

**Weekday Readings**

Monday, March 6: LV 19:1-2, 11-18; MT 25:31-46  
 Tuesday, March 7: IS 55:10-11; MT 6:7-15  
 Wednesday, March 8: JON 3:1-10; LK 11:29-32  
 Thursday, March 9: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25; MT 7:7-12  
 Friday, March 10: EZ 18:21-28; MT 5:20-26  
 Saturday, March 11: DT 26:16-19; MT 5:43-48  
 Sunday, March 12: GN 12:1-4A; 2 TM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9

**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, Scrabble Eggs, Milk, Juice, and Coffee.

**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. Thank you to Dave & Anna Moran and the Adam Teicher family for "hosting the chalice this week!"

**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.



STEUBENVILLE 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

**Fr. Aaron Nett,**  
 Pastor/Parochial Administrator



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Don't forget to spring ahead one hour next Sunday for daylight savings time!

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

Come join us Sundays during Lent (starting March 12<sup>th</sup>) 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 6: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, March 7: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, March 8: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Christine Maul  
 Thursday, March 9: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Friday, March 10: 7:00 a.m. Mass- † Monica Huschle  
 Saturday, March 11: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Frances Schoenecker  
 Sunday, March 12: 10:00 a.m. Mass - Youth of the Parish

**St. Anthony Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, March 7: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - In Thanksgiving (Fr. Gross)  
 Thursday, March 9: 5:45 p.m. Mass - CCW Members  
 Friday, March 10: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Saturday, March 11: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Helen Harth  
 Sunday, March 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**

**A Season of Selflessness**

As we journey "out in the desert" together these forty days as our Lord did, we allow ourselves to grow inward spiritually and outward in charity. Our prayer, fasting and alms giving hopefully has an intention pointed toward giving to others. Holy Father Francis says, "Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable."

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy give us a framework from which we can recognize the face of Christ in those around us and grow in selflessness.



**The spiritual works of mercy are:**

- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

**The corporal works of mercy are:**

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To harbor the harborless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To bury the dead.

**Catholic Fast:**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

\*\*\*It is also good to keep in mind sacrifice and prudence when we eat at Lenten fish fries on Fridays. A plate piled high and wide with fish and good eats tends to be lacking of sacrifice...

May the Lord guide us in the Spirit this Lent to a deeper charity and love for the other. God bless you, Father Aaron

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# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

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 26: Parish Penance Service, 7 PM  
 March 27: Confirmation Retreat, 8:20-6:00  
 April 9: Guild Mtg, Chairs/CoChairs (1, 7, 9) 7 PM

## Ministry Schedule: March 11 & 12

**Greeters:** 7 p.m. Jack Lies, Kendra Kuechle, Olivia Schleper, Jennifer Schreifels & MaKenna Ludwig  
 10 a.m. Youth  
**Gift Bearers:** 10 a.m. Youth  
**Lectors:** 7 p.m. Shelby Kuechle  
 10 a.m. Youth  
**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Art Holdvogt, Bud Binsfeld, Ron Ruhland & Mark Ruhland  
 10 a.m. Youth  
**Ministers of Communion: H.M:** Mary & Tom Mathies  
 7 p.m. Denise Nohner, Stacey Moehrle & Joyce Gertken  
 10 a.m. Sheila Laudenbach, Rhonda Kuechle & Margie Kuechle  
**Servers:** 7 p.m. Rylan Schueller & Carter Brown  
 10 a.m. Trevyn Ludwig, Taylor Ludwig, Teagyn Ludwig & Treyce Ludwig  
**Rosary Leaders:** March 6-10, Helen Theis  
 7 p.m. Mary Jo Ruhland  
 10 a.m. Cyrilla Nohner  
**Music:** 7 p.m. Lisa Thielen  
 10 a.m. Youth Choir  
**Collection Counters:** Mike Huberty & Pat Schlangen  
**Children's Liturgy:** Ellen Stenger

## Financial Blessings

	2/26/17	2/28/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	234.75	168.50
Adult Envelopes	2045.00	1955.00
Youth Envelopes	26.50	4.35
Votive	104.25	17.50
Bazaar	125.00	0.00
Maintenance	300.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2835.50</b>	<b>\$2145.35</b>

### 2016 Bazaar:

\$20,385  
 Monthly Auto Drafts:  
 \$1699

### Mass Attendance:

Feb 25, 7:00 p.m. 108  
 Feb 26, 10:00 a.m. 188  
**Total: 296**

### Security/Maintenance Collection:

Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$20,395

## 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.

## 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](mailto:assumptionre@meltel.net).

## 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 will 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

-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.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll take 3 servers each day. Let Sheri know if you are interested.

## Thank You to Catholic United Financial

The religious education program was the recipient of a donation check from the REnew Fund. The parish religion program benefits when families purchase the life insurance coverage they need from Catholic United Financial.

## Benefit for Life Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Assumption Parish Christian Women with their Benefit for Life silent auction, craft and bake sale, and luncheon on February 19<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to our silent auction, craft and bake sale donators!

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, March 6:** Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM  
 Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00  
**Tuesday, March 7:** CCW Meeting, 7PM  
**Wednesday, March 8:** Faith Formation Classes 6:45 PM  
**Thursday, March 9:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM  
**Saturday, March 11:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM  
**Sunday, March 12:** A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study  
 After the 8:00 AM Mass  
 COF Members Brunch, after 8AM Mass

## Ministry Schedule: March 11 & 12

**Servers:** 4 p.m. Josie Huberty & Marissa Twardy  
 8 a.m. Devin & Alison Waldorf  
**Lectors:** 4 p.m. Rich Stenger  
 8 a.m. Pam Loch  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 4 p.m. Bread: Earl Dockendorf  
 Wine: Mary Dockendorf & Volunteer  
 8 a.m. Bread: Betty Dockendorf  
 Wine: Ethel Donnay & Volunteer  
**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. Carol Huberty  
 8 a.m. Maynard & Jeanette Walz  
**Homebound:** Dolores Faber, 764-1607  
**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

	2/26/17	2/28/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	3840.00	3716.00
Loose Plate	287.00	236.60
Weekly Auto Drafts	250.00	175.00
Youth	5.00	5.25
Votive	10.00	25.75
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	50.00	5250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4477.00</b>	<b>\$9408.60</b>

Thank you for  
 your  
 donations!

### Mass Attendance:

Feb 25, 4:00 p.m. 195  
 Feb 26, 8:00 a.m. 174  
**Total: 369**

	3/2/17
New Parish Center	
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
*Funds on Hand	\$114,744.97*
Pledges (not paid)**	\$132,605.90
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$126,405.82</b>

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

## St. Anthony Prayer Intentions

In the front of church, you are invited to write your own personal prayer intentions on the cards provided and seal them in an envelope and light a candle. These prayer intentions will remain confidential and will be remembered all throughout lent and especially during Holy Week.

## Funeral Thank You

The family of Daniel "Butch" Dockendorf would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support during this difficult time. We wish to thank Father Bob, Kathy Pauls and the St. Jude Circle and all who helped with the lunch after the service. We would also like to thank everyone who brought food items and gave their support at the house. Especially, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers for the family during this difficult time. -Eileen Dockendorf and Family

## Through the Waters of Baptism

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes its newest member through the waters of baptism, Charlotte Mary Kuechle. Charlotte is the daughter of Rebecca Reinert and was baptized on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Catholic Lighthouse Media!

The new Catholic Lighthouse Media kiosk is here! The kiosk contains books, audio CDs and booklets that are sure to enhance your faith and deepen your understanding. It can be found in the back of church on the usher's table. Check it out today!!

## 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.

## CCW Meeting

Please join us on Tues. March 7, @ 7:00 p.m. in the new social hall for our meeting. Items we will be covering are a donation to the Heartland Girls Ranch, professional cleaning of the church floors and forming a committee to plan our next years' budget. For enrichment we will be assembling our sacrament cards. Hope to see you there! -Kathy Erpelding Co-president.

## March is Food Shelf Month

March is Food Shelf Month. Help support our friends and neighbors in need with donations to the food shelf. Collection boxes for non-perishable food items are at all the entrances. You can also donate money to the food shelf. There are still envelopes on the giving tree in the back of church to help you do this. Thank you.

## 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.