

Weekday Readings

Monday, May 8: ACTS 11:1-8, JN 10:11-18
 Tuesday, May 9: ACTS 11:19-26; JN 10:22-30
 Wednesday, May 10: ACTS 12:24-13:5A; JN 12:44-50
 Thursday, May 11: ACTS 13:13-25; JN 13:16-20
 Friday, May 12: ACTS 13:26-33; JN 14:1-6
 Saturday, May 13: ACTS 13:44-52; JN 14:7-14
 Sunday, May 14: ACTS 6:1-7; 1 PT 2:4-9; JN 14:1-12

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, Jerry Weinmann Jr., Joe Hines and Leonard Nistler.



May 7th, 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

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Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday, May 9: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Wednesday, May 10: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Walter Johnson
 Thursday, May 11: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, May 12: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Francis Schoenecker
 Saturday, May 13: 7:00 p.m. Mass - † Betty Presser
 Sunday, May 14: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Tony & Rose Schindele

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 9: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Eileen Kern
 Thursday, May 11: 5:45 p.m. CCW Members
 Friday, May 12: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop
 Saturday, May 13: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Daniel Dockendorf
 Sunday, May 14: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Dan Peterson

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony & 6:30 p.m. at Assumption

A Message from Father Aaron

Our Lady of Fatima; A Message of Peace for the World

This May 13th of 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of a special visit from Our Lady to three children; Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia as she gave them an important message to restore peace in a world torn by war and violence. Our Lady spoke to the children of the importance of praying, repentance, and doing penances or sacrifices for the salvation of souls. The message of the mother of Jesus has proven to be prophetic and has great relevance in our day, one hundred years later.

As Mary came to the children in a vision she said 'Fear not! I will not harm you.' 'Where are you from?' the children asked. 'I am from heaven' the beautiful lady replied, gently raising her hand towards the distant horizon. Lucia then asked an important question, 'What do you want of me?'

Mary had a very simple but powerful answer about the work that the children and all Christians are to complete here on earth. She said, "Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them." Indeed our work for peace in the world starts first with each of us making peace with God, striving always towards our heavenly homeland and praying that many others in the world will do the same.

Our labor for the heavenly reward is never complete. Our Lady of Fatima's message of salvation extends to all of us. May we experience the peace of Christ through the prayers of His mother. Please do join us for the prayer and candle light procession for peace next Saturday!

God bless you, Father Aaron

Please see this weekend's bulletin insert about the 100th year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and Procession at the Church of St. Anthony next weekend! All are welcome!

Newly Baptized! Congratulations to our newly baptized members, Sadie and Rylie Sieben, Wyatt Hesse and Ellis Wirtzfeld.



**Judy Haag: New Ulm Diocese:
 "Woman of the Year"!**

Judy Haag, a member of the Church of Our Lady in Manannah, was chosen as the 2017 "Woman of the Year" for the Diocese of New Ulm Saturday, April 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye. Bishop John LeVoir presented the award for her dedication in various capacities over the years in the Catholic Church, such as; co-chair of the local "40 Days of Life," CCW for more than 40 years, parish President, Reverence Life Coordinator, and Circle Chair, Diocesan Chairman for "Respect Life" for many years, Lector and Extraordinary Minister, Faith Formation teacher for 40-plus years and more! Congratulations to you Judy and thank you for your work for our Catholic Church!

The Magnificat magazines for the month of May are now in the back of the churches.

Grasshopper Chapel Novena Masses

You are invited to come attend the Annual Novena of Masses at the Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel in Cold Spring EVERY Thursday evening in May and June. Rosary at 7:00 PM, Mass at 7:30 PM. Mass is outdoors, so bring a chair and dress for the weather. In case of rain or severe cold Mass will be celebrated in the Church of St. Boniface.



Assumption and St. Anthony have been selected to help with the ministries of the Mass for June 8th. Please talk to Father or call the office if you are interested in the following roles: a lector, two (2) Eucharistic Ministers, musician, choir/cantor, servers, and one or more people to lead the rosary.

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

JESUS COMMANDED US to pray for Vocations with His words: "Pray therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Mt. 9:38) Take on prayer for Vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Sincere appreciation to the Kevin & Erin Donnay Family of St. Anthony's Parish and Reuben and Janice Stommes and family for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna project.

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

May 13: Fatima Procession, 8:30 PM, St. Anthony
May 14: Youth Mass, May Crowning of Mary
May 17: Reverence for Life Mass & Potluck, 5:45
May 21: EV-W Baccalaureate, in Manannah, 7:00

Ministry Schedule: May 13 & 14

Greeters: 10 a.m. Youth
Gift Bearers: 10 a.m. Youth
Lectors: 7 p.m. Lona Brutger
 10 a.m. Youth
Ushers: 7 p.m. Bill Reiter, Gene DeMorett,
 Joe Streit & Dave Braegelmann
 10 a.m. Youth
Ministers of Communion: H.M: Jeanne Schmitz & Sheri Zieglmeier
 7 p.m. Joyce Gertken, Jim Schutz & Andrea Huschle
 10 a.m. Bobbi Jo Kneip, Sheila Laudenbach & Sarah Kuechle
Servers: 7 p.m. Eric Bauer & Anthony Schettler
 10 a.m. Youth
Rosary Leaders: May 8-12, Mary Jo Ruhland
 7 p.m. Helen Theis
 10 a.m. Tom & Mary Ann Ruhland
Music: 7 p.m. Jeanette Becker
 10 a.m. Youth Choir
Collection Counters: Colleen Sogge & Becky Haag

Financial Blessings

	4/30/17	5/1/16
Parish Income		
Loose Plate	170.00	295.50
Adult Envelopes	2183.00	2323.00
Easter Envelopes	395.00	100.00
Youth Envelopes	7.75	15.00
Votive	41.50	50.78
Total	\$2797.25	\$2784.28

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To celebrate the successes in the pro-life movement, Assumption Parish will have a **special PRO-LIFE MASS on Wed, May 17 at 5:45 pm.** We will have special visitors from "40 Days For Life-St Cloud" leaders as we celebrate the growth of THE CULTURE OF LIFE. **We invite everyone to join us for this Mass as well as the pot-luck barbecue** following at the home of Janet Binsfeld. Any questions, contact Judy Haag, judy4life@meltel.net or 320-453-7592.

Youth Mass & Crowning of Mary

On May 14, the youth will do the ministries for the Mass and the 2nd graders will crown Mary queen of heaven and earth because she was the perfect follower of Jesus Christ. The crowning of Mary is a beautiful Catholic devotion that leads us to imitate her so that we might love God more fully. We need only to sit at her feet and learn.

Faith Formation Class Thank You

Our religion classes have come to an end for this school year. We pray that our students have grown closer to Jesus and strengthened themselves in their faith. We would like to thank our teachers for their unending love that they have for Jesus and their faith, because without their faith, they wouldn't be able to do such a wonderful job leading and guiding the students. Thank you to the class helpers that assist the teachers but more importantly are great examples for the students. Thank you to the classroom angels; your prayers are so appreciated and your treats always bring smiles to the students' faces. Thank you to Janet and her wonderful helpers in organizing and leading the Children's Liturgy this year. What a great way to introduce these kids to learn about their faith. Thank you to Father Aaron for the surprise visits to the classrooms. It is great to see the students interacting with Father.

*Our classroom time is done for the school year but there is much to look forward to for the summer...watch the bulletin for coming events to join in on.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of more yarn. The Red Heart brand works the best. We thank our knitters for the fantastic work they do. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl please call Judy Tschumperlin at 453-5613, or Rose Becker at 453-7496. The container for the donated yarn is in the back of the church.

Adoration Open Hour

The Friday morning 3-4 AM adoration hour is still open. Please prayerfully consider filling this spot! If you are interested, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

A World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 7th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Guild Pizza Orders

Orders must be received by May 7th to be included. Pizza pick-up is Sunday, May 21st, 9:00-noon.

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Weekly Schedule

Monday, May 8: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
Tuesday, May 9: Finance Council Mtg, 6:00 PM
 Parish Council Mtg, 7:30 PM
Thursday, May 11: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
Friday, May 12: "Walk-in" Confessions, 4-5 PM
Saturday, May 13: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
 Fatima Procession, 8:30 PM

Ministry Schedule May 13 & 14

Servers: 4 p.m. Ben & Charlie Teicher
 8 a.m. Marissa Twardy & Ryan Wirz
Lectors: 4 p.m. Michelle Kramer
 8 a.m. Tammy Winter
Eucharistic Ministers:
 4 p.m. Hosts: Ed Kuechle
 Precious Blood: Marilyn Kuechle & Rosie Loch
 8 a.m. Hosts: Rachel Kinzer
 Precious Blood: Jack Kinzer & Jessica Lorentz
Ushers: 4 p.m. Elmer Geislinger, Brian Linn,
 Jack Schlangen & Vic Geislinger
 8 a.m. Ralph Vossen, Maynard Walz,
 Mike Erpelding & Stan Welle
Rosary Leaders:
 4 p.m. Jan Vossen & Lori Unterberger
 8 a.m. Sharon Simmons
Homebound: Betty Vossen, 764-9163
Children's Liturgy: Michelle Kramer
Church Cleaning: April 23-May 6
 Deb Landwehr, Adam Langer, Mike & Chick Lease,
 Margee Theis and Carl & Kelly Larson and families.
 *Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

Financial Blessings

	4/30/17	5/1/16
Parish Income		
Adult Envelopes	3326.00	2009.00
Easter Envelopes	450.00	0.00
Loose Plate	272.00	448.50
Youth	13.75	1.50
Rice Bowl	4.96	0.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	175.00
Votive	9.00	25.32
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	25.00
Building Fund	2050.00	2764.26
Total	\$6440.71	\$5448.58

Thank you for your donations!

	5/4/17
New Parish Center	
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
*Funds on Hand	\$133,934.97
Pledges (not paid)**	\$126,065.90
Remaining Goal	\$113,755.28

1st Communion Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with 1st Communion last Sunday. Thank you especially to Father Aaron, the parents of our 1st Communicants, Kathy Erpelding, Karen Kramer, Mary Jane Geislinger, Margi Schreifels, Kathy Pauls and Diana Gertken and everyone else who helped with preparing the kids and also with the Mass parts.

Faith Formation Thank You

As the Faith Formation year comes to a close I would like to thank all the teachers, aides and helpers that have dedicated their time this past year to helping the youth of our parish grow in their faith and love of God and the Catholic Church. Thank you to Father Aaron for being present at classes and for being patient with the kids (especially during Youth Masses ☺). Thank you to the parents for signing their children up for classes and bringing them every week. Thank you also to all of you in the parish who support our youth through prayer, attendance at youth Masses and fundraising efforts.

Mother's Day Flowers

Preorder forms will be available at the entrances or the back of church after both Masses this weekend. Call Ethel Donnay at 398-7332 or email at robertethel@meltel.net with questions or to order your flowers.

Upcoming Meetings

There are Finance Council and Parish Council meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at the parish center. The Finance council will meet at 6:00 PM and the Parish Council will meet at 7:30 PM.

Cemetery Thank You

Thank you to the Clem & Lucille Geislinger estate for a generous donation to the St. Anthony Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Donations remain in this fund. Earnings/interest from the fund are used for cemetery upkeep.

Festival Meeting

There will be a meeting at the St. Anthony Parish center on Tuesday, May 23th at 6:30 for anyone interested in having any input on this year's festival. We are always in need of more volunteers. The festival is a wonderful time for the parish to come together, have fun and raise needed funds for the church. Your input and help are needed to accomplish this. All are welcome!

Youth Collection Envelopes

There are now collection envelopes available for the youth of the parish to use. These are available in the back of church on the usher's table. Any children in the parish are welcome to use these envelopes. Thank you for supporting your children in the "joys of giving" and the offering of their time, talents and treasures back to God!