



Church of the Assumption Church of St. Anthony



September 10, 2017 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Mt 18:20

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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.

“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.....5:45 PM
Sunday.....10:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursdays: 5:15 PM
Sundays: 9:45 AM

A Message from Father Aaron

“Love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Brothers and Sisters,

“Why does the Church have so many rules to follow!?” This is a type of question that comes up each faith formation year in our classes with the students. It is also a question that adults might find themselves asking as well from time to time. The Church might even be accused of being “out of touch” with today’s modern culture, or “too old fashion.”

Jesus gives his Apostles the Father’s foundational teaching for his Church today in the Gospel. He tells them how to “deal” with someone who sins against them but is not repentant as he says, *“whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”* Jesus has given his authority to teach and govern over to the Church that he founded. This Church remains both a human and Divine institution that helps us to live out the commandments, not as strictly laws to be followed, but guidelines for greater life and love.

St. Paul tells the Romans, *“love is the fulfillment of the law.”* The commandments stand still today as the boundaries that allow fallen humanity to live in the peace, harmony and love with one another that God had originally designed. Similarly, a father and mother certainly know the value of clear rules and boundaries in the home in order that the family can learn to love each other more and more. A school teacher must establish the classroom “Do’s and Don’ts” early on in the school year in order for the students to learn and love each other well.

So it is, our Mother Church, has been given the authority and duty to *“bind and loose”* in order that we, her children, might learn to love our God and our neighbor as we ought. It reminds that we are not put on this earth to live for ourselves but we are given the higher calling to love and sacrifice for the good of all. As St. Paul says, *“for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”* May we hear the voice of the Father and *“harden not our hearts”* to his law of love.

Many, many thanks to all those who have and will help out with the St. Anthony’s Festival Sunday!! Church festivals, we all know, certainly don’t just happen but are a community effort. So, we recognize all those who put the extra time and effort into it. May the Lord reward your good works.

God bless you,
Father Aaron

Twinned Parish News



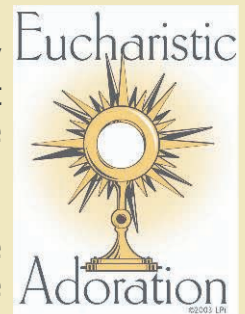
This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. All faith formation teachers, aides, volunteers and Sunday school teachers are invited to the Masses on the 17th to be acknowledged and commissioned for their roles.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Please be generous to this important cause and please continue to pray for those affected.

Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the Assumption Church! The adoration chapel is open from Monday at 8:30 AM to Friday at 7 AM. The chapel is located to the right of the altar through the sacristy. There is a holy hour open on Friday mornings from 3-4 a.m. for the last two weeks of every month. If interested please call Mary Ruhland at 453-2575 or Rose Becker at 453-7496. Members from any parish are welcome.



New Bulletin Thank You

The color bulletin is an exciting new change and we would like to thank Liturgical Publications (LPi), our bulletin publisher, for making the process easy and pain free! With the help of our wonderful advertisers we are able to bring this bulletin to you at no additional cost to the parish. We also save on printing and paper costs and wear and tear on our own equipment!

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 13:

5:45 pm Mass: † Frank Lahr

Friday, September 15:

7:00 am Mass: † Joseph Frank Fink

Saturday, September 16:

5:30 pm Mass: † Loran Eull

Sunday, September 17:

8:00 am Mass: † LeRoy Smoley

Ministry Schedule

-September 16, 5:30 PM

Lectors: Shelby Kuechle & Denise Nohner

Ushers: Art Holdvogt, Bud Binsfeld,

Ron Ruhland & Mark Ruhland

Ministers of Communion:

Stacey Moehrle, Jim Schutz

& Bill Tschumperlin

Servers: Johanna Ruhland, Ben Ruhland,

Katie Ruhland & Tyler Brutger

Music: Lisa Thielen

Rosary Leader: Mary Jo Ruhland

-September 17, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Anna Mae Gruenes

& Sarah Kuechle

Ushers: Kevin Nohner, Brian Nohner,

Joe Streit & Chad Field

Ministers of Communion:

Sharon Schettler, Jenny Evens

& Sheila Laudenbach

Homebound: Mary & Tom Ruhland

Servers: Ashley Gruenes, Andy Gruenes,

Anna Rose & Emily Rose

Music: Becky Haag

Rosary Leader: Janet Schwarz

*September 11-15 Rosary Leader:

Helen Theis

Financial Blessings

09/3/2017

Parish Income

Loose Plate 186.26

Adult Envelopes 2603.00

Youth Envelopes 10.00

Votive 25.00

Total \$2824.26

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1739

Thank you for your donations!

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Count your blessings, acknowledge
God's gifts to you and express
thanks to Him in praise.

Assumption Cemetery Trees

A parishioner and employee from the Western Tree Service, who is a certified arborist, has declared that the trees are dying (or already dead) from what is called Needle Cast Fungus, and there is no treatment or repair possible for them at this point. After getting a second opinion and several weeks thoughtful discussion and planning the Assumption parish council has voted that the trees need to be taken down and removed. The tree take down and removal will begin soon. There is a tree at the rectory that needs to be removed as well. The parish council will be in discussion about a cemetery plan for the future. Please keep the council in your prayers as they plan for the needs of the cemetery.

Children's Liturgy Begins!

Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 17th.

Your children ages 3-2nd grade are invited to participate.

"Children's Liturgy" is the same scripture readings we hear, but written at their level of understanding. The children will be called forward at the beginning of Mass and will return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Annual Christian Mother's Planning and Election Meeting

Sunday, September 17. Are you a mother, grandmother, or person interested in promoting a love for Jesus and the Catholic Faith in your family? Then Christian Mother's is an answer to your prayer for fellowship with others interested in centering their lives firmly on catholic teachings. Make time to grow together with your church family of faith and your own family by joining Christian Mothers! We will stay in church for a short prayer before going downstairs for refreshments, fun games and activities for the dads and children while we have a short meeting.

Notice of Student Safe Environment Training

This year we will be using the following programs all scheduled during their regular class times: *Strong Voices, Smart Choices* Grades 1-5 on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and Thursday, Sept. 14th. *Personal Power* Grades 6-8 on Wednesday, Sept. 13th. *Katie's Story* Grades 9-12 Wednesday, Sept. 13th. Parents are welcome to view the DVD prior to its showing or to join us for class.

Classroom Angels

Looking for volunteers (individuals, families or groups) to be classroom angels for our students this school year. Duties would include praying for the teachers, aides, and students in a specific classroom and bringing in treats. If you would be able to help out with this call me at 282-1468 or email me at assumptionre@meltel.net.

Upcoming Events

September 9: Cemetery Mass, 5:30 PM

September 12 -14: First week of classes,
Safe Environment Training for Students

September 17: Catechetical Sunday

Children's Liturgy begins

Christian Mother's Meeting

September 20: Music Planning Meeting, 6 PM

September 24: Mass Server Party after St. Anthony's 10 Mass

October 7: NET Ministries Lifeline Mass, W. St. Paul

October 8: 7th grade parent meeting, 9:00

Parish Sunday Funday at the Amaz'n Farnyard, 12-5

St. Anthony Parish News

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 12:

9:30 am (Mass at Hilltop): † Eileen Kern

Thursday, September 14:

5:45 pm Mass: † Marie Roeser

Friday, September 15:

9:30 am (Communion Service at Hilltop)

Sunday, September 17:

10:00 am Mass: † Rich Neu

Ministry Schedule

September 17, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paula Schlangen & Pam Loch

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

Ministers of Communion:

Precious Hosts: Margi Schreifels

Precious Blood: Heidi Schoenecker
& Adam Teicher

Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163

Servers: Carly & Cadence Meierhofer,
Devin & Alison Waldorf

Rosary Leader: Kevin & Erin Donnay
and Family

Children's Liturgy: Donna Deutsch

Financial Blessings

09/3/2017

Parish Income

Adult Envelopes	2202.00
Loose Plate	210.00
Youth	0.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	300.00
Votive	7.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00
Building Fund	0.00
Total	\$2754.00

New Parish Center 9/5/17

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	\$84,224.23

Thank you for your donations!

Weekly Schedule

Mondays: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00

Thursdays: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Saturdays: Thrift Shop, 9-12

Church Cleaners

September 10-23

Scott & Emily Piccerillo,
Bran & Lisa Plantenberg,
Carol Petty & Jeanne
Pearson and families.

*Please call Theresia at

764-7251 to unlock the church.



Fall Festival!

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the St. Anthony parish by coming to the our festival today! A big thank you goes to all who had a hand in planning and organizing. Also thank you to all our volunteers for setting up, organizing and working! Thank you to our parishioners who sold/bought raffle tickets and made donations to the silent auction, kid's games, bake walk and farmer's market! All that we have is from God and it's wonderful to see these gifts given back to His church!



Faith Formation Update

Registration forms for the 2017-18 Faith Formation year have been mailed out and were due August 30th. Classes start on September 13. Please pray for a year full of God's grace and blessings for our students and volunteers!

Faith Formation Teacher and Aide Meeting

There will be a meeting for all faith formation teachers, aides and volunteers on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 PM at the parish center. We will be going over changes for the year and everyone will have a chance to settle into their classrooms.

Region 6 CCW Fall Gathering

Join us on Mon. Sept. 18 @ Our Lady of Manannah for Mass @ 6:00 followed by dinner, speaker: Anne McCarney – Bearing Witness program (speaking on modern Israel, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust) and door prizes. If you would like to come with us please let me know by Mon. Sept. 11, to register for head count, there is no cost for this gathering. Kathy Erpelding 764-9303 or raschal@meltel.net

New Parish Council Members

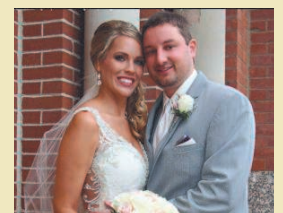
The Church of St. Anthony is still looking for two new parish council members to replace two members that have fulfilled their terms. If you or someone else that you know are interested, please contact the office.

Parish Center Update

The new parish center project is starting to come to a close and most of the totals for the final costs are in. The council has approved a loan for \$125,000 to cover the pledged money as well as the money we are short. A letter explaining this in more detail will be forthcoming. Thank you to all our generous donors and supporters for making this new facility a reality!

Marriage Congratulations!

Congratulations to Travis & Alicia (Halverson) Schlangen on their marriage. They were married on August 26 at the Church of St. Anthony.



September 10: St. Anthony's Fall Festival 10 AM-5 PM

September 11: Teacher/Aide Meeting, 6:30 PM

Forester Meeting, 7:30 PM

September 13: Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM

September 14: Finance Council meeting, 6:30 PM

Parish Council meeting, 7:30 PM

September 17: Catechetical Sunday (Coffee & Rolls)

September 24: Mass Server Party, after 10AM Mass

October 7: NET Ministries Lifeline Mass, W. St. Paul

Upcoming Events



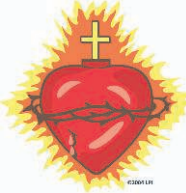
Youth Opportunities

Save the date!

Mass Server Family Party, September 24th, following the 10 AM Mass at St. Anthony's. Church tour for Mass servers and their families and anyone else who wants to learn more about the church. Fun at Molly's to follow!

Sacred Heart Youth Masses

Sacred Heart Youth Mass, September 1st, 7:00 am, on each 1st Friday of the month. Youth are invited to Mass serve, learn about the Sacred Heart devotion, and eat a quick breakfast (youth will be able to arrive at school on time). Call Molly if you have any questions or to have your child transported to the elementary school, 243-7789.



Net Ministries Lifeline Masses

Do you want to see the young Catholic Church ALIVE? Join NET Ministries and over 1,000 young people on the first Saturday of every month for Lifeline Mass at the Net Ministries NET Center in West St. Paul. With contemporary music, energetic crowds, and powerful presentations, Lifeline is focused on giving 8-12 graders in the Minnesota area the chance to experience the beauty of Mass with their peers. Contact either Faith Formation office if you and/or your teen are interested in attending.

Please Pray For



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Bishop John Kinney,
Lori Crozon, Jane
Anderson, Lucille
Lahr, 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.



I. Jill Libbesmeier will be united in marriage to Mike Massmann on September 30th at St. Anthony's.

Daily Readings

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Outside Parish News

September 25: Women's Retreat (all women are welcome!) Registration: 8:15, Mass: 9:00, Speaker: 9:45, Lunch: 12:00PM, \$15, Church of St. Philip, Litchfield. For more info: 593-6080.

KOINONIA RETREAT...AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST THROUGH AN EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. Retreat # 214 - September 22-24, 2017 Retreat weekends are held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie, MN. Friday evening to Sunday at 5pm. For more information please contact Mary Jo Ruhland 320.453.3695

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 October 8 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

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD? The answer is the 'Real Presence' of Christ in the Eucharist! Through it the priest offers the most sublime of sacrifices, that of God the Son to God the Father applying the merits of Calvary to our lives today. Thank you so much to the Adam Teicher Family of St. Anthony Parish and Dan and Janet Binsfeld of Assumption Parish for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this week. Let us join our prayers with theirs for an increase in Vocations.

Looking for encouraging media & messages?

KYES 1180 AM/Relevant Radio, Spirit 92.9, and 98.5 KTIS are all great "family friendly" resources to keep you informed and help you grow in faith. These can all also be found online.

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