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Church of St. Anthony



January 16th, 2022 • The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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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	

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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A Gospel Meditation

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of iov God has in us can be a source of iov for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

Twinned Parish News

Knights of Columbus Youth Breakfast

Next Sunday, at St. Anthony's, the Knights of Columbus (St. Damien Council #11345), 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!

Contribution Reports

Your 2021 individual parishioner contribution report will be available in the back of each church starting next weekend. Any reports remaining after January 30th will be mailed out.

2nd Collection for Youth Activities

Last 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".

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 can/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.

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 <u>at</u> Assumption.

Upcoming Mass Time Change

For the weekend of February 12/13 the Mass times will be as follows: <u>4PM at St. Anthonys, 8AM & 10AM at Assumption</u>. This is due to the Cabin Fever Reliever fundraiser on February 12th at St. Anthony's.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 19:

5:45 PM Mass: Paul & Margie Kerzman

Friday, January 21:

7:00 AM Mass: † Robert Schoenecker

Saturday, January 22:

4:00 PM Mass: People of the Parishes

Sunday, January 23:

8:00 AM Mass: † Aurelia Becker

Mass Ministries

-Saturday, January 22, 4PM:

Lector: Jason Huschle
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Andrea Huschle

Rosary Leader: TBD Hospitality: TBD

-Sunday, January 23, 8AM:

Lector: Tom Mathies
Extraordinary Minister of
Communion: Kris Gruenes
Rosary Leader: TBD
Homebound: Marge Kuechle

Hospitality: TBD

Financial Blessings

January 9, 2022

 Adult Env
 2132.00

 Loose Plate
 78.00

 Christmas
 395.00

 Bazaar
 275.00

 Votive
 94.00

 Total
 \$2974.00

Total Monthly Auto Transfers: \$2305 (Not included in the above totals)

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 \$12,711.98 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!

Eucharistic Adoration Announcement

There is a Eucharistic Adoration hour open on Thursday at 1-2 p.m. If interested in taking that hour please call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

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 or have questions.

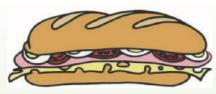
Blood Drive Coming

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/

Looking for Religious Education Subs 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.

Sub Sandwich Youth Fundraiser

Assumption and St. Anthony are hosting a Pre-Order Sub Sandwich Fundraiser to benefit youth events and activities. Sandwiches are made to your liking with any meat and toppings you choose! You can choose to order just a sub sandwich or a meal that includes chips and a goodie. The



orders will be ready for pick up on Sunday, February 13th, at both Assumption and St. Anthony. Order forms are in the back of each church or on either parish website. We will be accepting Pre-Orders through Monday, January 31st. Contact Bonnie with questions at evwcatholic@gmail.com or 453-5765.

- *Looking for adults and high school students to help assemble, organize and hand out subs. Contact Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com.
- *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 \$10 donation for advertising •One \$25 donation for paper supplies.
- *Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection box (please mark the envelope "Sub Fundraiser Donation"). Thank you, in advance, for your donation!
- *Looking for volunteers to make goodies/treats (Individually packaged please). Contact Bonnie at 453-5765 if you are able to help out.

St. Anthony Parish News

the church roof fund.

Mass Intention

Tuesday, January 18:

9:30 AM Mass: † Jack & Lorraine Werner

Thursday, January 20:

8:30 AM Mass: † Marian Froehle

Sunday, January 23:

10:00 AM Mass: † Eldred Froehling

Mass Ministries

-Sunday, January 23, 10AM:

Lectors: Mary Ann Hesse & Chad Dockendorf

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Emily Piccerillo

Mass Servers: Henry & George Landwehr

Children's Liturgy: Heidi & Erin Rosary Leader: Sharon Simmons

Hospitality: TBD

Coffee & Rolls: Emily Donnay

Financial Blessings

January 9, 2022

Total	\$9990.00
Wkly Auto	595.00
Votive	29.00
Christmas	300.00
Youth Env	6.00
Loose Plate	145.00
Adult Env	8915.00



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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

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.

Blood Drive Cancellation The Watkins' Community blood drive scheduled on Tuesday, December 28th, was unfortunately canceled due to winter weather. It's been a challenge for The Red Cross to collect enough blood for patients due to COVID, staffing shortages, and winter weather. With more last minute changes than normal, we ask donors to please make sure their donor profiles are updated with best e-mail address and phone number. You can even select how you'd like to be contacted in the future (text, phone call, or e-mail). Because someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds, the community is encouraged to schedule an appointment to donate at another drive if possible. Thank you so much for all your support and dedication to helping patients in need.

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.

Traveling Chalice & Madonna

"Good example is the most efficacious apostolate. You must be as lighted lanterns and shine like brilliant chandeliers among men. By your good example and your words, animate others to know and love God."

-St Mary Joseph Rossello

Thanks to Nicolas & Linda Kneip of Assumption for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this week!

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.

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



High School Bible Study Mill be January 16th at 7pm in Assumption basement. **High School Bible Study** The next MINISTRY God's Girls Our next meeting is planned for January

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.

Newsletter Help Needed! I will need help assembling our next quarterly newsletter on January 26th at 12PM at Assumption and January 27th at 12PM at St. Anthony's. Please contact the office if you are coming to help so I can plan and update you with possible changes. Thank you! I truly appreciate all my helpers!

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 Kammermeir, 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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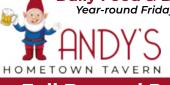
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