

Church of the Assumption

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Church of St. Anthony



January 2nd • The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

Church of St. Anthony, Watkins / Assumption Church, Eden Valley Assumption St. Anthony Catholics

Assumption Church www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org

Youth Ministry

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Mass I mies	
Wednesdays	5:45 PM
Fridays	7:00 AM
Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Wed: 5:15 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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Mass Times

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Thursdays	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:00 AM

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Twinned Parish Contacts

Pastor		Father Aaron Nett
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RE Assis	stant	Bonnie Meyer
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Youth M	linister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron Follow the Star to Christ

Dear Friends,

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany and we remember the journey of the three Magi who came from the east guided by the mysterious star to the little town of Bethlehem. The three Magi are intriguing characters in Christ's story of the Nativity. They are believed to have been astrologers and from the priestly class of ancient Persia. Their remains are actually kept in the Cathedral of Cologne, Germany. They would have not been believers of the Israelite faith, and yet they were led by the star to find the Messiah prophesied from of old, the true King of the earth. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

We must continue to look for the "star" to guide us to new life in Christ in the midst of the troubles and anxieties that can at times seem dark. Christ is always present at every moment in the midst of our distress. Jesus waits for us to turn to Him and receive His mercy and peace. God's plan for each of us is good. God's love for each of us is constant and deep. And God's saving grace for each of us is transforming. May we let this New Year of 2022 be a year to be transformed by the Heart of Christ by letting Him make our hearts like His own. May Christ be the shining star we fervently follow in 2022.

What will your 2022 New Year's spiritual resolutions be? Here are a few ideas:

1. Increase Your Marian Devotion: Our Blessed Mother has repeatedly told us to pray the rosary daily for peace.

2. Make more time for reading scripture or spiritual reading: The more we know about our faith the more will love it.

3. Join the men's and women's group or form a discipleship quad

4. Do regular penances: Fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, doing the Stations of the Cross weekly, or offering up daily work or sufferings are ways to grow in virtue and spiritual strength.

5. Go to daily Mass: Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth!

6. Pick a new saint buddy: The saints are real-life superheroes, models and our intercessors in heaven. Get to know them well and become one yourself!

7. Give time to works of charity more often.

Thank you for you witness to faith in Christ. I am inspired by so many good works. May God abundantly bless you and your loved ones this year!

In Christ, Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Are you interested in the Hospitality Ministry?

Are you interested in welcoming people and building community in our parishes? Do you like to meet many people? Hospitality is a powerful healing ministry! If you'd like to be part of this ministry, please contact the office or Becky Haag. Both parishes' groups will be meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 7:30PM in Assumption Church.

Life, Relationships, and the Pursuit of Authentic Love

Wednesday February 2nd from 6:30-8:30pm the Church of St. Anthony will be hosting a speaker event for teens and adults. The event is free and anyone is welcome to attend. However, attendance is required for 7th-11th graders in the St. Anthony/Assumption Faith Formation programs and their parents.

11th Gr. Confirmation Class

The next Confirmation Class for 11th graders with their parent/s is on Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm <u>at</u> <u>Assumption</u>.

From Father:

I would like to thank all those who sent Christmas cards, gifts, prayers or well wishes to me. May God bless you for your kindness. I wish that I could thank each one of you in a more personal way, but know that I am very grateful and you will be in my prayers in a special way. Christmas blessings, Father Aaron



Rosary Potluck

January 7th, 6:00 PM at St. Anthony's. Bring the family and a dish to share. The entire family and people of all ages

are invited. Come for prayer, food, fellowship and a craft for the kiddos!

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 5: 5:45 PM Mass: † Marie Thielen Friday, January 7: 7:00 AM Mass: † Robert Schoenecker Saturday, January 8: 4:00 PM Mass: † Elmer Stommes, Sr. Sunday, January 9: 8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, January 8, 4PM:

Lector: Shelly Kern Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Ron Ruhland Rosary Leader: TBD Hospitality: Ron & Ursula Ruhland -Sunday, January 9 8AM:

Lector: Denise Nohner Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Deb Huschle Rosary Leader: TBD Homebound: Beth Hesse Hospitality: Jamie Ries & Reuben Stommes

Financial Blessings

December 19, 2021		
Adult Env	4696.00	
Loose	15.00	
Christmas	145.00	
Bazaar	725.00	
Votive	64.01	
Total	\$5645.01	

Total Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2305

The financial information for this past weekend was not available due to the early bulletin deadline and will be published next week.



Assumption Parish News

Building Fund Update

The building project is now complete. The final total cost of the project is \$2,114,702.51. From this amount we have a total of \$63,875.80 in outstanding debt, which includes the current loan balance. God has blessed us with many generous people on this project. Thank you to everyone who have worked on and supported this project and who continue to support it with their gifts!

Finance and Parish Council Meetings this Week!

The finance council will be meeting this Tuesday, January 4th, at 6:15pm, followed by the parish council at 7:30. At this parish council meeting we welcome new council members Ron Ruhland and Perry Lemke! Thank you to outgoing members Bill Hesse and Sarah Field for their time on the council!

New Addition Finishing Touches

Thank you to everyone who donated towards and helped plan all the special finishing touches in the new parish addition. The space is almost complete and already starting to feel like home!

Annual Guild Meeting

On January 2nd, 7 pm we will have the year end Guild meeting. This is a meeting for all members of the Guild in Assumption parish to be more involved and learn more about the church. We will be reviewing several topics, assigning new chiars/co-chairs for each group if that hasn't already been done and also nominating our new vice president and secretary. Please consider attending. May God fill your life with love, joy and peace this holiday season. Jenni Scherer Guild President.

Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedules

The next lector and Eucharistic ministers schedules are now available in the back of church and on the parish website under "schedules". Thank you to everyone who helps out with all these ministries!

Homebound Ministry

If anyone would like the Eucharist brought to them please call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or 223-3696.

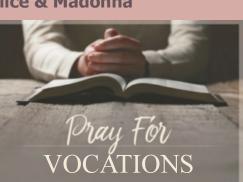
Looking for Religious Education Subs

Are you 'sometimes' available to sub in for teachers and teacher's aides in the religion program? We need subs for Tuesdays during the day, Wednesday nights, and Thursdays during the day. Please call or email Bonnie in the Faith Formation office at 453-5765 / evwcatholic@gmail.com if interested.

Traveling Chalice & Madonna

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host." -Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

Thanks to all who have welcomed the Traveling Chalice and Madonna. May our prayers be abundantly answered!



Mass Intention

Tuesday, January 4: 9:30 AM Mass: †Paula Schlangen Thursday, January 6: 8:30 AM Mass: CCW Member Sunday, January 9: 10:00 AM Mass: †Jason Pauly

Mass Ministries

-Sunday, January 9, 10AM:

Lectors: Michelle Kramer & Heidi Schoenecker Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: TBD Mass Servers: Ben & Charlie Teicher Children's Liturgy: TBD Rosary Leader: Kevin & Erin Donnay Family Hospitality: TBD Coffee & Rolls: Ethel Donnay

Financial Blessings

December 19, 2021		
Adult Env	11,956.00	
Loose Plate	170.00	
Youth Env	0.00	
Christmas	1215.00	
Votive	23.00	
Weekly Auto	595.00	
Total	\$13,959.00	

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Church Cleaners



Dec. 26 - Jan. 8: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse, Andy & Erin Hesse, Gerald & Luann Hesse and Scott & Kayla Hesse and families.

*Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

Thrift Store

Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12pm *Closed during funerals



Remembering Your Loved Ones The family members of the parishioners that have passed away this past year that were remembered on All Souls Day, are invited to the handicap addition of the church to pick out an angel of their choice and a candle in remembrance of their loved ones after the Christmas Masses. <u>Please keep these dearly departed and their families in your prayers during this holiday season.</u>

Finance and Parish Council Meetings this Week! The finance council will be meeting this Thursday, January 6th, at 6:30pm, followed by the parish council at 7:30.



Christmas Crucifix Thank you to the anonymous donor who donated the new crucifix for the parish hall. It is a wonderful Christmas present!

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winners! The raffle winners for the KC St. Damien Council #11345 are listed on the next page. The council would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket to help their fundraiser to be a success!

2022 Cabin Fever Reliever Tickets for the next Cabin Fever Reliever on February 12th are now on sale! The cost is \$50 per person, which includes a dinner and show. Tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses and are

also available at Citizens Bank, the parish office, or by calling/texting Kathy Kramer at 320-224-6858. We are also looking for donations of high-end auction items and also desserts for the meal, wine, gift cards or scratch offs for raffle. The proceeds will go to church improvements.

Pro-Works Thank You: Thank you to all the people who so generously donated gift bags, certificates and cash to the clients of Pro-Works. They were greatly appreciated and you have helped to make their Christmas special. Kathy Erpelding CCW Co-president.

2022 Calendars The church calendars for 2022 are now available in church. Thank you to this years' sponsors: Faber Building & Supply and the Ertl Funeral Home!

Knights of Columbus Thank You Thank you to the Knights of Columbus St. Damien Council for their recent donation of \$350 to the religious education program at St. Anthony's. These funds were raised by the Knights at their July hamburger stand. Thank you to the Knights and to those who supported them in their hamburger stand this summer! **Watkins Community Blood Drive** The American Red Cross is having a blood drive on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm at the St. Anthony's. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or register on-line at redcrossblood.org or use the Blood Donor App. Please bring your donor card or a photo ID.

Vespers for Life, January 16th, Church of St. Anthony, <u>St. Cloud</u>, 3:30 p.m. Rosary, 4:00 p.m. Vespers

Bishop Donald Kettler will preside at the Vespers service. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the over 63 million children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. *Contact Judy at judy4life@metel.net, 320-453-7592 to car pool or with questions.

St. Anthony Parish News



Youth Night Help

Looking for an easy way to help with the youth nights? We have recently MINISTRY started supplying our youth with meals during these nights and are looking for

individuals who would like to help serve, cook, or simply bring dessert. Please contact Theresa Branstner @ (320) 492-1796 if interested.

Steubenville Registration Open! Steubenville is a retreat for this year's current 8th-12th graders. We have set aside a day before to provide a service project for the youth. We are also looking for chaperones as well. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com for more information.

Extreme Faith Camp

Calling all current 5th-8th graders!!! This summer our parishes will have the opportunity to attend Extreme Faith Camp, a Catholic summer camp with high adventure activities such as zip-lining, swimming, rock climbing, archery, etc. along with the Sacraments. Camp will take place June 13th-17th and registration will be open Jan 1st - Feb 1st. The cost will be \$350 per camper with the opportunity to eliminate some of this cost through participation in Youth Ministry fundraising opportunities. Reach out to Nancy in the Faith Formation office (evwcatholic@gmail.com) with questions.

Remember in Your Prayers...Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Alizabeth Ludwig, Grace Hohenstein, June Berg, Makayla Kammermeir, Michelle C. Isaacs and Carol Braun, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, the Schindler Family, Darcy Erickson, Ron Welle, Jeannie Klehr and Gordy.

Fontanini Heirloom Nativity SetN 50-1/4 lb patties & 20 1 lb pkgs. Of	
Hamburger-Schiefelbein Farms	
50-¼ lb patties & 20 1 lb pkgs. Of	Mark Kunkel
Hamburger-Schiefelbein Farms	
\$200 Cash - Kuechle Underground	Jesse Cripe
\$150 Cash- Ehlinger & Assoc./AmFam	
\$100 Cash- Land O Lakes Oil	Garry Linn
\$100 Kimball Bucks- Harvest Bank	
\$100 Kimball Bucks- Harvest Bank	Brian Gagnon
\$100 Cash-A M Maus & Son	Anita Hoefer
\$100 Cash-Fire Trac Corp	Steve Gohman
In Memory of Duane Becker	
\$75 Gift Card- Diva's Inc. Kimball Salon	
\$50 Cash-Bud's Bar	Jeanette Walz
\$50 Cash-Stan's Country Dutchman	Trisha Field
\$50 Cash- Citizens Bank of Watkins	Richard Stenger
\$50 Cash- Geislinger & Sons, Inc	Nick Brandt
\$50 Cash- Kramer Electric	Darrel Young
\$50 Cash- Faber Building Supply	Jeanette Walz

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.

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 to sign up.

Bulletin Deadline Bulletin announcements are due on Tuesdays by noon.

Community Rosary Night/Potluck:

Join us for a group rosary on Friday, January 7th at 6:00PM at St. Anthony's. The rosary in church will be followed by a potluck! Please bring a dish to share!

Women's Group: We will next meet on January 8th & 22nd at 7:00-8:30 at St. Anthony's.

Assumption Knights of Columbus: The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the Assumption Church

Men's Group: Saturdays, 7:30 AM Rosary, 8-9 AM meeting, at Assumption. Join us for a morning of reflection & fellowship.

KC Raffle Winners! St. Damien Council #11345

Serving: St. Anne's, Kimball, St. Anthony, Watkins & Holy Cross, Marty

\$50 Cash- Anonymous	Walter Whitw
\$50 Gift Card- Keek's Restaurant	Shirley Daul
\$35 Cash- Aaron's Auto Repair	Otto Donnay
\$25 Cash- Jack's of Watkins	Mary Lindberg
\$25 Cash- Jack's Oil Distributing	Karla Adolph
\$25 Cash- Mafia Customs	Tom Mathies
\$25 Cash- Kue ContractorsCo	onstance Serbus
\$25 Gift Card- J&R Market, Watkins	Keith Balaski
\$25 Gift Card- J&R Market, Watkins	Jerry Hesse
\$25 Gift Card- Knaus Sausage House Inc	Claire Pusc
\$25 Gift Card- Knaus Sausage House, IncA	manda Steichen
\$25 Trade- Ertl Hardware of Watkins	Emily Haus
\$25 Trade- Ertl Hardware of Watkins	Bill Arnold
\$25 Gift Card- Triple R Bar and Grill. Kimball	Joe Rathman
\$25 Gift Card- Triple R Bar and Grill, Kimball	Dave Janski
\$15 Gift Card- Red Goat, Watkins	Dan Damman
\$15 Gift Card- Red Goat, Watkins	Darrell Young
\$15 Gift Card- Red Goat, Watkins	.Denise Donnay
2 bottles of Wine- Watkins Liquor	Maria Haus



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