

Weekday Readings

Monday, March 13: DN 9:4B-10; LK 6:36-38
 Tuesday, March 14: IS 1:10, 16-20; MT 23:1-12
 Wednesday, March 15: JER 18:18-20; MT 20:17-28
 Thursday, March 16: JER 17:5-10; LK 16:19-31
 Friday, March 17: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A; MT 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday, March 18: MI 7:14-15, 18-20; LK 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday, March 19: EX 17:3-7; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:5-42

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

March 12: The Cold Spring area Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast on Sunday March 12 from 8:30 - 12:30 at the St. Boniface Parish Center. Menu: Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Hash Browns, Fruit, Pastries, Cinnamon Bread. Adults \$8, Students (6-12) \$5, 5 and under are free.
March 19: The Wat-Kim-Valley VFW is having the Meeker County Relay for Life Breakfast (All proceeds go to the American cancer Society) on Sunday March 19, 2017 from 8 to Noon. Menu: French Toast, Pork Sausage, Hash browns, Scramble Eggs, Milk, Juice and Coffee.



Festival of Forgiveness March 31st,
 Sts. Peter & Paul, Richmond 9AM-9PM.
 12 whole hours of confessions!
*Rend your hearts . . . and return to the LORD,
 your God, For he is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and
 relenting in punishment. (Joel 2:13)*

****Traveling Chalice and Madonna****

CHRIST SPOKE of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take these talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom. This week the Traveling Chalice is being hosted by Carol Huberty of St. Anthony's Parish and members of Assumption Parish who are residents of the Brookview Apartments as they pray for Vocations. Thank you for your participation!

Youth Activities

Stuebenville 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.



STUEBENVILLE
 CONFERENCES

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.



March 12th, 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Don't forget to spring ahead one hour this weekend for daylight savings time!

Instead of giving something up for lent, why not add something??

Come join us Sundays during Lent (starting this Sunday) for a bible/book/video series about the Mass and where parts of the Mass come from in the bible. This study is a wonderful way to put more into Lent and deepen your love for your faith and the Mass itself! Available at both parishes after the Sunday Masses.

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, March 13: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, March 14: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, March 15: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Paul & Margie Kerzman
 Thursday, March 16: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, March 17: 7:00 a.m. Mass- † Mary Boeckmann
 Saturday, March 18: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Ed Ebensteiner
 Sunday, March 19: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Ray Tschumperlin

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 14: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Gordie Kramer
 Thursday, March 16: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Beverly Schmitt
 Friday, March 17: 9:30 a.m. Stations & Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, March 18: 4:00 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish
 Sunday, March 19: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Adam Schlangen

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

A Message from Father Aaron

God's Beloved

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The Father speaks these words to the disciples on mount Tabor as Jesus is transfigured before them in brilliant white light as never before. They saw Jesus for the first time as he truly was, God's Divine and Beloved Son. God says those very same words to each one of us. Have you heard him say it? Or, have you not made the time to listen to him speak to you in the silence?

The human heart longs to receive love and belong to another. Often times we are really searching for love and belonging but we are looking for it in things that will never fully bring this deep burning desire to fulfillment. Jesus shows us the love of the Father by giving over his life freely for each of us. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The love of the Father compelled Jesus to give his life so that all of us might live forever.

May our Lenten sacrifices and penances be ones that are motivated by this same infinite and abundant love of the Father for each of us. So that each time we pray, do penance, fast or give alms, may we remember that love is the goal. The love of God hopefully compels us in all we do. May we experience God's generous love in our hearts in a deeper way, so to reflect love in our charity towards the other. In whatever we do for Lent, be it extra prayer, fasting, doing penance or giving alms, may we offer a prayer intention along with it, so that our sacrifices are more directly connected to love and service of the other. For, as the hymn proclaims, *Ubi Caritas et Amor...* there God is. God love you, Father Aaron

SAMPLE EXPRESSIONS OF PENANCE

- Efforts at reconciliation with a family member or neighbor
- Fasting from a meal attached to prayer for a person in need
- Concern for the salvation of our sisters and brothers
- Prayer to the saints for their intercession
- Endurance of persecution for the sake of God's kingdom
- Patient acceptance of the cross we must bear to be faithful to Christ
- Admission of faults to God and to one another in Mutual correction
- Offer and acceptance of forgiveness
- Development of a spirit of penance
- Witness to a Christian way of life
- Defense of justice and right

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

March 12: The Mass Bible Study, 11:15
March 17: Fish Fry, 4:00-8:00 PM
March 17-18: 30 Hour Famine
March 24: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM
March 26: Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
March 27: Confirmation Retreat, 8:20-6:00
April 9: Guild Mtg, Chairs/Co-Chairs (1, 7, 9) 7 PM

Ministry Schedule: March 18 & 19

Greeters: 7 p.m. Olivia Schleper, Kendra Kuechle, Jennifer Schreifels & MaKenna Ludwig
Gift Bearers: 10 a.m. Isabella Rausch, Jeff & Amy
Lectors: 7 p.m. Bill Tschumperlin
 10 a.m. Dave Ruhland & Elaina Stommes
Ushers: 7 p.m. Tom Lenz, Josh Bischof, Leander Thielen & Chad Kuechle
 10 a.m. Volunteers
Ministers of Communion: H.M.: Donna Bischof & Marge Kuechle
 7 p.m. Kris Gruenes, Jim Schutz & Volunteer
 10 a.m. Becky Haag, Deb Huschle & Jenni Evens
Servers: 7 p.m. Andrew Gruenes & Ashley Gruenes
 10 a.m. Sidney Kuechle, Sawyer Kuechle, Porter Kuechle & Nathan Lang
Rosary Leaders: March 13-17, Rose Becker
 7 p.m. Kay Heinen
 10 a.m. Sheri Blonigen
Music: 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen
 10 a.m. TBD
Collection Counters: Art Kuechle & Sherri Zieglmeier
Children's Liturgy: Janet & Thomas Binsfeld

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	3/5/17	3/6/16
Loose Plate	225.00	176.26
Adult Envelopes	3516.00	2194.00
Youth Envelopes	20.75	9.00
Votive	42.50	102.88
Bazaar	125.00	0.00
Maintenance	500.00	0.00
Total	\$4429.25	\$2482.14

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1699

Thank you for your donations!

Security/Maintenance Collection:
 Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$20,895



FISH, FISH, FISH!

Friday, March 17th from 4 pm-7:30 pm at Assumption Church. **Attn:** Bread makers and bar makers, please help us as in past years. If you're unable to bring them to the church, call the kitchen (453-5765) and we'll pick them up!

Catholic United Financial

The St. Joseph St Mary's Council of the Catholic United Financial will have a corporate communion Sunday, March 19th at the 10:00 Mass. There will be a reserved section in front for members. The parish is all invited for refreshments in the lower level after Mass, compliments of the St. Joseph St. Mary's Council of CUF. Anyone who has products of Catholic United Financial (Life Insurance, Annuities, IRA's, etc.) is automatically a member of the St. Joseph St Mary's Council and share in the Mass intentions. David Stang, our area sales rep for CUF, will be present on this Sunday so any questions you may have, he will be able to help you.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up for the Confirmation Retreat. Set up is Sunday, March 26th at 11:15. Clean up is Monday, March 27th starts after 4:30pm. Volunteers need to be 11th or 12th graders or adults ONLY please. There are various other behind the scene jobs that are also needed throughout the day Monday the 26th (8am - 7pm). If you are interested in helping out or learning more call Bonnie at 453-5675 or email her at assumptionre@meltel.net.

Assumption Guild News

-There will be an Assumption Guild Meeting for Chairs & Co-Chairs of groups 1,7,9 on Sunday, April 9th at 7pm.
 -The Assumption Guild has decided to have a Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser in place of the Spring Brunch. The fundraiser will be held on May 21st. Details for the change along with the fundraiser details will be mailed out to parishioners in April.

Food Shelf Month

For the month of March the faith formation students are collecting non-perishable food to give to our local food shelf. There are baskets in the classrooms and in the back of church for your convenience.

Adoration News Update

We have a new Adoration hour open, Friday morning 1-2 AM. The Friday morning 3-4 A.M. spot is also still open as well. Please prayerfully consider filling one of these spots! If you are interested, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.



On Sunday, March 26th, Lenten Penance Services will be offered at both parishes. Services will be at 4:00 PM at the Church of St. Anthony and 7:00 PM at the Assumption Church.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 13: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
 Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
 COF Meeting, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 15: Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM
 Shadow Stations, 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 16: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
Friday, March 17: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM
Saturday, March 18: Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM
 Family Movie & Pizza Night, 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 19: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study
 After the 8:00 AM Mass
 Soup & Bouja by the Bowl, 9-11

Ministry Schedule: March 18 & 19

Servers: 4 p.m. Ben & Charlie Teicher
 8 a.m. Jack & Paige Kneip
Lectors: 4 p.m. Mary Kay Kielty
 8 a.m. Chad Dockendorf
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Bread: Dolores Faber
 Wine: Linda Faber & Theresa Faber
 8 a.m. Bread: Rich Hesse
 Wine: Mary Ann Hesse & Kathy Erpelding
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. Kevin & Erin Donnay & Family
 8 a.m. Ethel Donnay
Homebound: Ruth Geislinger, 764-6431
Church Cleaning: March 12-25
 Joe & Mary Kramer, Norb & Michelle Kramer
 Lynn Kramer & Roger & John Kramer and families.
 *Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	3/5/17	3/6/16
Adult Envelopes	2237.00	2027.00
Loose Plate	286.00	241.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Youth	5.00	6.25
Votive	22.00	21.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	1450.00	2075.00
Total	\$4315.00	\$4545.25

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center	3/9/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$116,229.97
Pledges (not paid)**	\$131,370.90
Remaining Goal	\$126,155.82

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

Chicken Noodle Soup & Bouja

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be selling its homemade Bouja and Chicken Noodle Soup next Sunday March 19th, serving from 8:30 am till 12:00 noon. Bouja is \$13.00 per gallon and Chicken Noodle Soup is \$12.00 per gallon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 764-2965. This is the last time this season.

Soup & Bouja by the Bowl!

Next Sunday, from 9-11 AM we will be selling Chicken Noodle soup and Bouja by the bowl with a meal in the parish center. The meal includes a bowl of soup or Bouja, a ham sandwich, a cookie and a beverage. Proceeds will go towards St. Anthony youth activities.

Family Movie & Pizza Night

Spend some extra time as a family and join us next Saturday evening after the 4:00 PM Mass in the parish center for pizza, crafts, activities and a family movie! We hope to see many families there!

Shadow Stations

The confirmation candidates will be presenting the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm. All are invited to this Lenten devotion shown through shadows/ silhouettes with reflective narration and song.

Kids' Bulletin

For elementary kids and younger, there is a special Kids' Bulletin available in the back of church on the usher's table. This bulletin has great activities and fun learning opportunities that is coordinated with the weekend readings and church season. Adults get their own bulletin every weekend and now the kids can enjoy their own too!

CRS Rice Bowls

CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers daily opportunities for your family to engage in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You can find your Rice Bowl/Calendar on the usher's table in the back of church by the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk.

KC Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast in the parish center. The proceeds of this breakfast were designated for St. Anthony's Religious Education Program. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for supporting the faith formation of our youth!!

† Stations of the Cross

The Church of St. Anthony will be having the Stations of the Cross on the following dates and times: March 17th & 31st at 5:30 PM. Please join us as we walk with Christ through his Passion.

COF Members Brunch

There will be a brunch for the members of the Catholic Order of Foresters on Sunday, March 12 after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center.