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Church of St. Anthony



January 15, 2023 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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All Visitors and Guests Welcome to the Assumption and St. Anthony parishes! Thank you for joining us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you would like to become a member of either parish please call or email the parish offices. *"May the Lord guard your coming and going both now and forever."* - Psalm 121

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Assumption St. Anthony Catholics

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Mass Times

Wednesdays.....5:15 PM
Fridays.....7:00 AM
Saturday.....4:00 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Wed: 4:45 PM, Fri: 8:00 AM
Sat: 3:30 PM & Sun 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 8:00 AM- Fridays 5:00 PM

Office Hours

Mon: 12:30-4:30, Wed: 8-4
Fri: 8-12:00 (hours may vary)

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Sunday.....10:00 AM

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Twinned Parish Contacts

Pastor	Father Aaron Nett
Secretary	Jessica Teicher
DRE	Nancy Jans
RE Assistant	Bonnie Meyer
Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Gospel Meditation

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God. — Father John Muir



Twinned Parish New

Mission Trip Breakfast Thank You!

Thank you to all who came to enjoy our Mission Trip Breakfast! It was great to see the community come together and grow in fellowship. Thank you also for those you volunteered their time to serve. Through your donations, it becomes more possible for students to go, thank you.

Wednesday Religion

This Wednesday, Jan 18th, from 6:30-8pm there will be Wednesday Religion for grades 7-10 at both Assumption and St. Anthony. Please attend at your respective parish.

Magnificat Subscriptions

It's time to renew/cancel/add your Magnificat Subscriptions again for the next year. The cost will depend on how many subscription we order, but will hopefully be around \$32. Please contact either office or put a note in the collection if you would like to renew, cancel or add a new subscription. Please don't send your payment yet.

10th Grade NET Retreat

The 10th Grade NET Retreat for both parishes will take place from noon-8pm at Assumption Church on Monday, January 16th.

Confirmation Class for 11th Grade

All 11th Graders and their parents from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will meet **at Assumption** for our next class on Wednesday, Jan 18th from 6:30-8pm. *Please note the change of location.

2023 Calendars There are calendars for the new year available at each parish. Thank you to the Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, the Ertl Funeral Home and to Faber Building & Supply for sponsoring our calendars this year!

News ALERT: Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act [H.F. 1] passes Minnesota House Committee. This is an extreme abortion bill. The Minnesota Catholic Conference states the following:

Abortion advocates have won a narrow majority in the Minnesota legislature. Now some state lawmakers want to pass bills that would:

- Create a new law (or constitutional amendment) allowing the abortion of any unborn baby, for any reason and done any time until birth;
- Establish that Minnesota law gives parents no right at all to know if their minor daughter is undergoing an abortion, even though parental consent is required for all other medical procedures;
- Establish in law a requirement that even those with deeply held pro-life convictions must pay for the killing of the unborn with their tax dollars

Only 7 countries in the world have an abortion law so extreme, among them China and North Korea.

What can you do? Reach out to your legislators before the end of January 2023. You can find your representatives and their contact info at this link: <https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/legdir>

According to MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. "This bill means a 'right' to abort any baby for any reason at any time until birth. Women and children deserve so much better."

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 18:

5:45 PM Mass: † Jerome Schoenecker

Friday, January 20:

7:00 AM Mass: † Gene Rossmeisl

Saturday, January 21:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, January 22:

8:00 AM Mass: † Carol Bacon

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, January 21, 4PM:

Lector: Shelley Kern

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sheila Laudenbach

Rosary: Joe Loch

Hospitality: Mark Schoenecker

& Michelle Bruterger

-Sunday, January 22, 8AM:

Lector: John Paul Mead

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Denise Nohner

Rosary: Dan Mead Family

Homebound: Colleen & Gary Sogge

Hospitality: Theresa Branstner

& Reuben Stommes

Coffee & Rolls: TBD

Financial Blessings

January 8, 2023

Adult Env 1909.00

Loose 84.00

Christmas 150.00

Votive 36.25

Total \$2179.25

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2815

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Fellowship Potluck Please join the Christian Mothers in rosary before 4:00 pm Mass (3:30pm) on January 28th. Then stay after Mass and enjoy a taco bar, playing cards and some comradery with your fellow parish members. If you too would like to add to the menu, feel free to put your name on the signup sheet located in the Narthex, but don't feel obligated.

Christian Mothers Spiritual Fellowship Join the Christian Mothers on Saturday, January 21st, for a rosary and fellowship. The rosary will begin in the chapel at 7:30AM, followed by fellowship in the dining hall.

Adoration Announcement We have a Adoration hour open on every other Tuesday morning from 1-2:00 a.m. If interested in taking that hour please call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

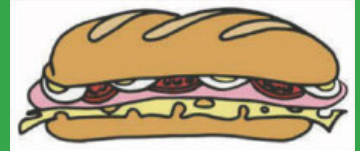
Upcoming Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on Tuesday, January 24th from 1-7pm at the Assumption Church. To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767, visit redcrossblood.org, the Blood Donor App or contacting Bonnie at 320-282-1468 -- mbmeyer@meltel.net



The Assumption Church is happy to welcome new members to our parish family! Please join us in welcoming **Dave & Elizabeth Schuweiler** (along with their children Esther, Gideon & Gianna) to the parish!

Sub Fundraiser - February 12

The Faith Formation Office of Assumption and St. Anthony is preparing for our annual Sub Sandwich Fundraiser being hosted on Sunday, February 12th. More details to follow. At this moment we are gathering supplies, helpers and donations: *Looking for adults and high school students to help assemble, organize and hand out subs. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or Bonnie at 453-5765. *Accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies for the Fundraiser. Donations needed: •Three \$35 donations for roast beef •Three \$30 donations for ham •Three \$30 donations for turkey •Three \$25 donations for buns •One \$20 donation for advertising •One \$25 donation for paper supplies. Donations can be dropped in the collection box (please mark the envelope "Sub Fundraiser Donation"). Thank you, in advance, for your help! *Looking for volunteers to make goodies/treats (Individually packaged please). Contact Bonnie at 453-5765 if you are able to help.



New Bishop for St. Cloud! Pope Francis has named Father Patrick Neary, C.S.C., the next bishop on of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Bishop-elect Patrick Neary's episcopal ordination Mass will be on Tuesday, February 14th, at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Please remember Bishop-elect Patrick Neary in your prayers as he prepares to shepherd the people of the St. Cloud Diocese.

Lord, send your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests and people in love, truth and wisdom. Amen.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 17:

7:00 PM Mass: † Leo Wieneke

Thursday, January 19:

8:30 AM Mass: CCW

Sunday, January 22:

10:00 AM Mass: † Ralph Kramer

Mass Ministries

Sunday, January 22, 10AM:

Lectors: Heidi Schoenecker

& Chad Dockendorf

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Ethel Donnay

Mass Servers: Andrew Henneman

& Aiden Meierhofer

Children's Liturgy: Heidi & Erin

Rosary: Lori Dockendorf

Hospitality: Emily Piccerillo & Jessie Teicher

Coffee & Rolls: Louwagie Family

Financial Blessings

January 8, 2023

Adult Env	1995.00
Loose	274.00
Christmas	100.00
Youth	0.00
Votive	46.00
Wkly Auto	770.00
Total	\$3185.00

Church Cleaners

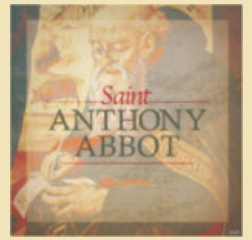


January 15-28 : Jill Umana, Betty & Ralph Vossen, Dan & Barb Waldorf, Bruce & Terri Walz & Nancy Weichmann and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

St. Anthony's Feast Day

Tuesday, January 17th is the feast day for our patron saint, St. Anthony the Great! To celebrate, we will be having Mass at a special time at 7PM to give everyone a chance to attend.



Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to those who took time out of their busy schedule to donate at the Watkins Blood Drive. The units collected mean that up to 156 lives may be impacted. It was nice to see so many familiar faces, new faces, and 3 first time donors. Thank you to St. Anthony Parish for the use of their facility and to all the volunteers: those who readied the hall before and after the drive and to those who registered the donors or worked in the canteen. All of you made a difference in saving lives.

2023 Cabin Fever Reliever Tickets!

Our next Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 11th (5-6 PM Social Hour, 6-7 PM Dinner, 8:00 PM Black & Whyte Dueling Pianos show). Tickets are now for sale and includes dinner, the show and lots of fun! You can get your tickets after Sunday Masses or at the parish office. We are also looking for donations of high-end auction items, items for the bucket ticket drop and bottles of wine.

Traveling Chalice & Madonna

FAMILY LIFE can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

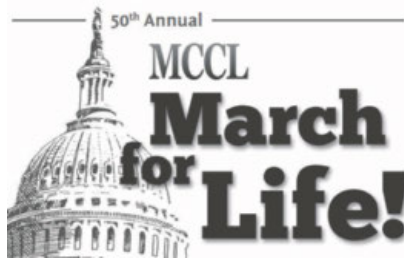
Thank you to all who are praying for vacations. Mary Jo Ruhland and a St. Anthony parishioner will lead daily prayer this week. Sincere thanks for all your help!



Catholic Order of Foresters Soup & Bouja Sale! Jan. 15

March for Life: Jan 22

Buses will leave from Litchfield & Richmond around 9am to attend this event. Contact Judy Haag at 320-453-7592 or judy4life@meltel.net to sign up by January 16th. **We must fill these buses to let MINNESOTA know we do not want such extreme ABORTION happening in MINNESOTA.** We will pool rides from Eden Valley leaving by 9am to Richmond. Schedule: Mass at the St. Paul Cathedral at noon, Walk to the Capitol for the March For Life at 2PM, Program on the Capitol front steps at 2:30PM. Return home at approximately 5PM.

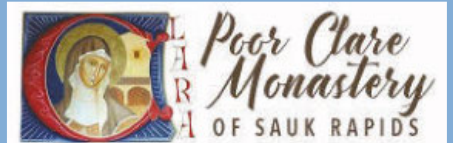


Celebration for Carleen's Entry into Religious Life

Parishioner, Carleen Willenbring, has discerned religious life with the Poor Clare's in Sauk Rapids! Please join us on January 21st at the Assumption Church to celebrate with Carleen.

3:00 PM:

Adoration & Prayers for Carleen



4:00 PM: Mass

5:15 PM: Fellowship & Soup Dinner*

*Soup will be provided, please bring a salad, bread, or dessert item if able.

YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Girls Our next God's Girls meeting will be on Sunday, January 15th at Assumption for 2-3:30 p.m. We will read a bible story and play board games.

Youth Nights The next Sr. High night is Feb 1st at St. Anthony and the next Jr. High night is Feb 8th at Assumption. Confirmation students may help out at JH nights to obtain service hours. If any adult or parent would like found out how they can help with these nights you can contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com.

Extreme Faith Camp This year EFC will be held at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN June 12th-16th. Camp is for current 6th-8th graders. EFC will have activities such as wacky olympics, zip-lining, lakeside swimming, fishing, boating, rock climbing, archery, and much much more! And most importantly, Camp will have Jesus as He comes to us through the Sacraments. EFC is led by high schoolers and adults from our parish and other parishes. Current 9th-12th graders are encouraged to register as leaders. The dates for leaders are June 10th-16th. Contact Nancy Jans (evwcatholic@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Update & Fundraising Opportunities!

We now have 38 people registered!
The Puerto Rico mission trip comes at a considerable cost and our 38 missionaries can use your help!



Ice Candles/Luminaries

There are still a few ice candles left for a free-will donation. Contact the office or Sam if interested. Thank you to the generous donators who have given so far. Also a big thank you to Dan & Tammy Winter for making and donating these special candles to our cause!

Money Board

Each parish has a money wall pledge board set up. Each numbered envelope corresponds with a specific dollar amount. If someone takes an envelope, they would be responsible for donating that number of dollars to the parish. The proceeds go towards lowering the total cost of the Puerto Rico Trip. A check would be written out to St. Anthony or Assumption. Please consider donating in this simple and fun way! Let us see if we can get rid of all our envelopes!

*If you have questions about the trip or are interested in offering your support, please contact Sam at 320-630-7590 or evwyouthministry@gmail.com.

Sacraments

Marriage- Couples should contact the parish at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Baptism- Baptism classes are for parents and expecting parents who are seeking baptism that haven't already taken a class. Contact the parish office to sign up.

Confession- times on cover & by appointment
Anointing of the Sick - contact the parish office when anointing is needed.

Looking to Become Catholic? (RCIA)- The length of time will be suitable to have a significant experience of the parish community and to have a greater knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline Bulletin announcements are due on Tuesdays by noon.

Women's Group: Women's group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. We will next meet on January 28th at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's.

Community Rosary Night/Potluck:
There will be no rosary night at St. Anthony's in January. Families are encouraged to instead go to the 1st Friday Novena at Assumption instead (see the announcement on the left).

Assumption Knights of Columbus: The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8PM at the Assumption Church.

Men's Group: Saturdays, 7:30 AM Rosary, 8-9 AM meeting, at Assumption.

Christian Mothers' Prayers: Christian Mothers' prayers on the 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month after Mass.



The Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, Joyce Manske, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, Carol Huberty, Tom Huberty, Jennifer Gruenes and Larry Flaschenriem.

Christ our Hope ACC Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays:

5:00PM St. Agnes, Roscoe
(confessions @ 4:00-4:30)

Sundays:

8:00AM St. Margaret, Lake Henry
9:30AM St. Louis, Paynesville

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