

Weekday Readings

Monday, March 20: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22
 MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A
 Tuesday, March 21: DN 3:25, 34-43; MT 18: 21-35
 Wednesday, March 22: DT 4:1, 5-9; MT 5:17-19
 Thursday, March 23: JER 7:23-28; LK 11:14-23
 Friday, March 24: HOS 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34
 Saturday, March 25: IS 7:10-14, 8:10; HEB 10:4-10; LK 1:26-38
 Sunday, March 26: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41

Prayer List



Please pray for: Bishop John Kinney, Lori Crozon, Jane Anderson, Lucille Lahr, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, Elwood Hurley, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen and Jerry Weinmann Jr..



Easter Flowers: Remember your loved ones this Easter with a donation to the Easter Flower fund. You can drop your donation in the Sunday collection in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" or mail it to the parish offices. Be sure to include the names of those to be remembered, who it is from and which parish it's for. Donations need to be in the office by **April 12th** to be included in the Easter bulletin.



Festival of Forgiveness March 31st,
 Sts. Peter & Paul, Richmond 9AM-9PM.
 12 whole hours of confessions!
*Rend your hearts . . . and return to the LORD, your God,
 For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding
 in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment. (Joel 2:13)*

Baptismal Preparation Classes The next baptismal preparation classes for new and expectant parents seeking baptism will be on April 1st at 9:30 or June 4th at 11:00. This is for members of either parish. Call or email either parish office to sign-up!



****Traveling Chalice and Madonna****

WE EACH HAVE A VOCATION...the thing to do is answer the call. We each have something to give...QUOTATION BY DOROTHY DAY. Thank you to Dolores Faber of St. Anthony's Parish and Randy & Molly Zimmerman of Assumption Parish for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna. May many prayers for Vocations bring abundant graces and bear fruit.

Please pray this novena for our confirmation candidates. The confirmation retreat is on Monday, March 27th.



Holy Spirit Novena

Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of **WISDOM** to better know You and Your divine perfections, for the gift of **UNDERSTANDING** to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith, for the gift of **COUNSEL** that I may live according to the principles of this faith, for the gift of **KNOWLEDGE** that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You, for the gift of **FORTITUDE** that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You, for the gift of **PIETY** that I may always serve Your majesty with a filial love, for the gift of the **FEAR OF THE LORD** that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God.



March 19th, 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

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† Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM

Assumption, March 24 & April 7, St. Anthony, March 31

*** Parish Reconciliation Services.**

March 26th, St. Anthony 4:00 PM, Assumption 7:00 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: **Assumption** 5:00 PM, **St. Anthony** 7:00 PM
 Good Friday: **St. Anthony** 12:00 PM, **Assumption** 6:00 PM
 Easter Vigil: **Assumption** 8:30 PM
 Easter Sunday: **St. Anthony** 8:00 AM, **Assumption** 10:00 AM

Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Milton Fischer
 Tuesday, March 21: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, March 22: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Frank Lahr
 Thursday, March 23: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, March 24: 7:00 a.m. Mass- † Anna Mae Sturm
 Saturday, March 25: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Marie Gruenes
 Sunday, March 26: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Dorothy Ludwig

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 21: 9:30 a.m. No Mass at Hilltop
 Thursday, March 23: 5:45 p.m. Mass - Sisters of the Ceramic Haven
 Friday, March 24: 9:30 a.m. Stations & Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, March 25: 4:00 p.m. Mass - Joan Wertz (Birthday)
 Sunday, March 26: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Mary Lou Kuechle
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. at Assumption

A Message from Father Aaron

"He told me everything I have done."

Most of us have probably been in the situation where we knew we needed to tell the truth and "fess up" to something we had done. We know that if we do not let the darkness come to light, things will be worse in the end. It's the whole idea of "pay me now or pay me later." Either way the debt must be paid.

Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman who has lived a tough life; a life full of many sins, mistakes and regrets. The woman is shocked that Jesus knows everything about her even before they met. He lets her know this so she can tell the truth, be healed and made new.

Jesus knows all about us too. He already knows everything we have done. He knows all the sins and faults we try to hide, and wants us to "fess up" and tell the truth so we can be healed, made new and begin again. Our sins do damage to others, to ourselves and to our relationship with God. Unrepented sin festers in us and can be like a cancer that grows within us overtime. Our soul cries out for mercy.

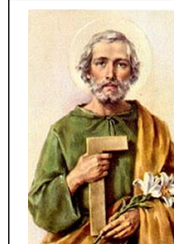
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to experience God's forgiveness and mercy. There is no sin greater than God's mercy! We will never surprise God (or the priest) in confession. God knows everything and yet he wants to forgive every single sin and mistake because he loves us more than we can comprehend.

This Lent don't miss the chance to tell the whole truth to Jesus. He already paid the debt. Jesus wants to heal you and make you new. What are you waiting for? God's peace

Father Aaron

10 Benefits of Confession:

1. Confidentiality guaranteed
2. Housekeeping for the soul
3. A balm for the desire of revenge
4. Low cost (no cost!) therapy
5. Forced time to think
6. Contribute toward world peace
7. Better yourself and your neighborhood
8. Realistic self-perception
9. A closeness to God
10. Just another benefit of being Catholic!



There will be Mass on Monday, March 20th at 5:45 PM at the Assumption Church in honor of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

March 19: The Mass Bible Study, 11:15-12:00
March 24: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 PM
March 26: The Mass Bible Study, 11:15-12:00
 Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
March 27: Confirmation Retreat, 8:20-6:00
April 1: Confirmation practice, 10:00-11:00
April 2: Confirmation, 2:00
April 9: Guild Mtg, Chairs/Co-Chairs (1, 7, 9) 7 PM

Ministry Schedule: March 25 & 26

Greeters: 7 p.m. Olivia Schleper & Jack Lies
 10 a.m. Jennifer Schreifels & MaKenna Ludwig
Gift Bearers: 7 p.m. Nora Huschle, Jason & Andrea
 10 a.m. Brook Niewind, Anthony & Julie
Lectors: 7 p.m. Denise Nohner
 10 a.m. Sarah Kuechle & Cyrilla Nohner
Ushers: 7 p.m. Pat Schettler, Arnie Gruenes,
 Lyle Laudenbach & Jerome Ludwig
 10 a.m. Ernie Heinen, Dan Thielen,
 Jeff Magedanz & Vern Becker
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Colleen & Gary Sogge
 7 p.m. Ron Ruhland, Jody Bauer & Andrea Huschle
 10 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland, Donna Bischof & Steve Schoenecker
Servers: 7 p.m. Ellaree Anderson & Peyton Thul
 10 a.m. Cory Zimmerman, Amy Zimmerman,
 Ellie Field & Skylar Field
Rosary Leaders: March 20-24, Mary Jo Ruhland
 7 p.m. Rose Becker
 10 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland
Music: 7 p.m. Jeanette Becker
 10 a.m. Joanne Bischof
Collection Counters: Dorothy Brutger & Don Trout
Children's Liturgy: Molly & Cory Zimmerman

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	3/12/17	3/13/16
Loose Plate	333.25	219.26
Adult Envelopes	2777.00	2043.00
Youth Envelopes	13.25	8.25
Votive	20.00	65.75
Bazaar	125.00	0.00
Maintenance	825.00	0.00
Total	\$4093.50	\$2336.26

Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1699

Thank you for your donations!

Security/Maintenance Collection:
 Goal: \$24,000 Received: \$21,720

Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parishes will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people, here at home and abroad.

† Rest in Peace

Rest in Peace George Weinmann, 90, who passed away on Thursday, March 16th. The funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, at the Assumption Church, with visitation the night before from 4-8 and the morning of from 9-10, both at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond. Please remember George and his family and friends in your prayers during this time.

Catholic United Financial

The St. Joseph St Mary's Council of the Catholic United Financial will have a corporate communion Sunday, March 19th at the 10:00 Mass. There will be a reserved section in front for members. The parish is all invited for refreshments in the lower level after Mass, compliments of the St. Joseph St. Mary's Council of CUF.

Living Stations & Youth Mass Thank You

Thank you to all of the youth who led in either the Living Stations or for the 10:00 Mass on the 12th. Everyone did a good job and their willingness to help was very appreciated. Thank you to the families and parishioners for supporting the youth!

Church Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning time is here, and everyone's help is needed to clean the church. Groups 1-6 are cleaning the lower level of the church on Wednesday, March 29th starting at 3:00 p.m. Groups 7-12 are cleaning the upper level of the church on Thursday, March 30th starting at 3:00 p.m. We may also need help on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 a.m. to finish up and to put things back where they belong. All help is needed. Thank You.

Food Shelf Month

For the month of March the faith formation students are collecting non-perishable food to give to our local food shelf. There are baskets in the classrooms and in the back of church for your convenience.

Adoration News Update

We have a new Adoration hour open, Thursdays at 3 PM. The Friday morning 3-4 AM and the Friday morning 1-2 AM spots are also still open. Please prayerfully consider filling one of these spots! If you are interested, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Assumption Church on Monday March 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to Eucharistic Adoration in the church to pray for the success of our Confirmation retreat that is being held on that day.

Confirmation 2017

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Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 19: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study
 After the 8:00 AM Mass
Monday, March 20: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
 Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00
Wednesday, March 22: Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 23: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Saturday, March 25: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Sunday, March 26: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study
 After the 8:00 AM Mass
 Parish Penance Service 4:00 PM

Ministry Schedule: March 25 & 26

Servers: 4 p.m. Emma & Ellie Donnay
 8 a.m. Reyse & Cambel Hesse
Lectors: 4 p.m. Kelly Meierhofer
 8 a.m. Mary Ann Hesse
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Hosts: Mary Kay Kielty
 Precious Blood: Roxy Geislinger & Joe Kramer
 8 a.m. Hosts: Terry Pauls
 Precious Blood: Jessica Lorentz & Sharon Simmons
Ushers: 4 p.m. Eldred Froehling, Leila Froehling
 Jay Schoenecker & Alan Dockendorf
 8 a.m. Jim Schreifels, Margi Schreifels,
 Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzl
Rosary Leaders:
 4 p.m. Volunteer
 8 a.m. Volunteer
Homebound: Ethel Donnay, 398-7332
Church Cleaning: March 12-25
 Joe & Mary Kramer, Norb & Michelle Kramer
 Lynn Kramer & Roger & John Kramer and families.
 *Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	3/12/17	3/13/16
Adult Envelopes	1490.00	1843.00
Loose Plate	132.00	222.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Youth	0.00	7.25
Votive	14.00	27.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	0.00
Building Fund	175.00	1750.00
Total	\$2126.00	\$4024.25

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center	3/16/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$116,439.97
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$131,335.90</u>
Remaining Goal	\$125,980.82

*This total has been updated after the addition of interest and the allocation of other funds.

Chicken Noodle Soup & Bouja

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be selling its homemade Bouja and Chicken Noodle Soup this Sunday March 19th, serving from 8:30 am till 12:00 noon. Bouja is \$13.00 per gallon and Chicken Noodle Soup is \$12.00 per gallon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 764-2965. This is the last time this season.

Soup & Bouja by the Bowl!

This Sunday, from 9-11 AM we will be selling Chicken Noodle soup and Bouja by the bowl with a meal in the parish center. The meal includes a bowl of soup or Bouja, a ham sandwich, a cookie and a beverage. Proceeds will go towards St. Anthony youth activities.

Shadow Stations Thank You

Thank you to the confirmation candidates for presenting the Shadow Stations of the Cross this past Wednesday. Thank you to all who helped and to those who attended this event!

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Church Lights

Thank you to those involved with brightening things up in church! Thank you to those who helped install the new light bulbs and also to the parishioners who donated money towards the new bulbs as well.

Kids' Bulletin

For elementary kids and younger there is a special Kids' Bulletin available in the back of church on the usher's table. This bulletin has great activities and fun learning opportunities that is coordinated with the weekend readings and church season. Adults get their own bulletin every weekend and now the kids can enjoy their own too!

March is Food Shelf Month

March is Food Shelf Month. Collection boxes for non-perishable food items are at all the entrances. You can also donate money to the food shelf. There are envelopes on the giving tree in the back of church to help you do this.

National Speaker in Cold Spring

On Thurs. March 30, national speaker, Kelly Wahlquist, will be talking about discipleship in our world today. It is open to anyone, no need to preregister, a free will offering can be made. It starts with a gathering @ 6:00, presentation from 6:30 - 7:30 and a meet and greet afterwards. We can carpool, if anyone is interested in going contact Kathy Erpelding 764-9303 or raschal@melitel.net.

CRS Rice Bowls

CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program. You can find your own Rice Bowl/Calendar on the usher's table in the back of church by the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk.