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Church of St. Anthony



January 9th, 2022 • The Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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.....5:45 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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Mon: 8-12, Tues: 8-4
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Twinned Parish Contacts

Pastor	Father Aaron Nett
Secretary	Jessica Teicher
DRE	Nancy Bury
RE Assistant	Bonnie Meyer
Sacramental Assistant	Becky Haag
Youth Minister	Sam Mettler

A Message from Father Aaron

Beloved Sons and Daughters

Dear Friends,

This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord as our Lord and Savior. He was baptized in the Jordan river by the Baptist. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he did not suffer from the stain of original sin. He was already perfect from the very moment of His conception in the womb of His Mother Mary. Why was Jesus baptized then? There are a few reasons for this. One is that Jesus chose to be baptized by John to display His brotherhood with humanity. Another reason for Christ's baptism was not that He would be sanctified, but rather, that Christ would sanctify the waters. As a few of the Saints have pointed out, it is not Christ who is baptized, it is He who baptizes the water.

As we have perhaps experienced new graces from the Christmas Season and now move on into a new year, may we let this celebration of the Lord's Baptism remind us of who we are. We are beloved sons and daughters of the Most High God. We, the children of the Father have been chosen, redeemed, and called to live in this very time in history. We are not abandoned, but rather, our Father is quite near to us. In fact, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, He lives in us. No matter where life may take us, or what downfall or new opportunity we are presented with in life, may we always remember that we have been created, recreated, and we belong to a great Father that loves us more than we can imagine. The prophets of old testify to the love of God. "I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3) Or, "You are precious to me and I love you." (Isaiah 43:4) May we place all of our trust in our God of love.

In this year of 2022, may we go forth in all that we do, all that we hope for, in all our relationships, and in the challenges that we may face, with a deep belief in our identity as God's beloved children. Saint Pope John Paul II words sum it up nicely. "What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless."

May God bless you,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Father Gone Father Aaron will be away at a Spiritual Direction Conference this week. There will be no daily Mass this week.

2nd Collection for Youth Activities

This weekend we held a special collection to help support activities for the youth, such as Steubenville and Extreme Faith Camp. If you missed this collection and would like to help support the youth in the parishes, you can still donate by marking your envelope "Youth Collection". Thank you for your dedication to the future of our Church!

Magnificat Renewals

Each year the parishes participate in a bulk order of the Magnificat booklet for daily reflections and Mass readings. The cost is dependent on the number we order and will likely be \$32 for the year. The new subscription year starts with the April issue. Please contact the office by February 15th if you would like to sign up or renew your subscription from last year. I need to hear from everyone who wants to subscribe. If I don't hear from you, I will assume that you don't want to renew. You can call/email either office or drop a note in the collection if you would like to sign up. Also current Assumption subscribers: your Magnificats are now located on the buffet/hutch in the new narthex/gathering space.

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.

Andrew Dinner Dinner with Bishop Kettler on February 10th at 6:00PM for 9th-12th grade young men who are possibly considering the priesthood. Contact Father Aaron if you are interested or know someone who might be.

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 at Assumption.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 12:

No Mass

Friday, January 14:

No Mass

Saturday, January 15:

4:00 PM Mass: † Alvin Stommes

Sunday, January 16:

8:00 AM Mass: People of the Parishes

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, January 15, 4PM:

Lector: Lona Brutger

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Sheila Laudenbach

Rosary Leader: TBD

Hospitality: Michelle & Tyler Brutger

-Sunday, January 16, 8AM:

Lector: Steve Ries

Extraordinary Minister of

Communion: Jenny Evens

Rosary Leader: TBD

Homebound: Donna Bischof

Hospitality: Jenny Evens & Becky Haag

Financial Blessings

	12/26/21	1/2/22
Adult Env	2939.00	2167.24
Loose	135.53	109.00
Christmas	5037.00	1302.00
Bazaar	475.00	125.00
Votive	65.35	77.11
Total	\$8651.88	\$3780.35

Total Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2305

(Not included in the above totals)



† Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Jeff Ruhland, 62, who passed away on December 29th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 7th. Please remember Jeff and his family and friends in your prayers.

† Please also remember Alan Loch, brother to Assumption parishioner Joe Loch, who passed away this past weekend at the age of 65. Prayers for Alan and his family would be appreciated at this time.

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 \$12,778.98 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!

Faith Formation Donations

Assumption's Faith Formation program has received two very generous donations from the Catholic United Financial Council (\$1000) and an anonymous donor (\$500). Thank you so much for your generosity! May God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness to the mission of evangelization, discipleship, and catechesis within our parish!

Looking for Ushers

Looking for great people like yourself to help at Mass! Are you looking to become more involved in the parish this year? Good News! We are looking for ushers at Mass. More ushers are needed, especially for Saturday (4PM) Mass, but if you prefer Sunday (8AM) Mass, that is great too. Call Bonnie (282-1468) if you are interested in helping or if you have questions.

Blood Drive Coming

Upcoming Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on Tuesday, January 25th from 1-7pm at the Assumption Church. Schedule your appointment at 1-800-RedCross, visit www.redcrossblood.org, on the Blood Donor App or contact Bonnie at 320-282-1468 -- mbmeyer@meltel.net Reminders: An appointment, identification and facemask are all requirements to donate. To help things run smoothly, complete your Rapid Pass online before coming to the blood drive at www.redcrossblood.org/

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 / ewwcatholic@gmail.com if interested.

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intention

Tuesday, January 11:

No Mass

Thursday, January 13:

No Mass

Sunday, January 16:

10:00 AM Mass: † Lucille Asfeld

Mass Ministries

-Sunday, January 16, 10AM:

Lectors: Alan Bear & Amie Vetsch

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion: Jessica Lorentz

Mass Servers: Zackary Heinen & Cambel Hesse

Children's Liturgy: Donna & Holly

Rosary Leader: Betty Donnay

Hospitality: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse

Coffee & Rolls: Lori Unterberger

Financial Blessings

	12/26/21	1/2/22
Adult Env	7110.00	2055.00
Loose Plate	651.00	215.00
Youth Env	6.00	6.00
Christmas	11,872.98	975.00
Votive	55.50	25.00
Wkly Auto	595.00	595.00
Total	\$20,290.48	\$3,871.00

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Church Cleaners



January 9-22:

Jeff & Connie Hesse, Bonnie Holthaus, Mike & Tina Holthaus & Kevin & Nettie Holtz and families. *Call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

Thrift Store

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

**COF Meeting:
January 10th at 7:30PM**

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and Bouja The Catholic Order of Foresters will, once again, be making their delicious chicken noodle soup & Bouja on January 16th. Bouja will be \$16/gallon and chicken noodle \$15/gallon, container \$1. Proceeds for this year will go towards the church roof fund.

Knights of Columbus Youth Breakfast On January 23rd the Knights of Columbus, along with youth from the parishes, will be hosting a breakfast to benefit the youth programs in local area churches. Breakfast will be served from 8:30AM-12:30PM and pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, milk, orange juice, and coffee will be on the menu. All for a free will offering!

Christmas Pageant Thank You Thank you to all the teachers and students who helped to make the Christmas pageant a success this year and to all those parents and parishioners who filled the pews putting a smile on our student's faces. And a special thank you to Amanda Landwehr, Amber Huberty, Christy Louwagie, and our kitchen staff for all of their help behind the scenes!

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. There will be a worker list in the back of church by the ticket sales after Mass for anyone would be willing to sign up & help, or you can call the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Thank You Thank you to the Knights of Columbus St. Damien Council for their recent donation of \$250 to the religious education program at St. Anthony's. We will use these funds to buy a new desk for the Faith Formation office.

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!

Traveling Chalice & Madonna

"The Rosary can be recited as means of a continuous battle because the devil will make every effort to ruin vocations. Thus the rosary is the great means of victory." -Blessed James Alberione Thank you to Rosie Becker & Jay & Heidi Schoenecker for hosting this week!

Vespers for Life, January 16th, Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud, 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.

March For Life January 22, buses transporting from both New Ulm Diocese & St Cloud Diocese. Contact Judy Haag for more information.

**VESPERS
for Life**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Night Help Looking for an easy way to help with the youth nights? We have recently 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.

High School Bible Study The next high school Bible study will be January 16th at 7pm in Assumption basement.

God's Girls Our next meeting is planned for January 30th at Assumption from 2-3:30. We will read a story from the Bible and discuss it. Then we will play bingo.

New Ulm COR Night There will be a COR Night for the New Ulm diocese at St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN on Feb. 6th. Doors open at 4 pm. There will be food, games, and a talk on dating and marriage. There is a cost of \$15 per youth and a registration deadline on Jan. 31st. Sam will already be in the area for his Godchild's Baptism, so he would not be able to drive anyone. So, if you have a child interested and need a driver, please let Sam know. RSVP at dnu.org/cor-night.

Steubenville Rochester 2022, July 14th-17th

Steubenville is for current 8th-12th graders. Without fundraising, the cost of Steubenville is \$400. With fundraising, the cost can dwindle down to \$0! Our parish registration deadline is set for Feb. 28th! Register with a down payment of \$50 soon!

"I was shocked at how many kids my age were at Steubenville when I went. The talks and friendships I formed at Steubenville gave me the endurance and hope to attain much needed spiritual growth as a teen."

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.

Volunteer Opportunity for Summer Retreatants!

January 23rd : KOC and youth breakfast. 8:30am-12:30 pm at St. Anthony. Kids 5th-12th grade are encouraged to help. Shifts will be split on an hourly basis. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or by phone at 320-630-7590.

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, February 4th 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.

Life, Relationships, and the Pursuit of Authentic Love

On 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.

Remember in Your Prayers...

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

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