



Church of the Assumption Church of St. Anthony



December 3, 2017 • 1st Sunday of Advent



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.....5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Wed: 5:15 PM, Fri: 8:00 AM
Sat: 4:30 PM & Sun 7:30 AM

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Mass Times

Tuesdays (at Nursing Home).....9:30 AM
Thursdays.....8:30 AM
Sunday.....10:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursdays: 8:00 AM
Sundays: 9:45 AM

A Message from Father Aaron

Take Courage and Wait for the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As a young boy I loved the Season of Advent and all the traditions that made it special. The Church decorations stood out so well, dressed in violet, a sign of waiting, preparation and repentance. The music turned our hearts to God in hope and expectation of something new and good about to take place. And the Advent candles stood as a reminder of the light getting brighter as we neared the day of celebration when the Savior comes to earth, the true Light of the earth.

Advent serves as a special time of preparation for our hearts to meet the Child Jesus in a very special way. In a sense it brings out the excitement of a child in all of us. The worldly mindset too often makes Christmas into a materialistic feast of wants and "needs", but this is a distortion of the very meaning of the Season. It is a Season of generosity and giving. We seek to give our hearts to Christ so that He can be the special gift inside of us that is given to others. This is what the world truly longs for, genuine love from the heart. And what is true love? It is embodied in the Person of Jesus Christ, who came to us as the little child to show us how. "...and a little child will lead them."

What are the deepest desires of your heart? In what ways do you long for true peace? How will you open your heart to Christ in a deeper way this Advent? Let Him be your deepest desire and peace in life.

How can you, and we as a Church family, make this Advent special this year? Here are a few suggestions.

1. Put an Advent wreath in your house. Say an extra prayer around as a family each day or as often as possible.
2. Do an act of mercy for another in need. Give of your time, talent or treasure.
3. Celebrate St. Nicholas with your family and tell his story to the children.
4. Exchange "Advent Angel" names to pray for one another and perhaps do "secret" acts of kindness.
5. Take in a Christmas prayer service.
6. Make a good confession with your family, or just by yourself.
7. Play good sacred Christmas hymns in your house through the Season.

May God bless you,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News

Upcoming Holy Day

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is this Friday, December 8th. This day is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 5:00 PM at St. Anthony's and 7:00 PM at Assumption.



Mass Day Switch

Due to St. Anthony's Youth Mass this Wednesday @ 6:45, Assumption's Wednesday Mass will be moved to Thursday.

Open House Party at the Rectory!!

Save the date for an open house Christmas party for the parishioners of St Anthony's and Assumption at the Assumption rectory on December 19th from 4-7pm. No need to bring anything. Just come and enjoy food and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

"Uncle Fred" Returns!!

"Uncle Fred's" next Faith Talk will be this Thursday, December 7, at Assumption. Come join us, there's always more to learn! All are welcome!

33 Days to Morning Glory

Congratulations to the participants of the 33 Days to Morning Glory program!



Parish Calendars

The 2018 calendars for the parishioners will be handed out this weekend. Thank you to the Farmers State Bank of Watkins and Faber Building and Supplies for sponsoring St. Anthony's Calendar and Williams Dingmann Funeral Home for sponsoring Assumption's calendar.

Christmas Flowers



Anyone who wants to contribute to Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one can submit their donation with their name, the name of their loved one and the parish it's for in the Sunday collection, drop it off at the offices or mail in it.

Mass Intentions

Thursday, December 7:

5:45 pm Mass: † Isadore Arnold

Friday, December 8:

7:00 pm Mass: † Emily Kummet

Saturday, December 9:

5:30 pm Mass: Connie Borg Family

Sunday, December 10:

8:00 am Mass: † Rose Schindele

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 3:00

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

Ministry Schedule

-December 8, 7:00 PM

Lectors: Shelby Kuechle & Sarah Kneip

Ministers of Communion:

Jim Schutz, Donna Bischof
& Jeanne Schmitz

Servers: Megan Blonigen, Abby Niewind,
Leya Teicher & Ethan Nohner

Music: Becky Haag

-December 9, 5:30 PM

Lectors: Deb Huschle & Bill Tschumperlin

Ushers: Art Holdvogt, Bud Binsfeld,
Ron Ruhland & Mark Ruhland

Ministers of Communion:

Denise Nohner, Andrea Huschle & Volunteer

Servers: Sidney, Sawyer & Porter Kuechle,
and Reece Bischof

Music: Joanne Bischof

Rosary Leader: Lona Brutger

-December 10, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Cyrilla Nohner & Steve Ries

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

Ministers of Communion:

Kris Gruenes, Anna Mae Gruenes
& Donna Bischof

Homebound: Colleen & Gary Sogge

Servers: Ashley & Andy Gruenes,
Cory & Amy Zimmerman

Music: Lisa Thielen

Rosary Leader: Nick & Sheri Bischof

*Weekday Rosary: Helen Theis

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	11/19	11/26
Loose Plate	207.50	192.83
Adult Env.	2450.00	1617.00
Youth Env.	25.00	11.50
Thanksgiving	0.00	981.00
Votive	27.05	49.94
Bazaar	<u>2050.00</u>	<u>1238.00</u>
Total	\$4759.55	\$4090.27

Bazaar YTD: \$15,013

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1755

Thank you for your donations!

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our second graders who made their First Reconciliation this weekend. May they be filled with God's grace and their hearts ready for this Advent and Christmas season.

Food Shelf Donations

Thanks to everyone who brought in the food donations or money, throughout this month. Your donations were brought to the local food shelf to be handed out to those in need. A special thank you to the Faith Formation students for bringing forth the many baskets full of food at the Thanksgiving Mass and the to first graders for helping carry all the food over to the food shelf.



Assumption Parish Council

Angela Schutz has been named as the newest Parish Council member. Thank you to the other nominees: Chad Field and Denise Nohner for their willingness to serve. Also thank you to outgoing member Rob Haag for his time on the council. Please keep our council members in your prayers as they serve the needs of the parish.

Annual Guild Meeting

Please note Assumption Annual Guild Meeting, Sunday, December 3, 7:00pm, in the church basement. All guild members are invited. We will be voting for Vice President (1 yr position) and Secretary of the Guild (two yr position) The following are nominees: Carrie Ludwig, Sarah Kuechle, Cindy Demorett, Donna Orbeck, Carol Rose, Beth Hess, Deb Mayer, Jody Bauer, Lisa Ludwig, and Peggy Demorett.

Mother Teresa Mission

The Mother Teresa Mission Ladies of the Assumption Parish will be having their annual quilt and miscellaneous sale in the church lower level on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd after the Masses.

Christmas Pageant

The Christmas story, with songs, will be shared at 5:00 on Saturday, December 23rd. Any adults, youth, or children interested in helping with the Christmas pageant should contact Becky or Bonnie at assumptionre@meltel.net or 453-5765.

Save the Date, Jr. High Youth Rally:

The Junior High Youth Rally for 6th-8th graders is Sunday, January 7th at St. John's University. The day includes a Keynote presentation, recreational activities, lunch, and Mass. Activities include sledding, fishing, swimming, dodgeball, ga ga ball, rock climbing, etc. Registration forms will be available soon.



December 3: RCIA Class

December 7: Uncle Fred "Faith Talk" at Assumption, 6:30

December 10: RCIA Class, 12:00 pm

December 12: Council Mtgs- Finance: 6:30, Parish: 7:30

December 14: Uncle Fred "Faith Talk" at St. Anthony, 6:30

December 17: RCIA Class, 12:00 pm

December 19: Open House Christmas Party, 4-7 pm, rectory

December 20: Christmas Pageant Practice, 3:00-5:00

December 21: Uncle Fred "Faith Talk" at Assumption, 6:30

December 23: Christmas Pageant, 5:00

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 5:

9:30 am Mass: † Bud Brixius

Wednesday, December 6:

6:45 pm Mass: Youth of the Parish

Friday, December 8:

9:30 am (Communion Service at Hilltop)

5:00 pm Mass: † Patricia Kaufman

Sunday, December 10:

10:00 am Mass: † Nick & Emma Olmscheid

Ministry Schedule

-December 8, 5:00 PM

Ministers of Communion:

Precious Body: Ethel Donnay

Precious Blood: Lori Dockendorf
& Kathy Erpelding

*All other ministries: TBD

-December 10, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Tammy Winter & Pam Loch

Ushers: Ralph Vossen/Brooke Geislinger,
Maynard Walz/Gavin Klocker
Mike Erpelding & Stan Welle

Ministers of Communion:

Precious Body: Dolores Faber

Precious Blood: Theresa Faber
& Ruth Geislinger

Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163

Servers: Devin & Alison Waldorf,
Ryan Wirz & Marissa Twardy

Rosary Leader: Sharon Simmons

Children's Liturgy: Donna Deutsch
& Nicole Holthaus

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	11/19	11/26
Adult Env.	3646.00	2082.00
Loose	228.82	313.00
Youth	0.00	6.00
Thanksgiving	0.00	839.50
Weekly Auto	310.00	310.00
Votive	16.00	100.00
Building Auto	35.00	35.00
Building Fund	4000.00	1050.00
Total	\$8235.82	\$4735.50

New Parish Center 11/28/17

Total Project Goal 1,896,954.00

Expenses Paid (\$1,740,802.27)

Remaining Bills (est.) 50,000.00

Loan \$113,000.00

Unpaid Pledges \$80,804.23

Weekly Schedule

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

Thursday: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Saturday: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Church Cleaners

December 3-16: Don Schneider, Jim Schreifels, Cat Zadra and Jay Schoenecker & families.

*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.

Baptized in Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes its newest members through the waters of baptism:

Oliver John Moyer, Oliver is the son of Chris and Sheena Moyer and was baptized on Sunday, December 3rd.

Everly Caprice Faber, Everly is the daughter of Chris Faber and Sarah Olson and was also baptized on Sunday, December 3rd.

May the Lord grant many blessings on these families!

St. Anthony Parish Council

Norb Kramer, Jeanette Walz and Cory Meierhofer have been named as our newest Parish Council members. Thank you to the other nominees: Eric Schmitt and Chris Wirz for their willingness to serve. Also thank you to outgoing members Mike Erpelding, Mary Kramer and Frank Eder for their time on the council. Please keep our council members in your prayers as they serve the needs of the parish.

Giving Tree

In last week's Gospel Jesus wishes for us to help those most in need among us. One way we can do that is to take a food shelf envelope from our giving tree in the back of church. All donations will be given to our local food shelf to help the needy in our local area.

CCW Christmas Party

Come join us for good food and fun on Tues. Dec. 5 @ 7:00 in the new social hall. It will consist of supper followed by a short meeting, new officer info and games. Bring your Pro-Works gifts in a gift bag. CCW Officers

Lectors Needed

The new lector schedule will be soon made out and we are looking for new lectors to join this ministry! If you would like to become a lector please call Heidi at 250-1091.



St. Anthony Christmas Pageant

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate! We hope to see you at the pageant on the 23rd as the kids give us a special reminder that Christmas is more than decorations and shopping!

Finance and Parish Council Meetings

There will be council meetings on Thursday, December 7. The finance council will meet at 6:30 followed by the parish council at 7:30, both at the parish center.

Wednesday Night Adoration

This week on December 6, there won't be Adoration, instead you are invited to join us for Mass at 6:45. The next night for Adoration will be December 13.

December 5: CCW Christmas Party, 7:00 PM

December 6: Faith Formation Youth Mass, 6:45 (no Adoration)

December 7: Finance Council Mtg, 6:30

Parish Council Mtg, 7:30

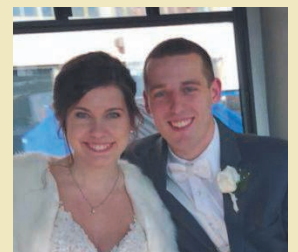
"Uncle Fred" Faith Talk at Assumption, 6:30 pm

December 8: Immaculate Conception Mass, 5:00 PM

December 9: 1st Reconciliation, 10 AM



Newly Married!

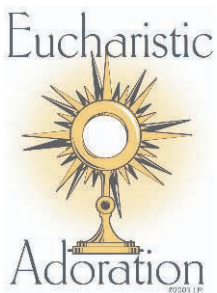


Jeff & Tabitha
Dockendorf

Looking
Ahead

Adoration Announcement

The Assumption Church's perpetual adoration still has an open hour on Tuesday mornings at 1-2 a.m. Please call Rita Haan at 453-7865 or Rose Becker at 453-7496 if interested.



Advent Preparation

-Looking for a way to make Advent more meaningful and help prepare yourself for Christ's coming? Check out this email program from Dynamic Catholic for an easy (almost automatic) way to deepen your Advent experience. Share it with others! Sign up at www.bestadventever.com/beautifulhope.

-Also available this Advent: *Five Minutes with the Word*, a daily reflection booklet. You can pick up your copy at the churches' entrances.

Advent Schedule

December 10: Parish Penance Services

4 PM at St. Anthony

7 PM at Assumption

December 16: Anointing of the Sick after 5:30

Mass at Assumption

December 17: Anointing of the Sick after 10:00

Mass at St. Anthony

December 19: Open House Party at Assumption Rectory

December 23: Christmas Pageants

5:00 PM at Assumption

7:00 PM at St. Anthony

December 24:

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

8:00 AM at Assumption. 10 AM at St. Anthony

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 PM at St. Anthony, 7:00 PM at Assumption

December 25: Christmas Day Masses:

8:00 AM at Assumption

10:00 AM at St. Anthony

Daily Readings

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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 classes is scheduled for December 3 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.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 16-17 bulletins are due December 11

December 23-24 bulletins are due December 15

December 30/31 bulletins are due December 21

Announcements are due by noon each of these days.

Traveling Chalice and Madonna

COMMUNITY describes the life religious brothers and sisters choose. Community enables the individual to reach out to others with the strength and courage that comes from knowing, "I don't have to do it alone. Others stand with me in this. My abilities are complemented by their gifts, confidence, wisdom and vision." In community, sisters and brothers live out their vowed commitments, knowing that, though each member is unique, the binding force in life is each one's personal and communal relationship with Jesus. Our hosts for this week are Dan and Diane Thielen of Assumption Parish and Ethel Donnay of St. Anthony's Parish. Special thanks to all who are praying for Vocations as we look to the future life of the church.

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.

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