

Weekday Readings

Monday, March 27: IS 65:17-21; JN 4:43-54
 Tuesday, March 28: EZ 47:1-9, 12; JN 5:1-16
 Wednesday, March 29: IS 49:8-15; JN 5:17-30
 Thursday, March 30: EX 32:7-14; JN 5:31-47
 Friday, March 31: WIS 2:1A, 12-22; JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday, April 1: JER 11:18-20; JN 7:40-53
 Sunday, April 2: EZ 37:12-14; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45

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, Jerry Weinmann Jr. and Joe Hines.



Easter Flowers: Remember your loved ones this Easter with a donation to the Easter Flower fund. You can drop your donation in the Sunday collection in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" or mail it to the parish offices. Be sure to include the names of those to be remembered, who it is from and which parish it's for. Donations need to be in the office by **April 12th** to be included in the Easter bulletin.

"Go out into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." *Mark 16:15* We know that God hates sin. And he calls us out of the darkness into the light. The sidewalk in front of the *St Cloud* Planned Parenthood is where the light of God's love for the fallen world shines brightly. You're invited to be a candle...You're invited to walk with God as a public witness TO END ABORTION. Come, join "40 Days For Life" anytime from 7am-7pm Monday to Friday or Saturday, April 8, 10am-noon. judy4life@meltel.net 320-453-7592

Baptismal Preparation Classes The next baptismal preparation classes for new and expectant parents seeking baptism will be on April 1st at 9:30 or June 4th at 11:00. This is for members of either parish. Call or email either parish office to sign-up!



****Traveling Chalice and Madonna**** ALL TO OFTEN WE forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters, deacons, and brothers. We forget because we think, "it's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel. To sign up to the Traveling Chalice call Mary Ann at 764-6141 or Mary Jo at 453-3695. Thank you to Art and Margie Kuechle of Assumption and Ethel Donnay of St. Anthony's Parish, hosts for this week.

Please pray this novena for our confirmation candidates. The confirmation retreat is on Monday, March 27th.



Holy Spirit Novena

Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of WISDOM to better know You and Your divine perfections, for the gift of UNDERSTANDING to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith, for the gift of COUNSEL that I may live according to the principles of this faith, for the gift of KNOWLEDGE that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You, for the gift of FORTITUDE that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You, for the gift of PIETY that I may always serve Your majesty with a filial love, for the gift of the FEAR OF THE LORD that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God.



March 26th, 2017

4th Sunday of Lent

Fr. Aaron Nett,
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† Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM

Assumption, April 7, St. Anthony, March 31

*** Parish Reconciliation Services.**

March 26th, St. Anthony 4:00 PM, Assumption 7:00 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: Assumption 5:00 PM, St. Anthony 7:00 PM
 Good Friday: St. Anthony 12:00 PM, Assumption 6:00 PM
 Easter Vigil: Assumption 8:30 PM
 Easter Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 AM, Assumption 10:00 AM

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, March 27: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, March 28: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, March 29: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Adella Schmitt
 Thursday, March 30: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, March 31: 7:00 a.m. Mass- † Loren Eull
 Saturday, April 1: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Lawrence Huschle
 Sunday, April 2: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Rose Schindele

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 28: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop Fr. Gross (In Thanksgiving)
 Thursday, March 30: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Alice Dwyer
 Friday, March 31: 9:30 a.m. Stations & Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, April 1: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Alayna Ertl
 Sunday, April 2: 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

The Joy of Truly Seeing

The Gospel of the man born blind is more about seeing spiritually than physically. The man is blind from birth but after Jesus tells him to wash in the pool of Siloam he is able to see for the very first time! Jesus, "the light of the world," allows those in darkness to walk in the light of life.

All of us are blind from birth due to original sin. At our baptism the light of the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of our hearts to Jesus so we might reach our true potential and purpose in life. With Jesus, our life takes on a new perspective, freshness and joy. We no longer live in the dark, turned in on ourselves, but we are able to see the needs of others and love in new and profound ways. When we begin to see Jesus in others around us, life has only begun and life will never be the same. For we know that we can physically see others and yet be blind to their needs. But with Jesus, there is only light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)

God bless you, Father Aaron

Remember to take advantage of the grace and mercy that await you the Sacrament of reconciliation this Sunday at our parish services, and also the Festival of Forgiveness on March 31st in Richmond. May the Lord heal our blindness so to see only his light!!

**Reconciliation testimony from a parishioner who returned to confession for the first time in many years: "I have never felt anything like it in my life. It felt amazing and lifted me up."

7 Habits of a Faithful Catholic Family: (www.churchpop.com/2017/03/05/7-habits-of-a-faithful-catholic-family/)

1. Pray together each day; simple prayers, rosary, Our Father, Hail Mary...
2. Go to Mass Each Sat/Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation
3. Have an ongoing family charity project
4. Get sacred art for your home; have it blessed by your priest ☺
5. Go to confession frequently; makes us good, holy and happy
6. Use Catholic media resources to learn
7. Celebrate Saints' days, Holy days, Sacraments, etc.



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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

March 26: The Mass Bible Study, 11:15-12:00
Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
March 27: Confirmation Retreat, 8:20-6:00
April 1: Confirmation practice, 10:00-11:00
April 2: The Mass Bible Study, 11:15-12:00
Confirmation, 2:00
April 9: Guild Mtg, Chairs/Co-Chairs (1, 7, 9) 7 PM

Ministry Schedule: April 1 & 2

Greeters: 7 p.m. Olivia Schleper & Jack Lies
Lectors: 7 p.m. Lona Brutger
10 a.m. Shelly Kern & PJ Connors
Ushers: 7 p.m. Frank Meyer, Francis Bischof,
Jason Kuechle & Randy Kuechle
10 a.m. Tony Torborg, Ralph Moser,
Larry Ludwig & Steve Ludwig
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Rita Haan & Beth Hesse
7 p.m. Joyce Gertken, Jim Schutz & Sharon Schettler
10 a.m. Lisa Ludwig, Sheila Laudenbach & Rhonda Kuechle
Servers: 7 p.m. Jack & Paige Kneip
10 a.m. Blake Vossen, Kylie Vossen,
Dylan Vossen & Megan Blonigen
Rosary Leaders: March 27-31, Helen Theis
7 p.m. Ron Ruhland Family
10 a.m. Linda-Jim Thielen
Music: 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen
10 a.m. Guitar Group
Collection Counters: Linda Thielen & Rita Haan
Children's Liturgy: Dyani Acosta, Theresa Lambert

Financial Blessings

	3/19/17	3/20/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	286.30	181.99
Adult Envelopes	2461.00	2283.00
Youth Envelopes	8.00	7.25
Votive	76.75	45.25
Bazaar	125.00	0.00
Maintenance	1400.00	0.00
Total	\$4357.05	\$2517.49

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1699

Thank you for your donations!

Security/Maintenance Collection:
Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$23,120

A Special Thank You!

A special thank you to the family of the late Paul Kerzman for the memorial donated to the Assumption Church. Funds from this memorial were used to purchase a new rose-colored vestment for Laetare and Gaudete Sunday. Thank you for helping to bring more beauty to the liturgy of the Mass.

Confirmation Details

Confirmation practice will be at Assumption Church on April 1st at 10:00. The candidates and sponsors should attend. Confirmation will be on April 2nd at 2:00 at Assumption Church with Bishop Kettler. Students should be in the lower level at 1:00. There will be a reception in the lower level following confirmation. All are invited.

† Rest in Peace

Rest in Peace, Wilfred Becker, 90, who passed away on Sunday, March 19th. The funeral Mass was held on Saturday, March 25th, at the Assumption Church. Please remember Wilfred and his family and friends in your prayers.

Fish Fry Thank You!

A special thank you to PJ Connors, Helen Theis and Kris and Arnie Gruenes & helpers for a wonderful fish fry! Thank you to all who helped organize and work. It was a great time of delicious food and good fellowship for all. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser for youth activities.

Mission Sewing

Mother Teresa Mission Group will not meet Monday, March 27. They will meet on Monday, April 3, to stitch and tie quilts.

Church Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning time is here, and everyone's help is needed to clean the church. Groups 1-6 are cleaning the lower level of the church on Wednesday, March 29th starting at 3:00 p.m. Groups 7-12 are cleaning the upper level of the church on Thursday, March 30th starting at 3:00 p.m. We may also need help on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 a.m. to finish up and to put things back where they belong. All help is needed. Thank You.

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, Thursdays at 3 PM. The Friday morning 3-4 AM and the Friday morning 1-2 AM spots are also still open. Please prayerfully consider filling one of these spots! If you are interested, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Assumption Church on Monday March 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to Eucharistic Adoration in the church to pray for the success of our Confirmation retreat that is being held on that day.

Rice Bowls

Students were given Rice Bowls. Rice Bowl donations can be dropped in the containers in the lower level or by the church entrance until the end of Lent.

Easter Flowers

Remember your loved ones in a special way during Easter with a gift or memorial to the Easter Flower Fund. More details can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Confirmation Retreat 2017

The Confirmation retreat for all the students will be held on March 27th. Please pray the Novena on the back of the bulletin for our confirmation candidates! All other prayers are welcome for the success of the retreat!

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 26: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study
After the 8:00 AM Mass
Parish Penance Service 4:00 PM
Monday, March 27: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
Wednesday, March 29: Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 30: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Saturday, April 1: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Sunday, April 2: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study
After the 8:00 AM Mass

Ministry Schedule: April 1 & 2

Servers: 4 p.m. Josie Huberty & Alison Olson
8 a.m. Carly & Cadence Meierhofer

Lectors: 4 p.m. Heidi Schoenecker
8 a.m. Michelle Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers:
4 p.m. Hosts: Ruth Geislinger
Precious Blood: Ed & Marilyn Kuechle
8 a.m. Hosts: Ralph Linn
Precious Blood: Jack & Rachel Kinzer

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. Betty Donnay

Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163

Children's Liturgy: Michelle Kramer

Church Cleaning: March 26- April 8
Ron & Greta Kramer, Walter & Deb Kramer
Melvin & Marty Kramer and Jeremiah and families.

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

Financial Blessings

	3/19/17	3/20/16
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Adult Envelopes	2230.00	2169.00
Loose Plate	151.00	227.50
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Youth	5.00	5.00
Votive	68.00	25.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	10,300.00	12,150.00
Total	\$13,069.00	\$14,751.50

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center	3/23/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$126,774.97
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$131,000.90</u>
Remaining Goal	\$115,980.82

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

Soup & Bouja by the Bowl Thank You

The Church of St. Anthony would like to thank the Catholic Order of Foresters for sponsoring "Soup & Bouja by the Bowl" this past weekend. We are grateful for their gift to the church for youth activities!

New Finance Council Member

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes a new finance council member, Bill Lorentz. Thank you to Bill for accepting this position! Bill is the husband to Jessica and the father to two children, Lorelei and Finn. We would also like to thank outgoing member, Kevin Libbesmeier (who decided to step down due to time constraints) for his time on the council.

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Church Lights

Thank you to those who helped install the new light bulbs in church and also to the parishioners who donated money towards the new bulbs.

Kids' Bulletin & LCM Kiosk

Don't forget to have your children check out the Kids' Bulletins in the back of church on the usher's table. The Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk is back there for the grown-ups as well!

Food Shelf Update

Thank you to those who gave during the November Drive. We took in \$890 for local food shelves during November & December and collected \$80 so far for March. Collection boxes for non-perishable food items are at all the entrances and there are envelopes on the giving tree in the back of church to help you give monetarily.

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National Speaker in Cold Spring

On March 30, speaker Kelly Wahlquist, will be talking about discipleship in our world today. It is open to anyone, no need to preregister, a free will offering can be made. It starts with a gathering @ 6:00, presentation from 6:30 - 7:30 and a meet and greet afterwards. We can carpool, if anyone is interested in going contact Kathy Erpelding at 764-9303 or by email at raschal@meltel.net.