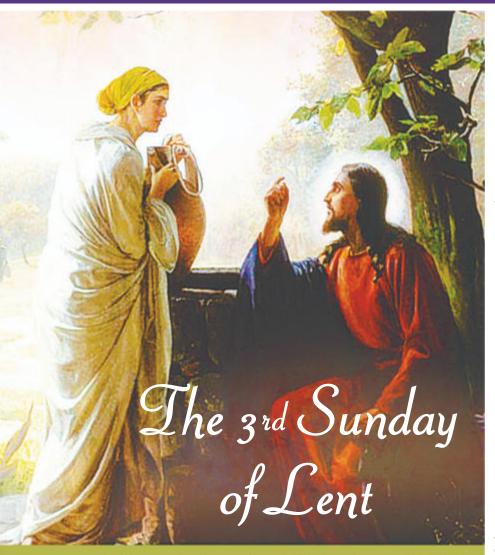


March 24th, 2019 • 3rd Sunday of Lent



The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" - jn 4:28-29

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 Assumption Church 464 State Street North PO Box 9 Eden Valley, MN 55329 www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org

Assumption Church of Eden Valley

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Religion Office	
	assumptionre@meltel.net

Mass Times

Nednesdays	5:45 PM
Fridays	7:00 AM
Fridays Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
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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 Fri: 8-12:00 (hours may vary)

Church of St. Anthony 201 Central Ave South PO Box 409 Watkins, MN 55389 www.stanthonywatkins.com

Church of St. Anthony of Watkins

Parish Office......764-2755 <u>stanthony@meltel.net</u>

Mass Times

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

Reconciliation

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

Office Hours Mon: 8-12, Tues: 8-4 Thurs: 8-4 (hours may vary)

Twinned Parish Contacts

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

A Gospel Meditation



"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Twinned Parish News

Stations of the Cross All are invited to join us as we reflect on Jesus' Passion on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM, March 29, April 5, 12 at St. Anthony.

ACC Meeting A meeting of our new "Area Catholic Community" is set for March 28th at 7:00 PM at the St. Louis Church in Paynesville. All parishioners are invited to attend.

RCIA Presentation of the Creed This Rite will occur during some of the weekday Masses March 27th-29th. The assembly entrusts the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly seventeen centuries old, the Creed is recited by the faithful at every Mass, and summarizes what we believe as Catholics. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this Rite symbolizes that our parish community is passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic faith with them, so that those about to join our Catholic family embrace and treasure these venerable words as we do.

RCIA Scrutinies On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the universal Church participates in the Scrutinies. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. On the 3rd Sunday, we are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it; and on the 4th Sunday we will beg, with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight.

*Attention lectors and musicians: the scrutiny readings/psalms will be used for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays for Lent at both parishes.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is one of the things that set Catholics apart from the rest, but many Catholics don't understand or believe in the Real Presence. Where do you stand? Join us for this Adult Faith Study on Wednesdays during Lent at St. Anthony in the meeting room, 6:30-7:30.

Mom's Morning - Saturday, April 6th All moms are welcome to come join us for breakfast, spiritual growth, prayer, & fellowship. The next time we will meet is on Saturday, April 6th, 6:30 -8:00 am. Come as you are, relax, and enjoy breakfast! RSVP to Christy at the Faith Formation Office.

Assumption Parish News

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 27: 5:45 pm Mass: † Florence Rademacher Friday, March 29: 7:00 am Mass: † Kathleen Mathies Saturday, March 30: 4:00 pm Mass: † Nancie Meyer Sunday, March 31: 8:00 am Mass: People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule

-March 30, 4:00 PM

Lector: Jason Huschle Ushers: Jim Rademacher, Lou Kramer, Jim Ruhland & Darrin Hondl Ministers of Communion: Dean Lemke, Andrea Huschle & Volunteer Servers: Alex Haag, Carmen Haag, Nathan Lang & Katie Ruhland Music: Marlene Fischer Rosary Leader: Lona Brutger

-March 31, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Denise Nohner & Eileen Reiter Ushers: Dan Thielen, Art Holdvogt, Brian Nohner & Larry Ludwig Ministers of Communion: Steve Schmitt, Tom Mathies & Chad Field Homebound: Donna Bischof & Marge Kuechle Servers: Diana & Alaina Wirtzfeld, Aiden & Megan Blonigen Music: Kris Latcham Rosary Leader: Nick & Sheri Blonigen

Financial Blessings

Income	3/17/19
Loose Plate	221.90
Adult Env	3460.00
Youth Env	20.75
Votive	94.53
Total	\$3797.18

Monthly Auto Deposits: \$2116

Thank you for your support!



Fish Fry Thank You!! Thank you to everyone who came to and helped at this years' fish fry. A special thank you to Arnie & Kris Gruenes and Helen Theis for their extra help! Also thank you to everyone for their delicious bread and desserts! With everyone's help we were able to serve 651 dinners!

March is Food Drive Month

Non-perishable food items are being collected for the local food shelf. Baskets are in the back of church and downstairs in the religion rooms.

Prayer Line Mary Lou Ruhland will be stepping down as head of the Prayer line, in the future



please call Rose Becker 453-7496, or Helen Theis at 453-6681 with your prayer requests. We thank Mary Lou for her many years of service to this ministry.

Adoration News We have a open Adoration hour on Mondays from 2-3 p.m. If interested in taking this hour please call Rose Becker 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Seeking Silent Auction Items There will be a Silent Auction held during the Assumption Parish Breakfast on April 7. Please consider donating items and/or a theme basket (items should be new). Donations can be dropped off in the church basement or at Lost & Found. Please include the value of your basket. For questions, call Sarah Field @ 453-2866 or 453-5678. Items will be accepted until April 5. Thank you!

Baby Needs Drive You are invited to join in supporting an effort to contribute baby items to assist young women who have recently had a baby. A collection container will be placed in both churches. Thank you!



Parish Potluck & Cor Jesu Come and gather together for a potluck following 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, March 30th. Following the potluck we will be presenting Cor Jesu (pronounced core yayzoo) in the church. Cor Jesu is an opportunity to encounter our Lord in the

Blessed Sacrament during adoration, while singing contemporary songs of praise, hearing a short sermon, and reconciling oneself with God in the Sacrament of Penance. Bring a dish to pass and join us for this special encounter with our Lord! All are welcome!







Congratulations to Rosella May Miller, daughter of Justin & Brittany Miller, on her baptism!

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 26:

No Mass at Hilltop: Moved to Friday Thursday, March 28: 8:30 am Mass: † Walter Donnay Friday, March 29: 9:30 am Mass at Hilltop: † Lorraine Stelton Sunday, March 31: 10:00 am Mass: † Alayna Ertl

Ministry Schedule

March 31, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Pam Loch & Heidi Schoenecker Ushers: Ralph Linn, Norb Kramer, Joe & Doris Rathmann

Ministers of Communion Precious Body: Jack Kinzer Precious Blood: Rachel Kinzer & Marilvn Kuechle

Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163 Servers: Reyse & Cambel Hesse,

Avery Schmitt & Lily Schlangen Rosary Leader: Kevin & Erin Donnay & Family Children's Liturgy: Molly Schlangen (Morgan & Nick/Amy)

Stations of the Cross Servers

(March 29 @ 5:30): Alexis & Natalie Vossen & Abby Holthaus

Financial Blessings

Income	3/17/19
Adult Env	1950.00
Loose Plate	173.00
Youth Env	8.00
Wkly Auto	325.00
Votive	24.00
Build Auto	35.00
Total	\$2515.00

A/C Fund: \$5440.50

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

Mar 24-Apr 6: Jeanette Libbesmeier. Karen & Mary Kay Libbesmeier, Brian & Julie Libbesmeier and Ben & Jolene Leither and families.

*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock.



Fish Fry News!

The Fish Fry is this Friday! The completed worker's lists have been posted in church and on the parish website. If you aren't on the list you can still help! Come on in and we'll put you to work.

Food Prep Help:

There are two opportunities to help before the fish fry with food prep: Wednesday & Thursday at 9:00 AM in the parish center.

Bar Drop Off:

If you have volunteered to bring bars, you can drop them off in the parish center:

Thursday (7:30 AM - 8:00 PM) or **Friday** (7:30 AM - 4:00 PM)



Frozen Soup and Bouja for Sale There are frozen gallons of chicken noodle soup and Bouja for sale for \$10 each. Call Larry Flashenriem at 764-2965 if interested.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Thank You! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious breakfast and to all who braved the weather to attend. The St. Anthony Faith Formation appreciates your support!

Movie "Unplanned" CCW is planning to attend the movie on Sat. March 30th and/or Sun. March 31st afternoon. We will meet at the social hall and carpool. CCW will pay your ticket. We don't have all details yet (times or theaters). If you would like to go, call Kathy Erpelding 764-9303 or email raschal@meltel.net, when I get details I will contact you. If you go in the evening, keep your ticket stub and CCW will reimburse you.

NUDCCW Convention Sat April 27, St. Anastasia, Hutchinson. Rosary at 8:00, General Assembly 8:30, 3:00 Drawing and go home. CCW will pay your registration fee. Early registration by April 10. We will send in our registration after the April meeting. See poster for the details. If you want to join us, call Kathy Erpelding, 764-9303 or email raschal@meltel.net.

March Food Shelf Drive March is Food Shelf Month and we are asked to help our neighbors in need by giving to our local food shelves. Collection containers are out in church and there are still envelopes on the giving tree for monetary donations. Students are also collecting for faith formation classes.



The St. Anthony Church offers their condolences to the family and friends of Jeanetta Gross, age 89, who passed away on March 16th. The funeral Mass was held on Thursday, March 21st, at the church. Please remember Jeanetta and her family & friends in your prayers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Assumption & St. Anthony

Mar 26-28: Release Classes, Student Reconciliation, EV Mar 27: Faith Formation Classes, Parish Adoration, WAT Mar 29: Youth Breakfast to follow 7:00am Mass, EV Fish Fry, 4:00-7:00, **WAT** Stations of the Cross, 5:30, WAT Mar 30: Parish Potluck and Cor Jesu, 5:00-7:00, EV Apr 2-4: Release Classes, Student Reconciliation, EV Apr 03: Faith Formation, Student Reconciliation, WAT Apr 05: Youth Breakfast to follow 7:00am Mass, EV Stations of the Cross, 5:30, WAT Apr 06: Mom's Morning, 6:30 am-8:00 am, Rectory WAT Apr 06: Pizza Night, Grades 7-12, 5:15-7:30, EV Basement

- Apr 07: Rise & Shine Breakfast & Silent Auction, 8:30 am-12:00 pm, EV
- Apr 9-11: Release Classes, EV

& Kids

Breakfast

- Apr 10: Faith Formation Classes, Parish Adoration, WAT
- Apr 12: Youth Breakfast to follow 7:00am Mass, EV Stations of the Cross, 5:30, WAT



Youth Activities! **Friday Mass**

Students are welcome to join us after Mass on Friday mornings for a Sacred Heart Breakfast. Mass is at 7:00 am and breakfast is immediately after. The elementary kids are driven to school and high school students can walk. Come and start your morning with Jesus!

Pizza Night, Grades 7-12 - Apr 6

5:15-7:30 at Assumption. The theme for the night is FEAR FACTOR. Is fear a factor



for you? We will spend a few minutes in service for the church, eat pizza, and see if fear will hold you back!

March 31: Chris Muglia, Inspirational Speaker and Musician, 6 PM, St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring, reception to follow, freewill offering.

Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.) Victim Assistance Advocates for the Diocese of St. Cloud are: Roxann Storms, MSW, LICSW, FT, (320) 248-1563 (Confidential Line), Jane Blee: St. Cloud (320) 251-3430, Tom Klecker: St. Joseph (320) 253-2866, Peggy Rezac: Fergus Falls (218) 731-5528, Rev. Stanley Wieser: Wheaton (español) (320) 815-9696, Jennifer Wirz: Central MN (320) 339-0622

Daily Readings

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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.

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

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Tuesdays.

Traveling Chalice and Madonna

During this time of Lent, let us ask Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament for her special graces to intercede for all men and women who are discerning Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you we come sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but hear and answer us. Amen. Thank you to Larry Wirtzfeld for hosting the Traveling Chalice this week. Sincere appreciation for taking time to support Vocations.

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, Carol Wieneke and Laverne Torborg.



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