

Message from Father Aaron

Respect Life Month: "Be not Afraid"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October is *Respect for Life Month* in which we turn particular attention to the gift of human life that God has given us. We hold life as a most precious gift of God during all ages and circumstances of life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

During these past several weeks there have been so many of our brothers and sisters from our nation and beyond who have suffered and are still suffering greatly from the recent natural disasters and tragedies. In times of human tragedy we often look for life's meaning and the purpose of such suffering. What is God's plan in all this? Or, where is God in times of uncertainty and pain? Our Catholic Faith tells us that while God is the Master and Creator of all things, all knowing and with power over all, he is also a God with a patient, gentle and loving hand. Suffering and evil in the world are not created by God, nor does he take delight in human suffering, although in his infinite wisdom and love, he has the power to allow suffering for a greater good. God is so great that he can even use evil to bring about good.

In the mystery of life's joys, beauty and suffering God is always and ever present to us. *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* *Mth 28:20* God is the Good Father who never leaves the side of his children, especially in difficult times. It is in this promise that we find the strength to not only go on, but to go out, and find others who have been wounded on the battlefield of life and bring them the Father's healing balm of mercy.

Some questions to consider in our desire to defend and care for human life are; *How do we respond when our aging parents are in failing health? Do they know how much we love them and cherish each day given? Do we ensure they know they are never a burden to us? In our own challenging times, do we ask for support? When others are in pain and suffering how do we respond generously? When someone is pregnant in difficult circumstances, do we show compassion that tangibly supports her and helps her welcome the life of her new little one?*

St. Paul says, *"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen."* And also, *"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."* May God strengthen and provide for us through the storms of life and may he grant us his life in abundance.

In Christ,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

33 Days to Morning Glory

Last call for those wanting to join us in increasing their devotion to Mary! We will meet once a week on Tuesdays beginning October 17th, 6:30-8:00pm for six weeks, alternating between St. Anthony and Assumption Parishes. The first night will be at St. Anthony's. To sign up for the retreat or for more information, please contact Heidi Schoenecker 320-250-1091.

OCTOBER is RESPECT LIFE Month!

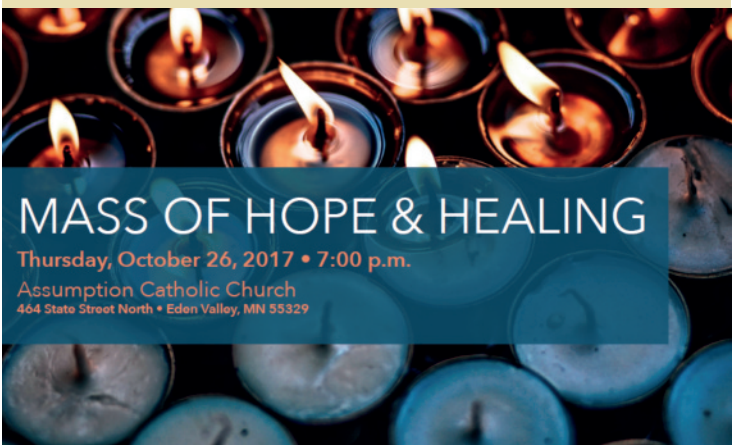
An opportunity to **"Defend Life" for an hour** is being offered by **40 Days For Life** participants from our twinned parishes. At the "40 Days for Life" Vigil in St Cloud, we peacefully pray for an END TO ABORTION: Judy Haag prays every Monday from 9am to 1pm; Ethel Donnay prays every Tuesday from 8-9am; Rosie Becker prays every Wednesdays from 2-3pm. **Is God calling YOU to defend life for "just one hour" during this month of October?** Please contact one of us and we will bring you there to pray with us" as we PRAY PEACEFULLY in front of the planned parenthood abortion facility in East St Cloud. Even if you just have questions about the Vigil please contact one of us, Judy 320-453-7592 or judy4life@meltel.net Rosie Becker at 320-223-3696 or Ethel Donnay 398-7332 or robertethel@meltel.net.

Eucharistic Minister Reminder

Just a quick reminder to all Eucharistic ministers to wait until Father has consumed the Blessed Body **and** the Precious Blood before entering the sanctuary.

Mass of Hope & Healing

This special Mass is for couples experiencing infertility, as well as those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, SIDS, illness or accident. All are welcome to attend.



MASS OF HOPE & HEALING
Thursday, October 26, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.
Assumption Catholic Church
464 State Street North • Eden Valley, MN 55329

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, October 18:

5:45 Mass: † LeRoy Smoley

Friday, October 20:

7:00 am Mass: † Loran Eull

Saturday, October 21:

5:30 pm Mass: † Jessica Roberson

Sunday, October 22:

8:00 am Mass: † Tom & Adeline Mathies

Mondays, Tuesdays &

Thursdays @ 3:00

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

Ministry Schedule

-October 21, 5:30 PM

Lectors: Denise Nohner & Jason Huschle

Ushers: Bill Reiter, Gene DeMorett,
Art Lahr & Dave Braegelman

Ministers of Communion:

Jody Bauer, Andrea Huschle
& Deb Huschle

Servers: Alex Haag, Carmen Haag,
Jack Evens & Mallory Evens

Music: Joanna Bischof

Rosary Leader: Lona Brutger

-October 22, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Elaina Stommes & Linda Thielen

Ushers: Lou Kramer, Jerry Schutz,
Paul Holdvogt & Tom Scherer

Ministers of Communion:

Sarah Kuechle, Sheila Laudenbach
& Lisa Ludwig

Homebound: Mary & Tom Ruhland

Servers: Ashley Gruenes, Andy Gruenes,
Anna Rose & Emily Rose

Music: Lisa Thielen

Rosary Leader: Janet Schwarz

Financial Blessings

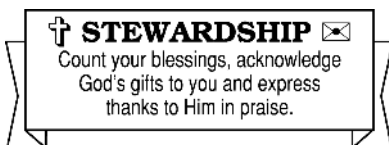
10/08/2017

Parish Income

Loose Plate	152.00
Adult Envelopes	2655.00
Youth Envelopes	22.00
Votive	47.00
Total	\$2876.00

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1739

Thank you for your donations!



Rite of Calling/Prayer Partners

This weekend was the Rite of Calling for the confirmation candidates. The Rite of Calling is done to introduce the confirmation class to the parish. This year's Confirmation candidates are Jake Blommer, Nathan Brutger, Jack Evens, Carson Geislinger, Ashley Gruenes, Madison Johannes, Kayla Johannes, Brandon Kelm, Meryl Kuechle, Olivia Kuechle, Sawyer Kuechle, Sidney Kuechle, Taylor Ludwig, Mason Molitor, Sam Nistler, Morgan Plamann, Anthony Schettler, Adam Stommes, Jakob Thielen, Cory Zimmerman. All parishioners are encouraged to take a confirmation student name from the containers at the church entrances. Please pray for that student. You are his/her anonymous "Prayer Partner."

Guild Thank You

THANK YOU for joining us at the Fall Dinner! We are blessed to have so many stop by to eat and even more blessed for all of the help in the kitchen, set up, selling raffle tickets etc. Thank you for helping to make this a successful event!

Catholic United Financial Meeting

The St. Joseph St Mary's Council of Catholic United Financial will have a meeting on October 22nd after the 8:00 Mass in the Assumption Church lower level. We will be planning the St. Nick day in December. All members are welcome.

Adoration Announcement

We have an open hour on Tuesday morning at 1-2 a.m. and on the last two weeks of the month on Friday morning at 3-4 a.m. Please call Mary Ann Ruhland at 453-2575 or Rose Becker at 453-7476 if interested.

Classroom Angels

Thank you to those who stepped forward to volunteer to be a classroom angel. Your prayers for the program, students, and teachers & helpers are greatly appreciated. And, of course, the classes love the treats you drop off! Even though you are a secret to the classes; please know that you are in their prayers as well!

Cemetery visit

On **Thursday, October 26th at 9:30 AM** the 5th graders will be visiting the cemetery. Please remind your child to bring and wear warm clothing. We are not there long but it usually is cold and the grass can be wet. Bringing a change of shoes/socks to school is a good idea.



October 17: 33 Days to Morning Glory start

October 26: 5th Grade Cemetery Visit during class

November 1: Meet the Saints, 5:00 PM, All Saint's Day Mass

November 7: 7th grade Field Trip

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Pope Francis constantly reminds us of the wideness of God's mercy and its unconditional character. God is always patiently loving his children and opening the doors to his heart. We must, however, freely choose to accept God's invitation and join in the feast of his love. We desire many things and we have restless hearts. We often attempt to quench our desire with things that are short-lived and shallow. All of us long to be satisfied and at peace. How do we announce to the world, in ways that are convincing and without judgment, that it is really God whom we seek?

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 17:

9:30 am Mass: † Kris Neisen

Thursday, October 19:

8:30 am Mass: † Adrian & Lorraine Klein

Friday, October 20:

9:30 am (Communion Service at Hilltop)

Sunday, October 22:

10:00 am Mass: † Marie Roeser

Ministry Schedule

October 22, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Jessie Teicher & Kelly Meierhofer

Ushers: Earl Dockendorf/Alex Birr,
Ralph Huberty/Brandon Donnay
Tammy Winter & Joe Rathmann

Ministers of Communion:

Precious Hosts: Theresa Faber

Precious Blood: Rich & Mary Ann Hesse

Homebound: Ethel Donnay, 398-7332

Servers: Carly & Cadence Meierhofer,
Henry Landwehr & Alexis Vossen

Rosary Leader: Kevin & Erin Donnay
& Family

Children's Liturgy: Amber Huberty

Financial Blessings

10/08/2017

Parish Income

Adult Envelopes	1672.00
Loose Plate	244.00
Youth	6.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	310.00
Votive	18.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00
Building Fund	100.00
Total	\$2385.00

New Parish Center 10/3/17

Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid (\$1,728,087.27)	
Remaining Bills (est.)	65,000.00
Loan	\$125,000.00
Unpaid Pledges	\$83,584.23

Weekly Schedule

Mondays: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00
Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00

Thursdays: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Saturdays: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Church Cleaners

October 8-21

Sherman Roeser, Jerry Roeser, Kevin & Nancy Ruprecht and Pete and Kristi Schindler and families.

*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.



Rite of Calling/Prayer Partners

This weekend was the Rite of Calling for the confirmation candidates. The Rite of Calling is done to introduce the confirmation class to the parish. This year's Confirmation candidates are Laila Asfeld, Blake Donnay, Alex Ertl, Carson Geislinger, Luke Haan, Nicole Holthaus, Amber Loch, Jayce Stenger and Jaylah Umana. All parishioners are encouraged to take a confirmation student name from the containers at the church entrances. Please pray for that student. You are his/her anonymous "Prayer Partner."

Chicken Noodle Soup & Bouja Sale

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be making their homemade chicken noodle soup and Bouja to sell. Soup will be available this Sunday, October 15th from 8:30 AM- 12:00. Bring your own pot or pail. Ice cream pails will be available for \$1. The Foresters will also be accepting donations of your extra ice cream pails.

Weekday Mass Switch

The daily Mass for Thursdays will now be offered at 8:30 AM with confessions at 8:00 AM.

CCW Survey Results

After sending out 319 letters, 74 ladies have responded. The survey vote totals so far are option #1 combine circles- 21 votes, #2 leave circles as are and rotate officers- 36 votes, #3 make new circles- 1 vote, not voting or don't care- 16. Plus 13 ladies offered other suggestions. If you have not yet responded and wish to, please send, drop in collection or put in box in back of church by Oct. 23. Your input is important to us! -CCW officers

Parish Reports

The Church of St. Anthony parish reports for the 2016-17 fiscal year are now available on the back table in church.

Communion During Mass *Updated*

Those who are unable to come forward in procession for communion are asked to sit in the last few pews in the back of church, towards the center aisle to receive.

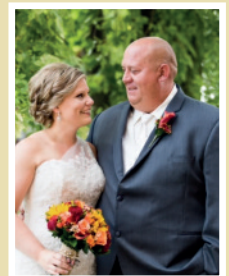
Trees for the St. Anthony Grounds

Time for some "sprucing" up around the parish grounds. The building and maintenance committee has picked out 7 trees of various kinds and sizes for around the rectory, parish center and church. The trees are to be planted this fall. Parishioners will have an opportunity to "sponsor" a tree in honor of a loved one or as a family. Trees will vary in price from \$125-\$400. Contact the office if you are interested.

Second Collection

There will a second collection for the victims of Hurricane Maria and the Mexican earthquakes on October 22.

Newly Married! Congratulations to Michael and Jill (Libbesmeier) Massmann. May God bless their marriage!



Looking Ahead

October 15: Rite of Calling, 10th grade sponsor/student mtg

October 17: 33 Days to Morning Glory start

October 18: Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM

November 1: All Saints Day Mass, 6:45 PM, "Meet the Saints"

- EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Recognize God in your ordinary moments

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the "Washington Post" who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Please Pray For

Bishop John Kinney, Lori Crozon, Jane Anderson, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Jerry Weinmann Jr., and Laura Miller.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Outside Parish News

October 22: Holy Family Catholic United Financial, Roscoe Matching Grant Belgian Waffle Breakfast, 8:30-12:30, Roadside Tavern, Roscoe.

October 29: St Nicholas Catholic Church buffet breakfast, 8:30 to 12:00, Mass is at 8:00 AM.

November 5: Holy Family CUF Matching Grant Games Party, 7:30 PM, St. Agnes Church basement, Roscoe. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-ST CLOUD FALL CAMPAIGN, SEPT 27-NOV 5, PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL VIGIL Mon to Fri 7am-7pm. Beginning & Ending Rallies: Sat. Sept 30 & Sat Nov 4: 10am to noon on the sidewalk in front of planned parenthood, east St Cloud. To sign up contact Judy Haag 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net, www.40daysforlife.com/stcloud.

Sacraments

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

Baptism- Parents/expecting parents should contact the parish office to sign up for a baptismal prep class and to schedule a meeting with Father. The next baptismal class is scheduled for November 12 after the 8:00 AM Mass at Assumption. Call either parish office to schedule.

Anointing of the Sick - contact the parish office when anointing is needed.

Bulletin Deadline

All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the St. Anthony office by 12:00 on Tuesdays.

Traveling Chalice and Madonna

Building a "Culture of Vocations" is a process...IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN remember to raise the call to Church ministry. The process of answering God's call begins in childhood throughout adolescence. The attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of ones life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent. Thank you to Art and Margie Kuechle of Assumption Parish for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this week Your faithfulness and prayers are truly appreciated!