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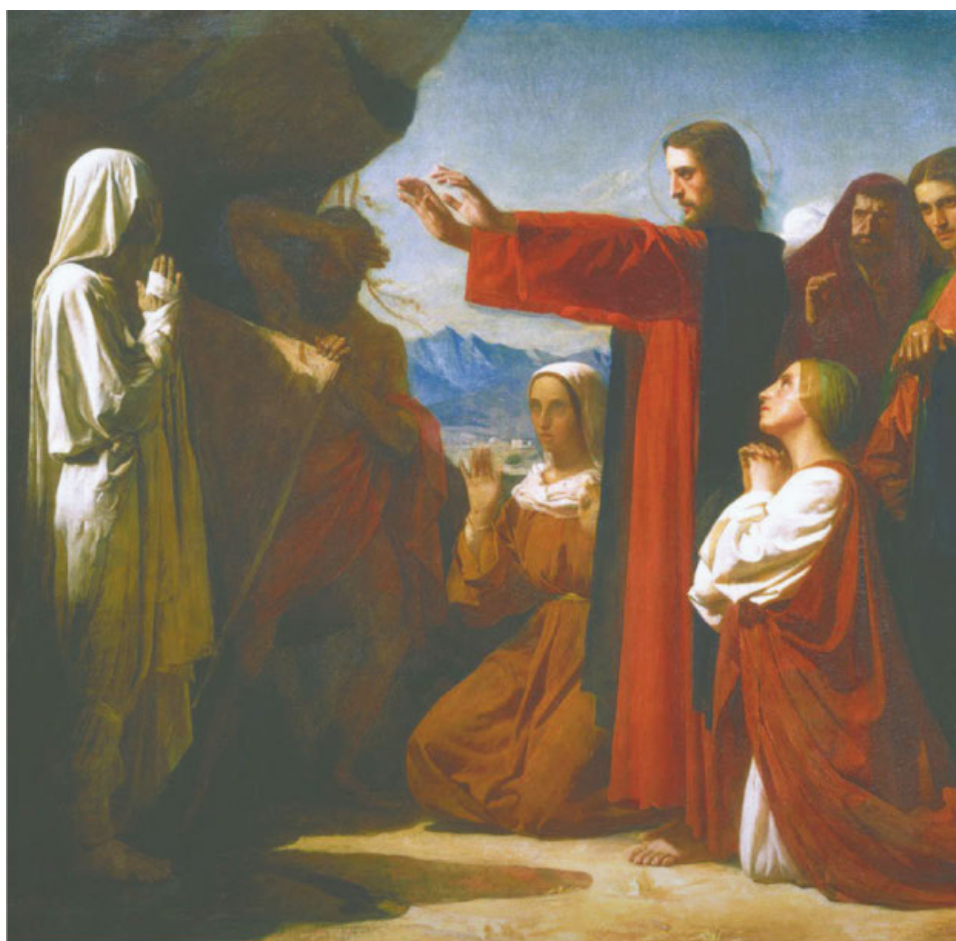
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Church of St. Anthony



March 26, 2023 • 5th Sunday of Lent



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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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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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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Twinned Parish Contacts

Pastor	Father Aaron Nett
Secretary	Jessica Teicher
DRE	Nancy Jans
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Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message From Father Aaron



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Dear Friends,

In this 5th Week of Lent, as Palm Sunday comes next weekend, we hear the great story of the raising of Lazarus in the Gospel of John. Jesus encounters Martha, Mary and the others in a time of great grief and confusion over the death of Lazarus. These emotions are something that people can relate well with when grieving the loss of a loved one. Martha responds to Jesus that she knows Lazarus will rise in the resurrection on the last day. Then 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." (John 11:25-26)

Jesus wants us to realize that the resurrection isn't just something to be hoped for in the future life, but through the Holy Spirit, is in part, experienced here on this earth through a real and living encounter with him. Pope Benedict XVI once said, "Thus Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven'; heaven is not a place but a person, the person of him in whom God and man are forever and inseparably one." Brothers and sisters, may we continue to strive this Lent, in all we do, to draw closer to Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life.

*I would like to give a great word of thanks to all who participated in, and all who helped with our parish mission, "Disciples on Mission" with Father Boniface Hicks and Kristin Molitor. It was a wonderful turn out of people and some very spirit-filled encounters were had during the talks and times of Adoration, Confession and Holy Mass. It was also encouraging to hear Kristin and Father Boniface affirm the faithfulness, prayerfulness, and the good things they saw going on at the parishes here. Thanks be to God!

*I want to also encourage you to take advantage of the Lenten Penance service offered next Sunday. We are going back to offering one service in each parish because the number of penitents has been steadily increasing. What a great grace! The sacrament of confession is a powerful encounter with the amazing mercy and love of the Father, which our hearts long for. I hope everyone is able to make a good confession before the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection this Easter.

May God bless you all,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Lenten Penance Services

Sunday, April 2nd, 4PM at St. Anthony's & 7PM at Assumption. There will be a service at each parish with visiting priests to hear confessions.

Wednesday Religion

This Wednesday, March 29th, there will be class for 7th-10th graders at both Assumption and St. Anthony.

Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please see the next page for the pizza fundraiser for the mission trip for both parishes. Thank you!

Looking Forward to Outdoor Summer Activities?

Explore outing possibilities that blend faith and adventure in the beauty of nature on Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30-7:30 at Assumption. Dates to remember so far: Sauk River scenic paddle, June 4th, 1:00-5:00; BWCA Retreat July 16th -21st; and BWCA planning meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, 6:30-7:30.

Pray for our Confirmation Students

The 11th grade Candidates for Confirmation, from both Assumption and St. Anthony's, will be 'Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit' on Sunday, March 26th at 2pm at Assumption with Bishop Neary presiding. This Mass is open to all who wish to attend. We ask you, our Parish Community, to keep these students and their families in your prayers during their final preparations: "Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them."

Stations of the Cross

The last Stations of the Cross for this Lent will be on March 31st at St. Anthony's at 6PM.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming Easter holiday there are a couple early bulletin deadlines: the April 2nd bulletin is due by noon on March 27th and the April 9th bulletin is due by 10AM on March 31st.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 29:

5:15 PM Mass: † Marie Thielen

Friday, March 31:

7:00 AM Mass: † Dolores Braun

Saturday, April 1:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, April 2:

8:00 AM Mass: † Barb Eull

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, April 1, 4:00 PM:

Lectors: Al Mueller (1st Reading & Voice)

Shelley Kern (2nd Reading & Narrator)

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Dean Lemke

Rosary: Bertie Weinmann

Hospitality: Jim & Linda Thielen

-Sunday, April 2 8:00 AM:

Lectors: Steve Schmitt (1st Reading & Voice)

Linda Thielen (2nd Reading & Narrator)

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Deb Huschle

Rosary: Cyrilla Nohner

Homebound: Donna Bischof

Hospitality: Dan & Kim Mead

2023 Church Spring Cleaning

Church spring cleaning is here and your help is needed. This year we have scheduled one day only for cleaning. Guild groups 1-12 are asked to work Tuesday, March 28th, starting at 2:30 pm. or whenever people can make it. We hope to be done by 7:00 pm. Please go to the basement to check in. Men, women, and students (confirmation hours) are all asked to assist as able. Thank you!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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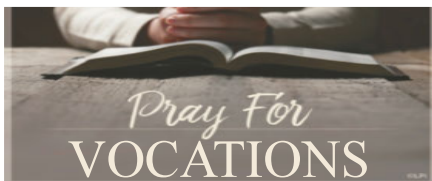
Financial Blessings

March 19, 2023

Adult Env	2196.00
Loose	160.05
Votive	71.80
Total	\$2427.85

Monthly Auto Transfers: \$3312

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Marriage Banns

Madison Field will be marrying Tyler Lahr on Saturday, April 15th at the Assumption Church.

John Paul and Gabriel Mead (sons of Dan & Kim Mead) are going to World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer and they have partnered with World Champion Meats out of Foley to fund raise for the trip. They are selling variety boxes of meats (patties, brats, bacon and more) for \$40 each. They are taking orders until March 29 and will deliver mid-April. Call or text Kim at (320) 443-4458 with questions or for orders. There is also a link on the web at www.grandchampionmeats.com/2023-wydt-fundraiser/

Take & Bake Pizza Fundraiser

The annual Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser is back! The Assumption Guild has generously given this year's fundraiser to the Puerto Rico Mission Trip. **Both parishes are invited to take part!** Please see your order form inserted into this bulletin. You will also be getting a letter in the mail with another order form and a note with more details. You can buy pizza until April 14th. The pickup date is April 30th after both Sunday Masses at both parishes. Please consider buying pizza to support the trip!



Caring & Sharing Hands Donations The Assumption Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers are organizing a collection drive for the needs of the Caring & Sharing Hands center in Minneapolis. Donations can be brought to the church basement. Questions? Large donation? Call Chuck Schoolmeesters at 320-221-5021.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 28:

9:30 AM Mass: † Mike & Arletta Turner

Thursday, March 30:

8:30 AM Mass: † Don Erpelding

Sunday, April 2:

10:00 AM Mass: † Cecilia & Reuben
Pagan Nazario

Mass Ministries

Sunday, April 2, 10:00 AM:

Lectors: Chad Dockendorf (1st Lector & Voice), Amie Vetsch (2nd Lector), Heidi Schoenecker (Narrator)

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Theresia Linn

Mass Servers: Avery & Gavin Schmitt

Ushers: Tammy Winter, Cory Meierhofer,
Earl Dockendorf & Derreck Hennen

Children's Liturgy: Amanda & Misty

Rosary: Lori Dockendorf

Hospitality: Marv & Janet Soldner

Coffee & Rolls: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse

Financial Blessings

March 19, 2023

Adult Env	2175.00
Loose	285.00
Youth	11.70
Votive	45.50
Wkly Auto	740.00
Total	\$3257.20

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Church Cleaners



March 19-April 1:
Derek & Justine
Becker, Ryan & Stacy
Becker, Carlene,
Randy and Becky
Berg, and Dale &
Jessica Berthiaume
and families.

Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.



The Church of St. Anthony is happy to welcome new members to our parish family! Please join us in welcoming **Bob & Becky Hoppe** to the parish!

Fish Fry Helpers Needed! The fish fry is set for Friday, March 31st 4-7 PM and we need your help in various ways:

-The completed fish fry volunteer workers' lists are now available at church. There are still a few areas that can use more help! Adults and older children and teens are all welcome!

-There is a sign up for donations of your delicious for cookies and bars.

-Extra kitchen help is needed on, Thursday, March 30 starting at 9:15AM and also on Friday, March 31 at 8AM.

Blood Drive Coming to Watkins Red Cross blood drive Tuesday, April 18, 12-5pm (Note the time change) at St Anthony's. Appointments are encouraged so please schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org or by using the Blood Donor app.

Church of St. Anthony Lenten Fish Fry March 31st 4-7PM

Dine in or Drive thru!

Fish, homemade coleslaw, homemade potato salad,
bread, cookie/bar and a beverage

Adults \$12, 5-11 years old: \$6, 4 & under: free

All drive thru dinners \$12



Baptized



In Christ



**Dax
Charles
Canfield**

**Son of
Andrew
& Stacey**

Virtus Training St. Anthony's is hosting a safe environment VIRTUS training session Sunday, April 23rd from 2-5pm. VIRTUS educates those who work with children about potential threats of predators and to know the procedures to keep children safe. This is a one-time in-person training session that is required for any volunteer who is 18 years old or older that is around children. If you think that you may have a desire to work with the youth in the future or work around children now and aren't VIRTUS trained, please sign up for the session by using the QR code or contacting Sam. This training doesn't often come to us! Please take this opportunity to become trained! (to use the code just open your camera on your phone, point it at the code and tap the link that pops up).



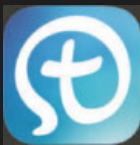
YOUTH MINISTRY

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 us (evwcatholic@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Be a Part of the Puerto Rico Mission!

Money Board Each parish has a money wall pledge board set up. The proceeds go towards lowering the total cost of the Puerto Rico Trip. Please consider donating in this simple and fun way! Let us see if we can fill all of the envelopes!

Parish App! Have you gotten the new parish app on your phone yet?! Download the app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for "myparish". Once you have the app "find" our parishes by our zip code (55329 or 55389).



Local Event: Speaker and Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculée Ilibagiza is coming to St. Boniface in Cold Spring on March 29. Soup & Sandwiches at 6PM; Speaker at 7PM.

Disciples on a Mission!

The Mission continues!

If you missed some of the mission talks or want to re-watch or share them, they are available on our YouTube channel and are linked from either of the parish websites.

There is also an online community with the **Institute for Ministry Formation!** This QR code will give you access to all the parish mission talks, connect you with each other, & make available other formational content and courses from the Institute for Ministry Formation (just open your camera on your phone, point it at the code and tap the link that pops up).



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.

Christian Mothers' Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month. 7:30-8:00 in the adoration chapel; 8-9 downstairs in the faith formation classroom.

Women's Group: 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 8:00-9:30 AM at St. Anthony's.

Community Rosary Night/Potluck: Join us for the next rosary night on Friday, April 14th at a location TBD. Starting at 6PM.

Assumption Knights of Columbus: The 3rd Sunday of each month at 7PM 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, Larry Flaschenriem and Patrice Canfield.

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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