

**Weekday Readings**

Monday, April 3: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; JN 8:1-11  
 Tuesday, April 4: NM 21:4-9, 12; JN 8:21-30  
 Wednesday, April 5: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; JN 8:31-42  
 Thursday, April 6: GN 17:3-9; JN 8:51-59  
 Friday, April 7: JER 20:10-13; JN 10:31-42  
 Saturday, April 8: EZ 37:21-28; JN 11:45-56  
 Sunday, April 9: MT 21:1-11; IS 50:4-7; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66

**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 12<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the Easter bulletin.

**Confirmation Retreat Thank You!**

Thanks to all of you that helped with the Confirmation Retreat. It was mentioned that the Holy Spirit "did it all"...all we had to do was show up. We know that isn't totally true...months of planning, gathering, and praying go into an event like this, BUT what we give to these students and what we get OURSELVES can only be explained as THE HOLY SPIRIT at work in all of us. Thank you all for offering your talents and time to this special day.

**Magnificats** The Magnificat booklets for April are now available in the back of the churches. If you have not yet paid for your subscription, please pay \$29.95 to the office. Thank you!

**\*\*Traveling Chalice and Madonna\*\* PARENTS....don't be afraid to encourage service in your children. Mothers are often the main influence in a man's discernment to the priesthood. Sincere appreciation to our host families this week the Heidi Schoenecker family of St. Anthony's Parish and Dan & Janet Binsfeld of Assumption Parish. All parishioners are encouraged to pray daily for vocations. Thank you.**

**Confirmation Congratulations**

Congratulations to Alex Birr, Carter Brown, Damon Brutger, Brandon Donnay, Brooke Geislinger, Haylee Geislinger, Ashley Hansen, Stephanie Kelly, Samantha Kern, Gavin Klocker, Kendra Kuechle, Ethan Laudendach, Jack Lies, MaKenna Ludwig, Trevyn Ludwig, Tucker Maas, Johanna Ruhland, Justin Schlangen, Olivia Schleper, Jennifer Schreifels, Emma Schultz, Justin Streit, Evan Thielen, Peyton Thul, Herbert Walker, and Breanna Walz. They will be confirmed on Sunday, April 2, at 2:00 at the Church of the Assumption by Bishop Donald Kettler. May the Holy Spirit dwell in their hearts forever!



**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

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**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

**Chrism Masses April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

St. Cloud Diocese: St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud  
 New Ulm Diocese: Church of the Sacred Heart, Murdock.  
 † Stations of the Cross: **Assumption**, April 7, 5:30 PM

**Assumption Mass Intentions**

Monday, April 3: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, April 4: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, April 5: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Thursday, April 6: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Norbert Jansen  
 Friday, April 7: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Adella Schmitt  
 Saturday, April 8: 7:00 p.m. Mass - † Arvilla Miller  
 Sunday, April 9: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Florence Rademacher

**St. Anthony Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, April 4: 9:30 a.m. **Mass at Hilltop** † Al Schneider  
 Wednesday, April 5: 6:45 p.m. **Youth Mass at Church** - Youth of the Parish  
 Thursday, April 6: 5:45 p.m. NO Mass  
 Friday, April 7: 9:30 a.m. **Stations** & Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Saturday, April 8: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Elmer Kramer  
 Sunday, April 9: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Roman Walz  
**Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. at Assumption**

**A Message from Father Aaron**

**If you believe you will see the glory of God**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus manifests his power to raise the dead to life in the Gospel today as he tells Martha and Mary and all those despairing over the death of Lazarus that they have every reason to hope. For not only is death not the end but they had encountered immortality himself, face to face. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." For those who die with faith in Christ, death is not the end but only the beginning of a life of eternal happiness.

This Lent is an opportunity for us to die to our attachment to the world's temporary pleasures and allurements and grow in our faith in the power of Christ to raise us to new life. The greater the death to ourselves we experience, the greater our ascent to God's glory!

\*We pray that our confirmation students will experience God's glory through the power of the Holy Spirit today with Bishop Donald Kettler. May these young believers of our parishes be given every gift and fruit of the Spirit they will need to be faithful disciples on their own path to God's glory in heaven. Thank you students for saying yes to Christ and the Church in this powerful way! You are called now to be a light in the world for Christ! Go light the world.\*

\*\*A great "thank you" to Bonnie Meyer, Phyllis Holdvogt and all who helped in any way with the confirmation retreat this past Monday. It was so wonderful to see both parishes coming together to pray, share faith and give their hearts and time for our precious youth! The Holy Spirit certainly showed up. It was truly inspiring. Thank you all! \*\*

In Christ,  
 Father Aaron

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# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

**April 2:** The Mass Bible Study, 11:15-12:00  
Confirmation, 2:00  
**April 9:** The Mass Bible Study, 11:15-12:00  
Guild Mtg, Chairs/Co-Chairs (1, 7, 9) 7 PM  
**April 12:** Seder Meal, 1:45-2:45  
**April 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice, 9:30-10:30  
**April 23:** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion 10:00 AM  
**April 25:** Joint Education Mtg, 7:30 Watkins

## Ministry Schedule: April 8 & 9

**Lectors:** 7 p.m. Jason Huschle & Al Mueller  
10 a.m. Wanda Reiter & Shelby Kuechle  
**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Gary Sogge, Nick Thielen,  
Darrin Hondl & Andy Arens  
10 a.m. Kevin Nohner, Brian Nohner,  
Ron Molitor & Chad Field  
**Ministers of Communion: H.M:** Rose Becker & Sheri Zieglmeier  
7 p.m. Anna Mae Gruenes, Stacey Moehrle & Bill Tschumperlin  
10 a.m. Marge Kuechle, Becky Haag & Paige Thielen  
**Servers:** 7 p.m. Thomas Binsfeld & Carter Brown  
10 a.m. Noah Stommes, Adam Stommes,  
Ethan Nohner & Reece Bischof  
**Rosary Leaders:** April 3-7 Rose Becker  
7 p.m. Lona Brutger  
10 a.m. Perry Lemke  
**Music:** 7 p.m. Jeanette Becker  
10 a.m. Lisa Thielen  
**Collection Counters:** Donna Theis & Barb Hartkopf

## Financial Blessings

	3/26/17	3/27/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	230.00	330.00
Adult Envelopes	1827.00	5954.00
Youth Envelopes	12.20	48.25
Votive	87.44	42.50
Bazaar	75.00	0.00
Maintenance	1000.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3231.64</b>	<b>\$6374.75</b>

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1699

Thank you for your donations!

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

## 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.

## † Rest in Peace

Rest in Peace, Marie Thielen, 89, who passed away on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The funeral Mass was held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Assumption Church. Please remember Marie and her family and friends in your prayers.

## Confirmation Details

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.

## Christian Women Thank You!

The Christian Mothers raised \$1630.00 for the playground fund and projects within the parish from the silent auction. The dinner and bake sale brought in \$1289.82, which was distributed equally between the following Pro-Life charities: MCCL, Birthline, Prolife, and 40 Days for Life (Manannah). Thank you again, everyone for working together to make this a great event!

## Seder Meal Experience

All are invited to come and experience the Jewish Seder meal in the lower level of Assumption Church on Wednesday, April 12th at 1:45 P.M. Since the Lord freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the Jews [and Judeo-Christians (us)] celebrate the Passover in thanksgiving for freedom. The foods that are shared at a Seder meal include 'wine', lamb, unleavened bread, lettuce, egg, horseradish, and nuts/apples.

## 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.

## 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.

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday, April 2:** A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study  
After the 8:00 AM Mass  
Confirmation at Assumption, 2:00 PM  
**Monday, April 3:** Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM  
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00  
**Tuesday, April 4:** CCW Meeting. 7:00 PM  
**Wednesday, April 5:** Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM  
Youth Mass at 6:45 PM  
**Thursday, April 6:** Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM  
**Saturday, April 7:** Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM  
**Sunday, April 9:** A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study  
After the 8:00 AM Mass

## Ministry Schedule: April 8 & 9

**Servers:** 4 p.m. Max Geislinger & Olivia Kramer  
8 a.m. Devin & Alison Waldorf  
**Lectors:** 4 p.m. Lector: Rich Stenger,  
Voice: Holly Geislinger, Narrator: Chad Dockendorf  
8 a.m. Lector: Andy Hesse  
Voice: Pam Loch, Narrator: Paula Schlangen  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
4 p.m. Hosts: Heidi Schoenecker  
Precious Blood: Molly Schlangen & Rosie Loch  
8 a.m. Hosts: Scott Piccerillo  
Precious Blood: Emily Piccerillo & Theresia Linn  
**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. Jan Vossen & Lori Unterberger  
8 a.m. Sharon Simmons  
**Homebound:** Molly Schlangen, 249-8235  
**Children's Liturgy:** Kaila Schmitt  
**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

	3/26/17	3/20/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	1683.00	8124.00
Loose Plate	280.00	835.75
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Youth	5.00	1.82
Votive	21.00	35.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	100.00	13,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2404.00</b>	<b>\$22,271.57</b>

Thank you for your donations!

<b>New Parish Center</b>	<b>3/30/17</b>
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
*Funds on Hand	\$126,909.97*
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$130,965.90</u>
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$115,880.82</b>

## Baptized in Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes its newest member through the waters of baptism, Treyce James Donnay. Treyce is the son of Travis Donnay & Alysha Broda and was baptized on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, please welcome Travis and Alysha and their family as official members of the parish. May the blessings of the Lord be upon Treyce and his family!

## Confirmation Details

Confirmation will be on April 2nd at 2:00 at Assumption Church. Students should be in the lower level at 1:00. There will be a reception in the lower level following confirmation. All are invited.

## CCW Meeting

Please join us on Tues. April 4 @ 7:00 for our meeting in the new social hall. We will be covering the NUDCCW convention, Hilltop donation and will be asking for your input on our new budget for next year. Hope to see you there! Kathy Erpelding, Co-president

## Youth Mass

Please join us for a Youth Mass this Wednesday at 6:45. The 5th graders will be helping as readers, ushers and servers for this Mass. All are welcome.

## Cemetery Thank You!

Thank you to the unknown person who has cleaned up the tree branches that fell in the cemetery over the past winter. Your work is much appreciated. St. Anthony Cemetery Committee

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.