

Weekday Readings

Monday, May 29: ACTS 19: 1-8, JN 16:29-33
 Tuesday, May 30: ACTS 20: 17-27; JN 17:1-11A
 Wednesday, May 31: ZEP 3:14-18A; LK 1:39-56
 Thursday, June 1: ACTS 22:30, 23:6-11; JN 17:20-26
 Friday, June 2: ACTS 25: 13B-21; JN 21:15-19
 Saturday, June 3: ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31; JN 16:23B-28
 Sunday, June 4: (at the Vigil) GN 11:1-9, ROM 8:22-27, JN 7:37-39
 (during the day) ACTS 2:1-11; 1 COR 12: 3B-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23

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.

May 28th, 2017

The Ascension of the Lord

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Youth Opportunities!!



June 28th, Grades 8-12 (as of fall 2017).
 The youth of both parishes are invited. Discount available to those willing to work at the Kraut-n-Wurst kids games. Permission slips available on St. Anthony's website on the "Youth Ministry" page. You can also call/email the St. Anthony parish office if interested.



Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) July 9-14.
Totus Tuus is back!! Registration starting soon!
 Grades 1-6: 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, \$25
 Grades 7-12: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, \$10



St. Anthony Vacation Bible School
 August 7-11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Ages 4-10
 (older kids are invited to be helpers) \$15, registration forms are now at all the entrances. Register early, spaces are limited. Youth from both parishes are invited to attend!

Stuebenville This is a last call for registrations! Registration will close within the week. Please contact the parish offices if you would like to sign up! It is July 28-30 at St. Paul. There are 16 of the possible 20 spots filled.

Catholic Heart Work Camp This is a last call for registrations! Camp organizers are currently assigning campers to work sites around the Detroit Lakes area. Please contact the parish offices if you'd like to sign up. It is July 17-22. There are currently 9 people signed up.

Grasshopper Chapel Novena Masses



Assumption and St. Anthony have been asked to help with the ministries of the Mass for June 8th. Please talk to Father or call the office if you are interested in the following roles: a lector, two (2) Eucharistic Ministers, musician, choir/cantor, servers, and one or more people to lead the rosary.

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

HEAVENLY FATHER, you have a great and loving plan for our world and for me. I want to do my part in your plan. Help me to see the signs that you give me. Open my heart to respond to you. Grant me the courage to follow your call. Give me the strength to serve you and your people with generosity and love. Amen. Thanks so much to Joe and Anna Mae Gruenes of Assumption Parish and The Adam Teicher Family of St. Anthony's Parish for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna Project as we pray for new vocations in our parishes.

Local Events:

June 6: Daughters of Isabella will meet on June 6th in St. Louis parish hall, Paynesville. Rosary will be prayed at 7:10 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm. Lunch following meeting, K of C are invited to join.
June 2 & 3: St. John's Lutheran, Kimball: Garage & Plant Sale. June 2, 8am-7pm, June 3, 8am-2pm.

Congratulations to our parishes' graduating seniors! Dyani Acosta, Justin Blommer, Mackenzie Field, Hunter Flaschenriem, Emily Frank, Carter Geislinger, Courtney Geislinger, Madeline Geislinger, Kaitlyn Gruber, Trevor Hesse, Joey Kuechle, Blake Meyer, Mitchell Molitor, Benjamin Nistler, Alyson Och, Kallie Plantenberg, Sydney Ruhland, Miranda Scherer, Corine Schlangen, Elaina Stommes, Isaac Stommes and Jacob Streit. **May they be a light for Christ in this world!** *Next Sunday, June 4th these graduates are invited to the Sunday Masses for a special blessing.

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, May 29: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, May 30: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, May 31: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Joan Bradshaw
 Thursday, June 1: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, June 2: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Ralph Haan
 Saturday, June 3: 7:00 p.m. Mass - † Ray Tschumperlin
 Sunday, June 4: 10:00 a.m. Mass - 2017 Graduates

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 30: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Al Schneider
 Thursday, June 1: 5:45 p.m. CCW Members
 Friday, June 2: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, June 3: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Elmer Kramer
 Sunday, June 4: 8:00 a.m. Mass - 2017 Graduates

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

A Message from Father Aaron

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Jesus gives the "great commission" this Ascension Sunday in today's Gospel as he departs from the earth in his resurrected body and ascends into heaven with the Father. He leaves his disciples with the privileged and amazing task of spreading peace and salvation to all nations, "baptizing in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." And that's just what they did. The disciples labored tirelessly for the salvation of souls and brought the Gospel to all corners of the earth despite persecution, difficult means of travel, illness, lack of resources and support, and the list goes on. Yet, they accomplished the works of Christ and changed the course of history by their bold proclamation of the truth. So, today we have our God above and these faithful few to thank for a 1.2 billion member institution that stretches across the globe called the Catholic Church.

Today we are also commissioned to further the work of Christ on earth by our bold proclamation of the truth for the salvation of souls. However, we need not fear, it all is the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has and is continuing to do many great things in the Church throughout the world. How do we grow our Church and bring others into the beautiful family? It all begins and ends with Jesus. One bishop gave the people of his diocese an immediate three part plan in his very first speech to them after being appointed. He simply said that their work as Christians was to: **1. Be a friend of Jesus 2. Make a friend 3. Introduce that friend to Jesus** Then he closed by saying, "And that should keep us all busy until the Lord returns."

Peace in Christ, Father Aaron

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Newly Baptized!



Easton James Demarais



Whitney Leigh Holdvogt

Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

- June 4:** Graduate's Blessing during Mass, 10:00 AM
June 6: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
June 8: Grasshopper Chapel Mass, 7:30, Cold Spring
 (Rosary at 7:00 PM)
June 23-24: Valley Daze Youth Booth

Ministry Schedule: June 3 & 4

- Lectors:** 7 p.m. Al Mueller
 10 a.m. Elaina Stommes & PJ Connors
Ushers: 7 p.m. Pat Schettler, Arnie Gruenes,
 Lyle Laudenbach & Jerome Ludwig
 10 a.m. Tony Torborg, Ralph Moser,
 Larry Ludwig & Steve Ludwig
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Mary & Tom Mathies
 7 p.m. Joyce Gertken, Kris Gruenes & Jim Schutz
 10 a.m. Paige Thielen, Jenni Evens & Mary Jo Ruhland
Servers: 7 p.m. Jack & Paige Kneip
 10 a.m. Megan Blonigen, Ruby Hesse,
 Amber Scherer & Ava Schumacher
Rosary Leaders: May 29- June 2, Rose Becker
 7 p.m. Rose Becker
 10 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland
Music: 7 p.m. Jeanette Becker
 10 a.m. Lisa Thielen
Collection Counters: Tom Ruhland & Shelly Kern

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	5/21/17	5/22/16
Loose Plate	244.25	133.00
Adult Envelopes	2843.00	2228.00
Youth Envelopes	9.00	4.50
Votive	44.20	69.00
Total	\$3140.25	\$2434.50

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For Both Parishes:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
 Interested in being baptized, confirmed, or receiving Holy Communion? Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know would like to begin preparations through the RCIA program. This program is not only for adults. It is also for students (past 2nd grade) who haven't received Holy Communion. Classes will meet once per month during the summer.

Holy Land Crafts

Next weekend representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us to sell religious hand carved olive wooden crafts in the back of the churches. The profits from these crafts support the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem.

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

With the mass changes approaching, if there is anyone that needs/wants to change their preference, please call Joyce Gertken (453-7355) or Lona Brutger (420-9658) by June 4th. The new schedules will run from July 1 through Dec. 31. We welcome and encourage anyone that may be interested in becoming either a lector or Eucharistic minister to call Joyce or Lona.

Save the Date!

The Assumption Church will be celebrating its 125th anniversary this year! The date for the celebration is set for August 13th. If you have any ideas on how we should celebrate this special occasion contact a parish council member or the parish office. Ideas will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on June 6th.

Pizza Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the spring pizza fundraiser. All orders were picked up and everything went so smoothly. Profit numbers will be shared once finalized, but preliminary projections indicate a huge success and we couldn't have done that without the parish support we received. Thank you.

Adoration News

-The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Memorial Day and open on Tuesday at 8:30 AM.

-The Friday morning 3-4 AM adoration hour has been filled for the 1st two weeks of the month. We still need someone to fill in for the last two weeks of the month. There are great graces to be had from the Lord at this hour for the extra sacrifice. It is a power hour! If you are interested, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Cemetery Lots

It was decided at the last cemetery board meeting on 1/26/2017 that the price of parishioner lots will be increased from \$300-\$400 effective June 1st.

Memorial Weekend

The gates to Assumption Cemetery will be opened starting on Friday, May 26th through Memorial Day May, 29th. Visitors should feel free to drive into the cemetery for easy access to burial sites they'd like to visit. All flowers and articles at grave sites must be placed as not to interfere with grass cutting.

Youth Activities

Be sure to check out the back of the bulletin for all the exciting opportunities for the youth this summer. More to come!

Defibrillator Training

There will be training on how to use the new defibrillator after the parish council meeting on June 6th at 8:30 PM for anyone interested.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

- Monday, May 29:** 9:30am Veteran's service, Mass afterwards
Thursday, June 1: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Saturday, June 3: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Sunday, June 4: Graduate's Blessing during 8 AM Mass

Ministry Schedule June 3 & 4

- Servers:** 4 p.m. Emma & Ellie Donnay
 8 a.m. Reyse & Cambel Hesse
Lectors: 4 p.m. Mary Kay Kielty
 8 a.m. Chad Dockendorf
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Hosts: Gene Asfeld
 Precious Blood: Sherri Asfeld & Gwen Asfeld
 8 a.m. Hosts: Maynard Walz
 Precious Blood: Jeanette Walz & Joyce Libbesmeier
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. Volunteer
Homebound: Dolores Faber, 764-1607
Children's Liturgy: Margi Schreifels
Church Cleaning: May 21-June 3
 Brian & Joan Linn, Ralph & Theresia Linn,
 Joe & Cindy Lies and Dennis & Pam Loch
 and families.

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

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	5/21/17	5/22/16
Adult Envelopes	1185.00	2593.00
Loose Plate	207.77	226.00
Youth	12.00	6.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Votive	13.00	11.50
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	25.00
Building Fund	0.00	7000.00
Total	\$1732.77	\$10,036.50

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center	5/25/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$135,289.97
Pledges (not paid)	\$93,495.90 *
Remaining Goal	\$144,970.82

*the pledges total has been updated after reviewing the current pledges and taking in consideration the Christ our Life campaign pledges/payments.

† Rest in Peace

-Rest in peace, Jerome Nohner, 86, of Watkins who passed away on Saturday, May 20th. The funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, May 24th. Please keep Jerome's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

-Rest in peace, Patricia Kaufman, 68, of Seattle (formerly of Watkins) who passed away on Wednesday, May 24th. The funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 2nd at 11:00 AM at the church with visitation 1 hour prior, also at the church. Please keep Patricia's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this time as well.

Funeral Thank You

The Jerome Nohner Family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Father Aaron for the funeral Mass, Kathy Pauls for the beautiful music, and the ladies of the St. Mary's circle for serving the lunch. -Kathleen Nohner and Family

Save the Date!!

At the festival meeting last Tuesday it was decided to hold the fall festival once again on the second Sunday in September, September 10th. It will start at 10:00 AM with Mass and conclude at 5:00 PM with the raffle drawing at 4:30. Now is the time to start thinking about silent auction baskets and maybe even planting your garden with a few extras for the Farmer's Market!

Ministry Schedules

With the change of Masses starting on July 1st, the ministry schedules will need to be redone. This is a great time to volunteer for a ministry if you hadn't a chance to before! If you will not be able to participate in your ministries for the 10AM Mass, please let the following people know: Eucharistic ministers and rosary leaders can call Dolores Faber at 764-1607, Lectors can call Heidi Schoenecker at 250-1091, Ushers should call Joe or Doris Rathmann at 764-5839 and servers should call Connie Hesse at 764-5333. These ministries are an important part of Mass and we value your participation! Contact each of these leaders with any questions.


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Anointing of the Sick Service

On Tuesday, May 30th, there will be an anointing of the sick service after the 9:30 Mass at the Hilltop Nursing Home.

Memorial Day Mass

 On Memorial Day, a Mass will be held at the St. Anthony Cemetery following the service at the Watkins Veteran's Park. The service at the Veteran's park begins at 9:30 and Mass will follow immediately after. Please bring your own chairs. (In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the St. Anthony Church)