

Weekday Readings

Monday, April 24 ACTS 4:23-31, JN 3:1-8
 Tuesday, April 25: 1 PT 5:5B-14; MK 16:15-20
 Wednesday, April 26: ACTS 5:17-26; JN 3:16-21
 Thursday, April 27: ACTS 5:27-33; JN 3:31-36
 Friday, April 28: ACTS 5:34-42; JN 6:1-15
 Saturday, April 29: ACTS 6:1-7; JN 6:16-21
 Sunday, April 30: ACTS 2:14, 22-23; 1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35

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., Joe Hines and Leonard Nistler.



The Church of St. Anthony and the Assumption Church would like to welcome any visitors and new members of the community. If you are interested in becoming a member of either parish or have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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

Children often talk about what they want to be "when they grow up" doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They talk about these roles, but do not ever talk about being a Priest, Sister or Brother? You are the hand of God - you can encourage your children to consider church ministry. Sincere thanks to Mary Christoffer of Assumption Parish and Don & Corinne Froehling of St. Anthony's for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna. Think Spring and the planting of spiritual seeds for VOCATIONS.

Magnificat Magazines - The Magnificat magazines for the month of May are now in the back of the churches for pick up.

Divine Mercy Prayer Events

-St. Boniface Parish, Cold Spring, April 23 @ 2:30 pm and ends with Benediction at 5:30 p.m. Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet throughout event (Chaplet in Spanish at 4:35) Father Todd Schneider presents "The Image of Mercy, an Invitation to Adoration" at 4 p.m. (bilingual presentation). Reconciliation from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Soup and fellowship follow in parish center. (Hosted by parishes of Cold Spring, Jacob's Prairie, Luxemburg, Pearl Lake, Richmond, Rockville and St. Martin.)

-All are welcome at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions all afternoon in the upper church.

- 1:00 pm "Divine Mercy and the Sacred Heart" Presented by Fr. Doug Liebsch, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 2:00 pm "Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Fatima" Presented by Fr. Aaron Nett, followed by the Rosary
- 3:00 pm "Divine Mercy and St. Joseph" Presented by Fr. Tom Knoblach, followed By the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:50 pm Benediction

April 23rd, 2017

2nd Sunday of Easter
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Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, April 25: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, April 26: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Ralph Haan
 Thursday, April 27: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, April 28: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Walter Johnson
 Saturday, April 29: 7:00 p.m. Mass-† Gertrude Lenz
 Sunday, April 30: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Marie Thielen

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 25: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop † Jim Hesse
 Thursday, April 27: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Mike & Arletta Turner
 Friday, April 28: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, April 29: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Alcuin Huberty
 Sunday, April 30: 10:00 a.m. Mass - 1st Communicants

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

A Message from Father Aaron

"Jesus, I Trust in You!"

Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: *"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'"*

Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) a polish nun of Krakow, Poland was a soul who experienced a special closeness to the Heart of Jesus. She received the rare supernatural graces of visions, prophecy, reading of souls, a hidden stigmata and a mystical espousal with Jesus in which she received many messages from our Lord of mercy. She recorded in her journal in the last four years of her life which can be found in the popular spiritual reading, *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in my Soul.*

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina about this requirement to be merciful are very strong: *"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy ... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it"* (742).

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet; a great source of grace and mercy. Jesus revealed this to St. Faustina: *"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you ... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death ... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between my Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from my infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy ... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."*

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (1109).

Easter blessings to all, Father Aaron

****Please see Divine Mercy Sunday Opportunities on the back of the bulletin****

A **plenary indulgence** (which removes all the temporal punishment due for sins) is offered specially for **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Requirements for the indulgence are as follows: 1. Receive communion at Holy Mass 2. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (within 8 days) 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (for example: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be) 4. Have an interior disposition of detachment from all sin.

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

April 23: 1st Communion 10:00 AM
April 28: Faith & Fun, 3:00-6:00
April 30: *Mass Time Change* 8:00 AM Mass
May 3: Altar Server Practice, 3:00-5:00
May 14: Youth Mass, May Crowning of Mary
May 21: EV-W Baccalaureate, in Manannah, 7:00

Ministry Schedule: April 29 & 30

Lectors: 7 p.m. Dave Moran
 8 a.m. Eileen Reiter & Dyani Acosta
Ushers: 7 p.m. Randy Kuechle, Jason Kuechle,
 Frank Meyer & Francis Bischof
 8 a.m. Jim Rademacher, Dan Schlangen,
 Jim Linn & Jim Schultz
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Mary & Tom Ruhland
 7 p.m. Stacey Moehrle, Bill Tschumperlin & Anna Mae Gruenes
 8 a.m. Bobbi Jo Kneip, Marge Kuechle & Becky Haag
Servers: 7 p.m. Ellaree Anderson & Peyton Thul
 8 a.m. Leya Teicher, Nathan Brutger,
 Macey Brutger & Alison Brutger
Rosary Leaders: April 24-28, Helen Theis
 7 p.m. Anna Mae Gruenes
 8 a.m. George & Mary Lou Ruhland
Music: 7 p.m. Kris Latcham
 8 a.m. Joanne Bischof
Collection Counters: Julie Kummet & Dan Thielen

Financial Blessings

	4/16/17	4/17/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	521.48	193.50
Adult Envelopes	0.00	2569.00
Easter Envelopes	6876.00	120.00
Holy Thursday	539.00	0.00
Holy Lands	757.00	0.00
Youth Envelopes	30.75	5.85
Votive	63.00	34.12
Total	\$8787.23	\$2922.47

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Monthly Auto
Drafts: \$1639

Adoration Open Hour

The Friday morning 3-4 spot is still open. Please prayerfully consider filling this spot! If you are interested, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.



Guild Pizza Orders

The guild will be collecting pizza orders before and after masses on April 22, 23, 29, and 30. Orders must be received by May 7th to be included. Pizza pick-up is Sunday, May 21st, 9:00-noon.

1st Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to the 12 second graders that received First Holy Communion today, Sunday, April 23rd, 2017: Jordyn Bauer, Aiden Blonigen, Mikyla Gerding, Jennifer Gruenes, Nora Huschle, Colton Lang, Chloe Lemke, Braydon Molitor, Isabella Rausch, Michael Schumacher, Brody Sieben, Alaina Wirtzfeld. May Jesus' light shine more brightly in all of them.

Baptized in Christ

The Assumption Church welcomes its newest member through the waters of baptism, Ellis Michael Wirtzfeld. Ellis is the son of Jason & Rachelle Wirtzfeld and was baptized on April 23rd. May the blessings of the Lord be upon Ellis and his family!

Special Mass Time

On Sunday, April 30th the Sunday Mass times will be switched with St. Anthony. Mass will be at 8:00 AM at Assumption and 10:00 AM at St. Anthony's.

Faith and Fun

All elementary students are invited to the third and final Faith & Fun for this school year. The activities will begin after school on Friday, April 28th. At 5:30, there will be a picnic dinner (grilled brats, hamburgers, hotdogs, and the fixings) for students (all ages), families, and all parishioners. Please RSVP to 453-5765 or assumptionre@meltel.net if you are planning to join the picnic dinner. Free-will donation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of more yarn. The Red Heart brand works the best. We thank our knitters for the fantastic work they do. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl please call Judy Tschumperlin at 453-5613, or Rose Becker at 453-7496. The container for the donated yarn is in the back of the church.

Green Plants for Easter

Thank you for the donation of 2 large green plants for Easter by Cyrilla Nohner in memory of Henry & Ida Schaefer & deceased members of the Schaefer Family and in memory of Adrian Nohner & the Louis Nohner Family.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next Sunday, April 30th is the last Children's Liturgy of the Word for the year. Your children can get a "Summer Packet" to work on at home from Janet at the main entrance after Mass.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on **Tuesday, May 2nd from 1:00-7:00pm at the Eden Valley Event Center (306 State Street North)**. Appointments available online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling or texting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 or via email to mbmeyer@meltel.net

*Bring along your identification--it is required to donate.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 24: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
Wednesday, April 26: Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 27: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Saturday, April 29: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
 1st Communion Retreat, 9-12 Parish Center
Sunday, April 30: 1st Communion, 10:00 AM Mass*

Ministry Schedule April 29 & 30

Servers: 4 p.m. Max Geislinger & Anna Kramer
 10 a.m. Jack & Paige Kneip & Josie Huberty
Lectors: 4 p.m. Rich Stenger
 10 a.m. Jessie Teicher
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Hosts: Linda Faber
 Precious Blood: Dolores Faber & Theresa Faber
 10 a.m. Hosts: Ruth Geislinger
 Precious Blood: Ethel Donnay & Adam Teicher
Ushers: 4 p.m. Joe Rathmann, Chuckie Unterberger,
 Don Schmitt & Doris Rathmann
 10 a.m. Earl Dockendorf, Ralph Huberty,
 Tammy Winter & Joe Rathmann
Rosary Leaders:
 4 p.m. Volunteer
 10 a.m. Volunteer

Homebound: Ruth Geislinger, 764-6431

Children's Liturgy: Sharon Simmons

Church Cleaning: April 23-May 6

Willie & Marge Kuechle, Brad & Amanda Landwehr,
 Robert & Lynn Lange and Ben & Jolene Leither
 and families.

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

Financial Blessings

	4/16/17	4/17/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	1430.00	1984.00
Easter Envelopes	7077.00	0.00
Loose Plate	677.00	289.55
Youth	0.00	6.75
Rice Bowl	572.79	0.00
Good Friday	668.76	0.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Votive	30.00	30.55
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	1050.00	9425.00
Total	\$11,820.55	\$11,910.85

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center

	4/20/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
*Funds on Hand	\$131,814.97
Pledges (not paid)**	\$127,810.90
Remaining Goal	\$114,130.82

Baptized in Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes its newest member through the waters of baptism, Wyatt Christopher Hesse. Wyatt is the son of Andy and Erin Hesse and was baptized on April 21st. May the blessings of the Lord be upon Wyatt and his family!

Special Mass Time

On Sunday, April 30th the Sunday Mass times will be switched with Assumption due to St. Anthony's 1st Communion. Mass will be at 10:00 AM at St. Anthony's and 8:00 AM at Assumption. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

1st Communion and Retreat

There will be a Eucharistic retreat for all 2nd graders in the St. Anthony Faith Formation program that are receiving their first Holy Communion this year. The retreat is from 9-12 in the Parish Center on April 29th. First communion for these students will be on Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 AM at St. Anthony's.

Easter Flowers Addition

Easter flowers in memory of Richard Libbesmeier and Harold Tenney remembered by Kevin and Joyce Libbesmeier.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Tootsie Roll Drive at the Masses on April 29-30. We distribute Tootsie Rolls to parishioners and ask for a free-will donation. All funds support Camp Friendship near Annandale, EV-W Special Olympics, and MN Special Olympics. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

CCW Floor Cleaning

Thank you to the CCW for having the carpet in the handicapped addition cleaned and the floors beneath the pews waxed and sealed in time for Easter.

New Parishioner

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes new member Linda Gade as a new member of the parish! Please do your best to make Linda feel at home in her new parish family!

Mission Sewing Thank You

Thank you to all the ladies who helped sew and embroider this past year! -Jeanette and Ethel. The sewing ladies are finished up for this year and will begin again in the fall.

NUDCCW Convention

Saturday, April 29, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's church in Sleepy Eye. Keynote speaker, Cari Donaldson will be at 9:00 a.m. If going you need to pre-register, cost of registration will be paid for by CCW, along with mileage to Sleepy Eye. Contact Kathy Erpelding if planning to go: 764-9303.