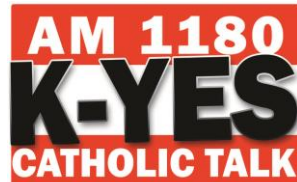
Local Events

March for Life On Sat Feb 11, from 10am to noon, there will be a "Defund Planned Parenthood" Vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood in St Cloud to specifically pray for an end to taxpayer funding of abortion. If you are upset about having your tax dollars going for abortions, this will be "A time for action to add to our prayers".

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.

Rediscover Jesus Reflection & Discussion

On Sunday, February 19th after the 8:00 AM Mass, all are welcome to join us in the St. Anthony 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!!



Download the free app today!

Listen to Catholic Talk Radio on AM 1180 KYES, playing both Relevant Radio Programming and local programming, featuring local priests and faith leaders. You can also listen by downloading our free app for AM 1180 KYES, gives you the ability to listen anywhere and anytime.

Youth Activities

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 St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Please contact Jessie or Becky to sign up. Adult chaperones will also be needed.



February 5th, 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Aaron Nett,
Pastor/Parochial Administrator



Church of the Assumption

P.O. Box 9, Eden Valley, MN 55329
www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org

Church of St. Anthony

P.O. Box 409, Watkins, MN 55389
www.stanthonywatkins.com

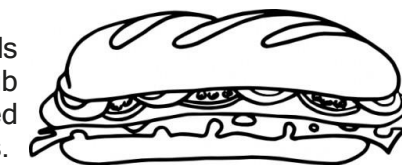
Parish Office: 320-453-2788 Email: assumptionev@meltel.net
 Parish Contacts: Michelle Brutger, Secretary, Becky Haag, Director of Faith Formation, Bonnie Meyer, Faith Formation Assistant
 Religion Office: 320-453-5765, email: assumptionre@meltel.net

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, February 6: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, February 7: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, February 8: 5:45 p.m. Mass † Joan Riley
 Thursday, February 9: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, February 10: 7:00 a.m. Mass † Paul & Margie Kerzman
 Saturday, February 11: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Alphonse Thielen
 Sunday, February 12: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Lawrence Huschle

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 7: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Ben Plantenberg
 Thursday, February 9: 5:45 p.m. Mass at Church † Robert Donny
 Friday, February 10: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, February 11: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Chad Geislinger
 Sunday, February 12: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Rose Loesch

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

A Message from Father Aaron

"You are the Light of the World"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Superbowl Sunday brings to us a tradition centered around some of our American favorites; football, family, friends and food. Events like this bring people together and help us to have some fun, relax and stay connected. The game is often centered around personal achievement, honor, and fulfillment of dreams. These can be good things, however, they must be held up to one measurement by which we Christians should measure all things; How does this matter for eternity?

Jesus says in our Gospel today, "You are the salt of the earth...and the light of the world." Not just to his disciples, but he says, that to you, we are the salt and light of the world! Have we considered that Jesus thinks this highly of us, and also what he expects of us? We as Christians are called to be service minded and count the little ones first. Isaiah says, "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

Our nation currently has serious wounds of division and anger that will only be healed by the balm of love. We are called to be salt and light and stand up for life in all forms; from the womb to the tomb, from the disabled to the immigrant. And right now our nation is very divided on the subject of immigration. So, how does the Church view the immigration issue?

The Catholic Catechism instructs the faithful that good government has two duties. The first duty is to welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person. "Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him." CCC 2241

The second duty is to secure one's border and enforce the law for the sake of the common good. "Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens." CCC 2241

May we continue to pray for God's grace and mercy to guard us in these days so we may live up to the call to be the salt and light for a world in desperate need of peace.

God's Peace, Father Aaron

Centra Sota
500 4th St N
Watkins, MN 55389
764-9635

Please Support Our Advertisers

Farmer State Bank
Of Watkins
www.fsbwatkins.com
320-764-2600
Member FDIC

Stein's Thriftway
Foods, Inc.
135 Central Ave
PO Box 99
Watkins, MN 55389
320-764-2980

Farmers & Merchants
State Bank (Eden Valley)
www.fmpierz.com
320-453-2000
Member FDIC

Schmitt Farms Seed
Steven P. Schmitt
Custom Farm Products
Eden Valley
320-333-0655

Voss Plumbing
& Heating
E Hwy 23, Paynesville
www.vossplumbing.com
320-243-3644

Granite Realty of MN
Art & Carol Lahr
www.graniterealty.us
320-333-8862

Jack's Companies
Eden Valley & Watkins
320-453-6560
320-764-5345

Weinmann Trucking
& Excavating, Inc.
John Weinmann
320-248-2697

Joanne's Place
Family Hairstyling
209 State St.
Eden Valley
320-453-8725

Thunder Valley
State Hwy 55,
PO Box 531
Eden Valley
453-2822, 282-7801

KBI

Faber Building &
Supplies, Inc.
Hwy 55 & Central Ave S
PO Box 495, Watkins
320-764-2225

Williams Dingmann
Family Funeral Home
www.williamsdingmann.com
320-453-3608

Catholic United
Financial
Dave Stang
320-469-4735
dstang@catholicunited.org

Eden Valley
Veterinary Clinic
248 Park Avenue East
drperry@meltel.net
320-453-2293

Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

- February 5:** Special Mass Time! 8:00 AM
Super Bowl Sub Sale (9am-Noon)
- February 11-12:** Christian Women Carnation Sale
- February 12:** Confirmation Retreat Team Mtg. 11:15 AM
- February 19:** Christian Women Benefit for Life, 9-1

Ministry Schedule: February 11 & 12

- Greeters:** 7 p.m. Kendra Kuechle
10 a.m. Emma Schultz
- Gift Bearers:** 10 a.m. Alaina Wirtzfeld, Jason & Rachelle
- Lectors:** 7 p.m. Deb Huschle
10 a.m. Linda Thielen & Sarah Kuechle
- Ushers:** 7 p.m. Volunteers
10 a.m. Volunteers
- Ministers of Communion: H.M.:** Donna Bischof & Marge Kuechle
7 p.m. Jim Schutz, Sharon Schettler & Volunteer
10 a.m. Steve Schoenecker, Lisa Ludwig & Sheila Laudenschach
- Servers:** 7 p.m. Andrew Gruenes & Ashley Gruenes
10 a.m. Trevyn Ludwig, Taylor Ludwig,
Teagyn Ludwig & Treyce Ludwig
- Rosary Leaders:** February 6-10, Mary Jo Ruhland
7 p.m. Rose Becker
10 a.m. Sheri Blonigen
- Music:** 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen
10 a.m. Becky Haag
- Collection Counters:** Joyce Gertken & Dan Thielen

Financial Blessings

	1/29/17	1/31/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	236.00	217.35
Adult Envelopes	1767.00	2195.00
Youth Envelopes	13.25	3.50
Votive	59.02	66.00
Maintenance/Security	1000.00	0.00
Bazaar	250.00	75.00
Total	\$3325.27	\$2556.85

2016 Bazaar:	Mass Attendance:
\$19,935	Jan 28, 7:00 p.m. 95
Monthly Auto Drafts:	Jan 29, 10:00 a.m. 248
\$1699	Total: 343

Security/Maintenance Collection:
Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$16,330

Children's Liturgy

We are looking for parents who would be interested in teaching Sunday Liturgy of the Word to their own children and other children (second grade and younger). It is an easy and fun ministry, sure to help you enhance the faith of your whole family! Please email or call the Religious Education office.

Baptized in Christ

The Assumption Church welcomes its newest member through the waters of baptism, Brynn Christine Bischof. Brynn is the daughter of Ashley & Josh Bischof and was baptized on February 4th. May the blessings of the Lord be upon Brynn and her family!

Carnation Sale!

Next weekend, on February 11 & 12, 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.

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.

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

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.

Magnificat

Contact the office by Wednesday, February 8th, if you are interested in ordering the Magnificat daily devotional monthly booklet. The more orders we get, the cheaper the subscription! So far we have 45 orders.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

- Sunday, February 5:** 10 AM Mass, Parish Center Blessing
- Monday, February 6:** Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
- Tuesday, February 7:** CCW Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 8:** Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM
- Thursday, February 9:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
- Saturday, February 10:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM

Ministry Schedule: February 11 & 12

- Servers:** 4 p.m. Ben & Charlie Teicher & Brandon Donnay
8 a.m. Devin & Alison Waldorf
- Lectors:** 4 p.m. Michelle Kramer
8 a.m. Jada Jesberg
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
4 p.m. Bread: Volunteer
Wine: Lori Unterberger & Gwen Asfeld
8 a.m. Bread: Jeanette Walz
Wine: Maynard Walz & Betty Vossen
- Ushers:** 4 p.m. Eldred Froehling, Leila Froehling,
Jay Schoenecker & Alan Dockendorf
8 a.m. Jim Schreifels, Margi Schreifels,
Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzi
- Rosary Leaders:**
4 p.m. Kevin & Erin Donnay & Family
8 a.m. Ethel Donnay
- Homebound:** Ethel Donnay, 398-7332
- Church Cleaning: January 29 - February 11**
Jack & Rachel Kinzer, Mary Kay Kielty, Dale Kielty,
Joe Kielty, David & Connie Kerkaert and families.
- *Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

Financial Blessings

	1/29/17	1/31/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	2852.00	1494.00
Loose Plate	276.00	273.30
Weekly Auto Drafts	260.00	125.00
Youth	5.00	2.26
Votive	24.50	26.25
Church Speakers	700.00	0.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	25.00	0.00
Building Fund	1900.00	2404.74
Total	\$6042.50	\$4325.55

Thank you for
your
donations!

Mass Attendance:
Jan 28, 4:00 p.m. 133
Jan 29, 8:00 a.m. 129
Total: 262

New Parish Center	2/2/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$104,124.97
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$137,225.90</u>
Remaining Goal	\$132,405.82
*This total has been updated after the addition of interest and the allocation of other funds.	

Blessing and Dedication of Parish Center

We hope that everyone will join us this Sunday as we welcome Bishop LeVoir for the blessing and dedication of the new parish center! The blessing will take place after a special 10:00 AM Mass with the Bishop. Lunch in the parish center to follow the blessing. All are welcome!!

CCW Meeting

Please join us on Tue. Feb 7 @ 7:00 p.m. in the new social hall for our meeting. The topics we will cover are Mission-of-Love valentines, info for scholarships, Lighthouse CD of the month and planning the letter we will be sending to all of our members. Hope to see you there! Kathy Erpelding, Co-president

2nd Collection for Catholic Schools

If you missed out on last weekend's 2nd collection benefiting Catholic Schools, you can still contribute by dropping an envelope in the collection marked "Catholic Schools." Thank you!

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.

Annual Contribution Reports

The Church of St. Anthony annual contribution reports were mailed out 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.

Magnificat

Contact the office by Wednesday, February 8th, if you are interested in ordering the Magnificat daily devotional monthly booklet. The more orders we get, the cheaper the subscription! So far we have 45 orders.

Scholarship News

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, lectures, Eucharistic ministers, Religious Ed teachers or anyone wanting to better themselves spiritually. The scholarship forms are available by calling Rachel Kinzer at 764-2784. Rachel will have some available at the next CCW meeting on February 7. If you are needing more information about what scholarships are, please call. Scholarships forms must be postmarked by March 1, 2017 to qualify.

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.