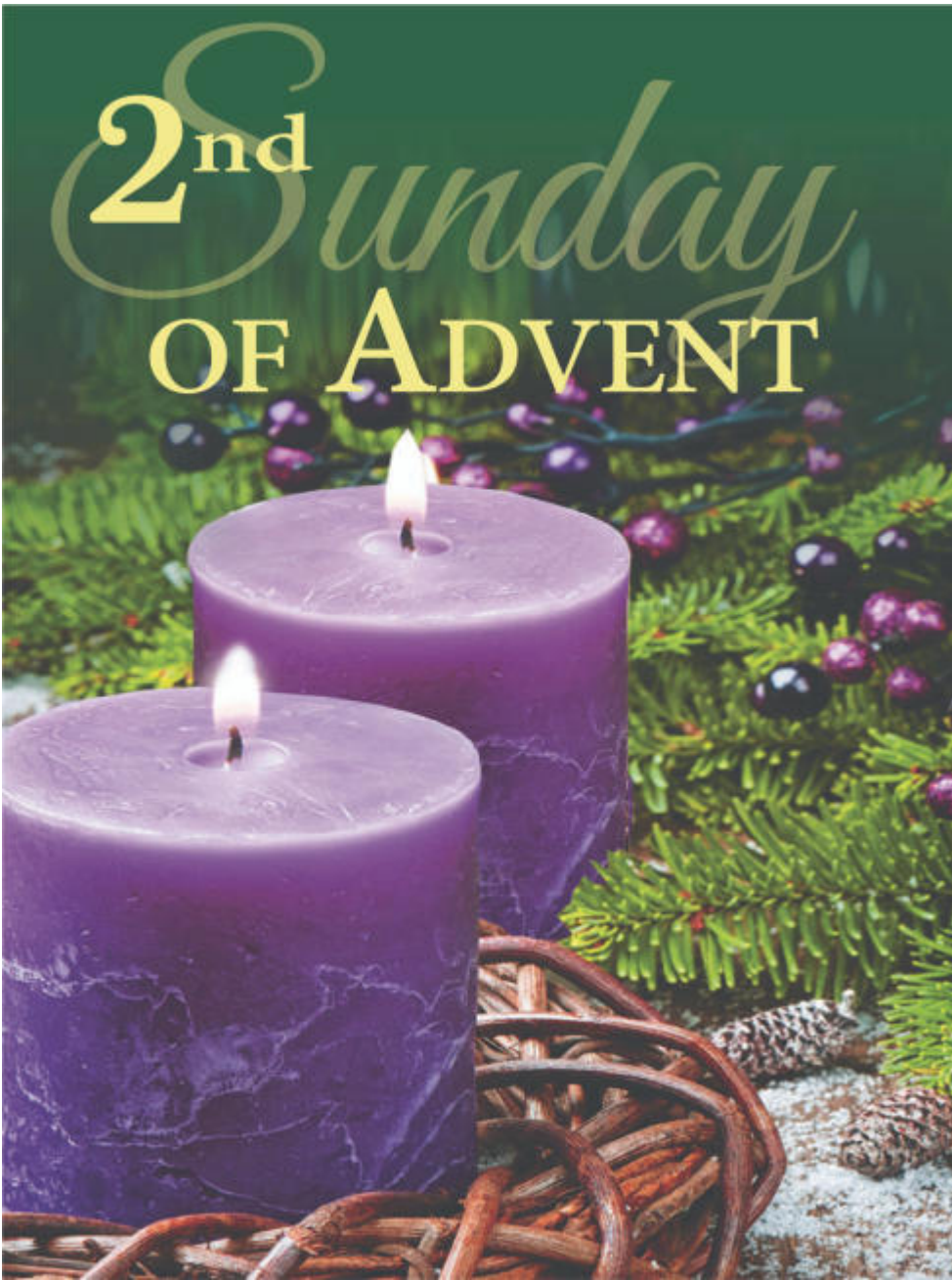




Church of the Assumption Church of St. Anthony



December 9, 2018 • 2nd Sunday of Advent



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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

Office Hours

Mon: 12:30-4:30, Wed: 8-4
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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

Office Hours

Mon: 8-12, Tues: 8-4
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Twinned Parish Contacts

Pastor Father Aaron Nett
Secretary Jessica Teicher
DRE Christine Louwagie
RE Assistant Bonnie Meyer
Sacramental Assistant Becky Haag

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

A Message From Father Aaron

Prepare to Meet Jesus

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, the second Sunday of Advent, we hear the urgency of the call to prepare for Christ's coming as the coming is near, "*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*"

John the Baptist proclaimed Christ as Messiah and Savior of the world. We need a Savior. No one can save themselves. No one goes to heaven simply on their own effort, or because they think they "are a good person." Our Faith teaches us the only Jesus Christ, "*the way the truth and the life,*" can bring us into the Eternal happiness prepared for those who love God our Father." His promise remains true as he has come to us. He promises to see us through to Paradise if we accept his mercy and redemption.

One important and life-changing way we can draw near to the love of the Father is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here we receive the grace of forgiveness for our sins. We then receive the Eucharist in the state of grace and are in closer union with Christ and others. Reconciliation with God and others will bring a new joy and peace in life. It sets the soul free.

John the Baptist was great. Yet, he did not claim to be even worthy to untie the sandal of the Messiah. He "*proclaimed of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*" He knew the great mercy of the Savior. May we know God's peace in a new way this Christmas through the power of Reconciliation.

May God bless and keep you,
Father Aaron

Advent Prayer Service and Gathering



A prayer service for ALL ages will be held on **Friday, December 14th, at 6:30pm**, at St. Anthony. The prayer service will include Advent stations and will

be kid friendly, so bring the whole family. Immediately following, the Faith Formation office will be hosting an advent gathering for adults and a movie, 'The Star', for the kids. It will be an amazing opportunity to reflect on the reason and anticipation of Advent as a community!

Twinned Parish News

10th Grade Net Retreat - Dec. 11th

Our 10th graders will be on retreat with the NET team on Tuesday, December 11th, 8:00am-7:00pm. Please keep the students, NET team, and staff in your prayers as we take part in this wonderful day!

2nd Grade - First Reconciliation

Second graders will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 15th. Please keep the students, families, and teachers in your prayers as we prepare them for this Sacrament.

Advent Penance Service

During the season of Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Please join us for our parish Advent Penance Services, next Sunday, Dec. 16th. 4 PM at St. Anthony, 7 PM at Assumption.

Uncle Fred Faith Talks

Father Aaron's Uncle Fred is back to help us learn more about our faith! Uncle Fred's last talk will be Thursday, December 13th, at Assumption at 7:00 PM.

Start warming up your vocal cords!

Parish Community Caroling Party is on Saturday, December 15th, at 6:30pm. We are meeting at St. Anthony Parish and will caravan around Watkins. Then we will be heading to Eden Valley and ending as a group at Assumption. Join us in the basement of Assumption for Christmas goodies and Hot Chocolate. We will provide bells and lyrics to the songs. Feel free to dress in Christmas spirit! Let us gather together to announce the coming of the Lord!

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.

Open House Christmas Party!

All parishioners are invited to a Christmas Party at the Assumption Church rectory on December 18th, 4-7 PM.

Mom's Morning

Next meeting for Mom's Morning will be on Saturday, January 5th, 6:30am-8:00am, at the St. Anthony Rectory. We will be continuing our series on Radical Communities! Please come comfortably and join us for breakfast, discussion, and prayer. Please RSVP to Christy at the Faith Formation Office.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 12:

5:45 pm Mass: † Mary Boeckmann

Friday, December 14:

7:00 am Mass: † Candy Halladay

Saturday, December 15:

4:00 pm Mass: † Mary Jane Hentges

Sunday, December 16:

8:00 am Mass: People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule

-December 15, 4:00 PM

Lector: Bill Tschumperlin

Ushers: Lou Kramer, Scott Thielen,
Jim Ruhland & Jason Kuechle

Ministers of Communion:

Jim Schutz, Ellen Stenger & Michelle Brutger

Servers: Carter & Marissa Laudenbach,
Kayla & Madison Johannes

Music: Marlene Fischer

Rosary Leader: Lona Brutger

-December 16, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Cory Zimmerman & Jake Blommer

Ushers: Nick Thielen, Gene Bischof,
Art Holdvogt & Darren Becker

Ministers of Communion:

Sharon Schettler, Kris Gruenes & Chad Field

Homebound: Donna Bischof &
Marge Kuechle

Servers: Noah & Adam Stommes,
Ava & Michael Schumacher

Music: Guitar Group

Rosary Leader: Janet Roberg

Financial Blessings

Income	12/2/18
Loose Plate	260.31
Adult Env	3243.00
Youth Env	8.75
Bazaar	765.00
Votive	64.03
Total	\$4341.09

Thank you for your donations!

Monthly Auto Deposits: \$1755

2018 Bazaar Collection: \$17,841

Thank you to Christian Mothers!

We would like to thank the Christian Mothers for donating their surplus bake sale items to the youth. We have numerous events that we will use these items for this month. God Bless you for thinking of us and the youth. -Bonnie & Christy

Church Decorating for Christmas

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place Sunday, December 23 immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. All help is welcome & appreciated! Refreshments will be served.

New Parish Council Members

Congratulation to Sarah Field and Bill Hesse for being selected as our new parish council members. Please remember to pray for them as they take on this new responsibility! Thank you to outgoing members Sarah Kuechle and Jim Rademacher for their time and contributions to the council.

Advent Schedule

December 14: Advent Prayer Service and Gathering,
6:30 PM at St. Anthony

December 15: Parish Caroling, meet at St. A, 6:30

December 16: Parish Penance Services:

4 PM at St. Anthony

7 PM at Assumption

December 18: Open House Party at Assumption
Rectory, 4-7 PM

December 20: St. Anthony Christmas Pageant 7 PM

December 21: Assumption Christmas Pageant 5 PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 PM at St. Anthony

7:00 PM at Assumption

December 25: Christmas Day Masses:

8:00 AM at St. Anthony

10:00 AM at Assumption



- Our Lady of Guadalupe -

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe calls us to see not only the abiding presence of the Virgin Mary with us throughout history but also as a powerful symbol of Mexican faith, identity, and mission. She stands before all of us as a symbol of motherhood, of fidelity, social justice, and peace and equality for women. She gives voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless. Through her intercession, we are reminded that God is with us. She is a concrete image of what God can do and guides us in embracing our call and mission as disciples of her Son.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 11:

9:30 am Mass at Hilltop: † Eileen Kern

Thursday, December 13:

8:30 am Mass: † Iris Donnay

Sunday, December 16:

10:00 am Mass: † Daniel Dockendorf

Ministry Schedule

December 16, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Jessie Teicher & Kelly Meierhofer

Ushers: Ralph Vossen, Maynard Walz,
Mike Erpelding & Stan Welle

Ministers of Communion

Precious Body: Earl Dockendorf

Precious Blood: Lori Dockendorf &
Mary Dockendorf

Homebound: Linda Faber, 310-1568

Servers: Emma & Ellie Donnay,
Alexis & Natalie Vossen

Rosary Leader: Kevin & Erin Donnay & Fam

Children's Liturgy: Michelle & Lesly
(Anna, Olivia & Emily)

Financial Blessings

Income	12/2/18
Adult Env	3415.00
Loose Plate	236.00
Youth	6.00
Wkly Auto	310.00
Votive	12.00
Build. Auto	35.00
Build. Fd	462.00
Total	\$4476.00

New Parish Center 12/4/18

Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,778,640.27)
Remaining Bills (est.)	12,000.00
Loan Balance	\$38,885.08
Unpaid Pledges	\$53,445.90
\$162:	19 out of 430
A/C Fund:	\$4515.50

Thank you for your donations!

Weekly Schedule

Mondays:

Mission Sewing, 12:00-3:30

Mary's Cenacle, 2:00

Thursdays: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Saturdays: Thrift Shop, 9-12



Church Cleaners

Dec 2-15: Kevin Holtz,
Chad Huberty, Roman
Huberty, Leon Huberty
and families.

*Please call Theresia at
764-7251 to unlock.

Save the Date!!

Please save the date for a "Paydown Party" on the evening of February 9th. The loan for the new parish center is below \$40,000 and we need your help getting this down to ZERO! More details to follow!



2019 Calendars

Calendars for the year 2019 are now available in church. Thank you to Farmers State Bank and Faber Building & Supplies for sponsoring the calendar once again this year. May the blessings of God be with all of you this upcoming year!

Diocesan Update

Upon the recommendation of the New Ulm Diocesan Board, Father Richard Gross has been granted priestly faculties at the Grandview Apartments and the Hilltop Nursing Home. The faculties are limited only to the apartments and the nursing home. We are grateful to have Fr. Gross minister in this way again.

Giving Tree

Jesus calls us to help those most in need among us. One way we can do that is to take a food shelf envelope from the giving tree in the back of church and return your donation in the collection or at the office. All donations will be given to our local food shelf to help the needy in our local area.



CCW Dues

The year is coming to a close. Just a reminder that if you have not paid your 2018 CCW Circle dues, they are \$20 or \$10 for seniors. Envelopes can be found in the back of church. They may be placed in the collection basket or mailed. Thank you.

Schedules Available

The new schedules for the Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Homebound ministers are all available in the back of church.

Upcoming Council Meetings

The St. Anthony councils will be meeting this week on Thursday, December 13. The Finance Council will be meeting at 6:30 with the Parish Council to follow at 7:30.

Blood Drive in Watkins

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, December 11, from 1:00-7:00 pm in Watkins at the St. Anthony Church Social Hall. Appointments can be made now at www.redcrossblood.org and entering Sponsor Code: Watkins, or by downloading the Blood Donor App, or by calling Theresia at 320-764-7251 or Betty at 320-764-9163. Please bring an ID with you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Assumption & St. Anthony

- Dec 9:** RCIA Inquirer "Drop In" Mtg, 7:00 PM **EV**
Dec 11: NET Retreat for 10th Graders, 8:15am-7:00pm **EV**
 No Release Classes for 1st and 4th Grade **EV**
Dec 12-13: Release Classes **EV**
Dec 12: Faith & Fun Wednesday, Grades 1st-6th **EV**
 Faith Formation Classes, Student Penance **WAT**
Dec 13: Uncle Fred Faith Talk 7:00pm **EV**
Dec 14: Student Breakfast after 7:00am Daily Mass **EV**
 Children's RCIA, 3-5 **EV**
 Advent Prayer Service, 6:30pm **WAT**/Advent Gathering for
 Kids and Adults, Following Prayer Service **WAT**
Dec 15: 1st Recon. for all 2nd Grade, 10:00am **WAT**
 Caroling Party for ALL! Meet at **WAT** 6:30
Dec 18-20: Release Classes for grades 1-6 **EV**
Dec 18: Rectory Open House **EV**
Dec 19: No Release Classes for grades 7-10 **EV**
 Faith Formation Classes & Parish Adoration **WAT**
Dec 20: Christmas Pageant, 7:00pm **WAT**
Dec 21: Christmas Pageant, 5:00pm **EV**

Friday Mass & Youth Breakfast

Youth Activities!

Students are welcome to join us for Mass each Friday at Assumption at 7:00 am with a Sacred Heart breakfast to follow.

Faith and Fun Wednesday Dec. 12 1st-6th graders are invited to attend faith and fun activities on Dec. 12 at Assumption. We will be celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Parents and community members can join in on any part of the day, but parents should plan to pick up their students around 5:45. Permission is required - Please contact the Faith Formation office by Dec. 10th.

Christmas Pageants St. Anthony will hold their Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 20th, at 7:00 pm and Assumption will hold their Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 21st, at 5:00 pm. Parents, please refer to your email with more specifics on child participation and contact the Faith Formation office if your child is able to participate.

RCIA Inquiry Meetings "Drop In" Inquiry meetings are for anyone who is inquiring about becoming Catholic or receiving Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation. All are welcome to "drop in" on Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 PM at the Church of Assumption. There will be a meeting for inquiring children on Friday, December 14th at 3:00 PM at the Church of the Assumption. To sign up or for additional information, please contact Becky Haag through the parish office.

Daily Readings

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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 class is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th at 9:15 AM.

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

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Tuesdays. *There are early bulletin deadlines due to the upcoming holidays. The deadline for the December 16th bulletin is Monday, December 10 by noon. The December 23rd bulletin is due Friday, December 14th by noon.

Traveling Chalice and Madonna

As we ponder the second week of Advent: " God our Father, may our longing for the presence of your Son Jesus open our eyes to recognize him when he comes into the history of our lives." These are true gifts of the generosity of God as we continue to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. We pray for great grace to inspire men and women to be open to the call Jesus Our Lord. Thank you to Mary Jo and George Ruhland who will host the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this week.

Remember in Your Prayers...

Bishop Kinney, Jane Anderson, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Laura Miller, Alizabeth Ludwig, Grace Hohenstein, Paula Schlangen, Charlie Schoen, Jane Torborg, June Berg and Deb Landwehr.

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