

Weekday Readings

Monday, April 10: IS 42: 1-7, JN 12:1-11
 Tuesday, April 11: IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday, April 12: IS 50:4-9A; MT 26:14-25
 Thursday, April 13: EX 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 COR 11:23-26 JN 13:1-15
 Friday, April 14: IS 52:13-53:12; HEB 4:14-16, 5:7-9; JN 18:1-19:42
 Saturday, April 15: GN 1:1-12-2:2; EX 14:15-15:1; IS 55:1-11;
 ROM 6:3-11; MT 28:1-10
 Sunday, April 16: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; COL 3:1-4; JN 20:1-9

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, 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.

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 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****LIFE is not merely summarized by "What we are willing to die for", ask yourself "What am I willing to LIVE for....Thank you to the Ron Ruhland family of Assumption Parish and Ruth Harter of St. Anthony's Parish for hosting the Chalice and Madonna Project Prayers. Your prayers are truly appreciated.

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to Alex Birr, Carter Brown, Damon Brutger, Brandon Donnay, Brooke Geislinger, Haylee Geislinger, Ashley Hansen, Steph Kelly, Samantha Kern, Gavin Klocker, Kendra Kuechle, Ethan Laudenbach, 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 9th, 2017

Palm Sunday

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<p>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</p>	Holy Thursday: Assumption 5:00 PM, St. Anthony 7:00 PM	Easter Vigil: Assumption 8:30 PM
	Good Friday: St. Anthony 12:00 PM, Assumption 6:00 PM	Easter Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 AM, (music at 7:40) Assumption 10:00 AM

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, April 10: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, April 11: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, April 12: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Joan Riley
 Thursday, April 13: 5:00 p.m. Mass - † Angel Mathies Tupper
 Friday, April 14: 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
 Saturday, April 15: 8:30 p.m. Mass- People of the Parishes
 Sunday, April 16: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † George Weinmann

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 11: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop † Adam Schlangen
 Thursday, April 13: 7:00 p.m. Mass - Children of the Parish
 Friday, April 14: 9:30 a.m. Stations at Hilltop 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Church
 Sunday, April 16: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Jackie Boulton
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. at Assumption

A Message from Father Aaron

The Betrayal of Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 Jesus' passion is at the heart of our Holy Week starting this Palm Sunday. The events are the pinnacle of the whole year of worship for us as Catholics. This week runs the span of emotions with the events surrounding Jesus' final days recorded on earth. Palm Sunday begins with the people hailing Christ as King of the world, with "all glory, laud and honor", and it ends solemnly as Christ is crucified unjustly and betrayed by one closest to him.
 This Holy Week allows us to take a deeper look inside of ourselves so we might experience healing through the blood Jesus shed out of love for sinful humanity. We have all betrayed Jesus in one way or another. God has given us everything through Jesus and asked us to be faithful disciples of Jesus not just when it is convenient, but at each moment. *And so we also betray Jesus.* He asks us to give glory, praise and honor to Jesus not just when we have the time, but constantly. *And so we also betray Jesus.* Jesus has died on the cross to give us new life and redemption from sin, and yet instead of thanking him we often complain about our own crosses without giving mind to the heavy crosses that others bear. *And so we also betray Jesus.*
 May we enter into the passion of Jesus this Holy Week with recognition of our great need for God's mercy; for times we fail to be a faithful disciple and friend of Jesus. May we die to our old ways so that we may rise with the joy, wonder, peace and freedom Jesus offers to his friends at the Resurrection this Easter.
 In Christ Our Savior,
 Father Aaron

One more chance! You have one more chance to attend a Lenten Parish Penance service this Sunday, April 9th, 4pm at St. Nick and 7pm at St. Anne's in Kimball.

Newly Baptized!



Treyce James Donnay

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

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: 1st Communion Practice, 9:30-10:30
April 23: 1st Communion 10:00 AM
April 25: Joint Education Mtg, 7:30 Watkins
April 30: *Mass Time Change* 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday 5:00 PM

Lector: Anna Mae Gruenes & Bill Tschumperlin
Ushers: Bill Reiter, Gene DeMorett,
Joe Streit, Dave Braegelmann

Ministers of Communion:

Kris Gruenes, Jim Schutz & Donna Bischof

Servers: Alex Haag, Carmen Haag,
Andrew Gruenes & Ashley Gruenes

Music: Guitar Group

Good Friday 6:00 PM

***Lectors:** Lector: Deb Huschle, Narrator: Linda Thielen,
Voice: Tom Ruhland

Ushers: Art Holdvogt, Bud Binsfeld,
Ron Ruhland & Mark Ruhland

Minister of Communion: (Bread Only)
Jeanne Schmitz

Servers: Johanna Ruhland, Ben Ruhland,
Katie Ruhland and Kallie Jo Becker

Music: Lisa Thielen

***Lectors/readers please come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass**

Holy Saturday 8:30 PM (at Assumption)

***Lectors:** PJ Connors (lector 1) Shelly Kern (lector 3)

Ushers: Leander Thielen, Chad Kuechle,
Tom Lenz & Josh Bischof

*Ministers of Communion:

Jody Bauer, Sarah Kuechle,
Mary Jo Ruhland & Steve Schoenecker

Servers: Tyler Brutger & Megan Blonigen

Music: Guitar Group

***Lectors/readers and Ministers of Communion please come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass**

Easter Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Sarah Magedanz & Elaina Stommes

Ushers: Rueben Stommes, Paul Heibel,
Gene Bischof & Ken Nistler

Ministers of Communion: HM - Tom & Mary Mathies

Paige Thielen, Jenni Evens & Sheila Laudenbach

Servers: Ethan Laudenbach, Carter Laudenbach,
Marissa Laudenbach & Amber Scherer

Rosary Leaders: April 10-14, Mary Jo Ruhland
10:00 AM Rose Becker

Music: Becky Haag

Collection Counters: Sandy Mueller and Sheila Laudenbach

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	4/2/17	4/3/16
Loose Plate	259.26	144.45
Adult Envelopes	2693.00	2130.00
Youth Envelopes	8.75	9.75
Votive	64.12	59.25
Total	\$3025.13	\$2344.45

Security/Maintenance Collection:

Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$24,120

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.

Blessed Sacrament Procession

All Assumption Mass servers are invited to take part in the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Holy Thursday Mass. Any servers who want to take part in this special procession should go to the sacristy after they receive communion to put their cassocks on. Families- it might be a good idea to sit towards the front to give them extra time to get dressed.

Holy Thursday Adoration

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church after the Holy Thursday Mass until midnight. The parishioners have been divided up into groups (according to their last names) and have scheduled hours for them to be "guardians" of the Blessed Sacrament and to come and adore. You can come according to your last name or as you are able. The hours are as follows: 6:00-7:00 L-M, 7:00-8:00 N-R, 8:00-9:00 S-Z, 9:00-10:00 A-C, 10:00-11:00 D-G, and 11:00-12:00 H-K.

Holy Thursday Collection

The collection on Holy Thursday will be designated for the poor. Jesus calls for us to love our neighbor and to help the poor and needy. "It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones" - Catechism of the Catholic Church.

1st Communion Practice

First Communion practice is Saturday, April 22nd at 9:30 am in the church. At least one parent needs to accompany each child. Remember to bring along your completed banner.

Church Cleaning Thank You

Church Cleaning for 2017 is complete. A sincere "Thank You" for all who took time out of their busy schedules to come and help clean. The gift of your time and labor is an asset to our parish. May God bless you for being there.

Adoration News

-The Adoration Chapel will close on Holy Thursday at 4:00 PM and remain closed for the rest of the week.

-We have filled the Thursdays at 3 PM time, but the Friday morning 3-4 AM and the Friday morning 1-2 AM spots are 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 9: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study
After the 8:00 AM Mass

Monday, April 10: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00

Wednesday, April 12: No Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, April 13: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM

Friday, April 14: Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM

Saturday, April 15: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM

Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

Servers: Alison Olson, Josie Huberty,
Ben Teicher and Charlie Teicher

Lectors: Dolores Faber (lector),
Mary Ann Hesse (commentator)

Eucharistic Ministers:

Betty Vossen, Jeanette Walz and volunteer

Ushers: Ralph Huberty, Joe Rathmann,
Jack Schlangen & Maynard Walz

Good Friday 12:00 PM

Servers: Ryan Wirz & Anna Kramer

***Lectors:** Jessie Teicher (lector), Tammy Winter (narrator)
Michelle Kramer (voice),

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fr. Aaron & Adam Teicher

Ushers: Eldred & Leila Froehling,
Joe & Doris Rathmann

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Holy Saturday 8:30 PM at Assumption

Servers: Reyse Hesse & Cambel Hesse

***Lectors:** Heidi Schoenecker (lector 2),
Michelle Kramer (lector 4)

*Eucharistic Ministers:

Ed & Marilyn Kuechle and Ethel Donnay

***Lectors/readers and Eucharistic Ministers please come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass**

Easter Sunday 8:00 AM

Servers: Olivia & Anna Kramer, Jack & Paige Kneip

Lector: Paula Schlangen

*Eucharistic Ministers:

Betty Dockendorf, Lori Dockendorf, Kathy Erpelding, Jack
and Rachel Kinzer, Molly Schlangen and Mary Kay Kieilty

***Eucharistic Ministers please come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass**

Ushers: Jim & Margi Schreifels, Leander Salzl,
Ralph Vossen and Stan Welle

Rosary Leader: Music before Mass

Homebound: Jack & Rachel Kinzer, 764-2784

Church Cleaning: April 9-22

Ed & Marilyn Kuechle, Jay and Cindy Kuechle,
Joe & Cindy Kuechle, Joe & Mary Kuechle and families.

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

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	4/2/17	4/3/16
Adult Envelopes	3181.00	2290.00
Loose Plate	145.00	395.80
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Youth	5.00	5.00
Votive	26.55	13.25
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	500.00	13,200.00
Total	\$4172.55	\$16,079.05

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Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00 PM at the Church of St. Anthony. Good Friday is the day that we commemorate Jesus' death on the cross. What better way to honor Jesus' sacrifice than to attend this last Stations of the Cross for this Lenten season. All are welcome.

Easter Flowers

Remember your loved ones in a special way during Easter with a gift or memorial to the Easter Flower Fund. Donations need to be in the office by **April 12th** to be included in the Easter bulletin. More details can be found on the back of the bulletin.

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

Traveling Chalice & Madonna

The Traveling Chalice and Madonna sign-up sheets are still in the back of church on the usher's table for those individuals and families who haven't had a chance to sign up. Simply sign-up and take the chalice "kit" home for your week to use to help you in your prayers and also in your prayers specifically for vocations. All you need to do is return the kit at the end of the week for the next on the list to bring home.

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!

New Parish Center	4/6/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$127,444.97
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$130,930.90</u>
Remaining Goal	\$115,380.82