

Weekday Readings

Monday, July 3: EPH 2:19-22, JN 20:24-29
 Tuesday, July 4: GN 19:15-29; MT 8:23-27
 Wednesday, July 5: GN 21:5, 8-20A; MT 8:28-34
 Thursday, July 6: GN 22:1B-19; MT 9:1-8
 Friday, July 7: GN 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-76; MT 9:9-13
 Saturday, July 8: GN 27:1-5, 15-29; MT 9:14-17
 Sunday, July 9: ZEC 9:9-10; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30

Prayer List

Please pray for: 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 Joe Hines.

I. Wedding Banns: Brian Libbesmeier and Julia Monson will be united in marriage on July 22, 2017 at the Church of St. Anthony's.

Youth Opportunities!!



The Faith & Fun in the Sun (younger group) had a great day on Tuesday! They started their day with Mass at the Nursing Home, followed by visits with the residents, pizza lunch, crafts and some fun with water balloons! New dates for the end of July will be announced soon!



A group went down to New Ulm last week to see Sr. Mary Joseph make her Perpetual Profession of Vows to the Handmaids of the Hearts of Jesus. What a wonderful thing to witness- the call to religious life!

MASS SERVER FUN-DAY!!
 Mass Servers from both parishes are invited to the Watkins Pool on Wednesday, July 19th from 1:00-4:00 PM for an afternoon of swimming, games and treats. Please RVSP to Sheri (320-248-4617) or Connie (320-761-2108) so we can get an approximate number of participants.

****Traveling Chalice and Madonna** THE LOVING ENVIRONMENT** of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His word, and the love He offers His people. Sincere appreciation to Rich & Mary Ann Hesse of St. Anthony's Parish and Phyllis Holdvogt and family of Assumption Parish for hosting the Traveling Chalice and Madonna this week. *We are looking for more host families for both parishes, please call Mary Jo at 453-3695 or Mary Ann at 764-6141 to sign up!* Thank you and God Bless!



July 2nd, 2017
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Aaron Nett,
 Pastor/Parochial Administrator



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Fourth of July Mass

There will be a Mass on the 4th of July at the Assumption Church at 8:30 AM. This Mass on Independence Day also marks the end of the Fortnight for Freedom. Due to this Mass on Tuesday, there will be no daily Mass on Wednesday at Assumption. The Mass at the Hilltop Nursing Home will be moved from Tuesday to Wednesday at 9:30 AM.



Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, July 3: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 *Tuesday, July 4: 8:30 a.m. Mass - † Frank Lahr
 Wednesday, July 5: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Thursday, July 6: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 Friday, July 7: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Gertrude Lenz
 Saturday, July 8: 5:30 p.m. Mass- † Marie Gruenes
 Sunday, July 9: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Joan Riley

St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 4: **No Mass at Hilltop**
 *Wednesday, July 5: 9:30 a.m. **Mass at Hilltop** - † Alcuin Huberty
 Thursday, July 6: 5:45 p.m. Mass at Church - CCW Members
 Friday, July 7: 9:30 a.m. **Communion Service** at Hilltop
 Sunday, July 9: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Brian Walz

Reconciliation:
Assumption- Wednesdays: 5:15 pm, Fridays: 8:00 am & Saturdays: 4:30 pm
St. Anthony- Thursdays: 5:15 pm & Sundays: 9:45 am

A Message from Father Aaron

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following Jesus requires that we lose our own selfish desires in order to gain something better. A "yes" to Jesus is a "yes" to something greater, but at a cost. We must confront both the promise and the consequence that Jesus proposes to us. Losing ourselves in Christ and opening our hearts will bring us blessings, and gaining only for our own desires and selves will essentially end in loss. May each of us gain life in abundance by giving our "yes" to Christ and all that he calls us to. May God bless you and your families.
 Peace, Father Aaron

"You Can't Ignore God and Still Expect His Blessings."
 Father Bill Peckman

"One cannot expect to ignore the Holy Spirit and receive his blessings at the same time. One cannot expect to ignore God's will and yet receive the benefits of following Him. One cannot treat God as a hobby and expect to be treated as His son or daughter. One cannot blow off the teachings of the Church yet expect to receive its benefits unabated. One cannot spread discord, detraction, and calumny and call yourself a loyal son or daughter. One cannot allow sin of another, real or perceived, to be cause and justification for one's own sin. We can only reap the crop we sow.

We will have the measure used on us that we used on others. This is why Catholicism is hard. The focus of judging actions always starts with the manner in which they either judge or give license to their own sin. It is in this that we understand the necessity we have for God's mercy and necessity we have to be agents of God's mercy: neither ignoring or enabling sin, but always calling to holiness."

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Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

Upcoming Events

July 9: Steubenville Meeting, 9:00 AM
 July 9-14: Totus Tuus
 July 16: Christian Women Meeting
 July 17-22: Catholic Heart Work Camp
 July 28-30: Steubenville
 August 13: 125th Anniversary

Ministry Schedule: July 8 & 9

Lectors: 5:30 p.m. Sarah Magedanz & Dave Moran
 8:00 a.m. Cyrilla Nohner & Eileen Reiter

Ushers: 5:30 p.m. Leander Thielen, Chad Kuechle,
 Tom Lenz & Josh Bischof
 8:00 a.m. Rueben Stommes, Paul Heibel,
 Gene Bischof & Ken Nistler

Ministers of Communion: H.M: Mary & Tom Ruhland
 5:30 p.m. Bill Tschumperlin, Denise Nohner & Volunteer
 8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland, Tom Ruhland & Jeanne Schmitz

Servers: 5:30 p.m. Ellaree Anderson, Peyton Thull,
 Eric Bauer & Carter Brown
 8:00 a.m. Ellie Field, Skylar, Field,
 Anna Rose & Emily Rose

Rosary Leaders: July 3-7, Mary Jo & George Ruhland
 5:30 p.m. Helen Theis
 8:00 a.m. Tom Ruhland

Music: 5:30 p.m. Joanne Bischof
 8:00 a.m. Janet Binsfeld

Collection Counters: TBD

Financial Blessings

Parish Income	6/25/17	6/26/16
Loose Plate	340.00	186.00
Adult Envelopes	2056.00	1484.00
Youth Envelopes	2.75	2.50
Votive	10.00	40.25
Total	\$2408.75	\$1712.75

Thank you for your donations!
 Monthly Auto Drafts: \$1739

From today's Gospel:

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me...And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

- Matthew 10: 40, 42

New Ministry Schedules

Ministers of Communion, Lectors & Ushers, please pick up the new schedules. They are available on the bench in the back of church.

Adoration News

The Adoration Chapel will be closed July 3rd and 4th and will open again on Wednesday, July 5th at 8:00 AM.

Valley Daze Thank You!

Another Valley Daze has come and gone, and I want to thank everyone for helping! I want to thank those who helped set up Friday morning, the youth and adults for working shifts through both Friday and Saturday, the popcorn vendors during the parade, and those who helped tear down Saturday night. A special thank you to the adults who provided extra help preparing, setting up, and cleaning up. THANKS to those who supported the stand throughout the weekend! THANK YOU!

Flowers for the Altar



The church is looking for anyone with any fresh flowers from their garden to help decorate the church altar. Please call Mary Ann Ruhland at 453-2575 if you have any flowers to donate.

Fish Fry Donation

Thank you for the donation to youth activities from the fish fry. They donated \$3,700, which will be used to help cover the cost of the Steubenville Conference and Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. Thank you!

Communion Service Leader

The Hilltop Nursing Home is looking for 2 more individuals who would be willing to lead a communion service at 10:15 on Sundays. Call Linda Faber at 764-1506 if interested. Members from either parish are welcome.



FOR MANY ARE CALLED
 BUT FEW ARE
CHOSEN

Totus Tuus is coming! Have you registered your kids yet? There's still time!

The Totus Team will be arriving next weekend to get ready for a week of fun and faith-building with the youth of the parishes! Totus Tuus (a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours") is a week long program for 1-12 graders.

*Please notify Becky or Jessie with concerns over transportation, let us know of your needs and we will try to help. Please don't let location deter your children from participating!

*You can register by following the link on either parishes' website or by calling/emailing the St. Anthony Parish Office.

*We are still looking for one more host family and volunteers to help in the classrooms, at lunch time and also a few people to help supply the Totus Tuus team with lunches for the week. And, of course, your prayers for a successful week!

Weekly Schedule

Monday, June 26: Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM
 Thursday, June 29: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM
 Saturday, June 24: Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM

Ministry Schedule: July 9

Servers: 10 a.m. Devin Waldorf, Alison Waldorf,
 Ben Teicher & Charlie Teicher

Lectors: 10 a.m. Holly Geislinger & Heidi Schoenecker

Eucharistic Ministers:
 10 a.m. Hosts: Emily Piccerillo
 Precious Blood: Scott Piccerillo & Sharon Simmons

Ushers: 10 a.m. Margi Schreifels, Doris Rathmann,
 Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzl

Rosary Leader: 10 a.m. Kevin & Erin Donnay

Homebound: Jack & Rachel Kinzer, 764-2784

Children's Liturgy: Molly & Morgan Schlangen

Church Cleaning: July 2-15
 Ron & Connie Mathies, Jeremy Mathies & Jamie Beeler,
 Amy Mathies and Rebecca Mathies
 and families.

*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

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Coffee & Rolls

We are looking for individuals, couples and families that would be willing to help "host" coffee & rolls after Mass (offered once a month). Duties would include making/serving coffee, serving doughnuts and clean up afterwards. Call/email the office if interested. This is a great opportunity for fellowship for parishioners and visitors and we'd appreciate your help!

Entering Grades 1-6

Monday - Friday
 (July 10-14)
 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
 Cost: \$25

St. Anthony Parish Center

*Family Rate: \$70 for 3 or more children grades 1-6

Entering Grades 7-12

Sunday - Thursday
 (July 9-13)
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 Cost: \$10

Assumption (lower level)

Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

Eucharistic Minister Schedules

The new Eucharistic minister schedules are available in the back of church on the usher's table. Please be sure to pick yours up. Thank you for volunteering for this important ministry!

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive at Watkins is on Wednesday, July 19, from 1:00 pm to 7 pm at the Church of St. Anthony Social Hall. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or by calling Theresia at 320-764-7251 or Betty at 320-764-9163. Walk-ins are always welcome. Thank you for all your past donations and we hope to see you there.

Valleyfair Youth Group Trip

The Youth Group's Valleyfair Trip was this past Wednesday. We had a great time and a great turn out! Thank you to Norb & Michelle Kramer for arranging everything again this year!



Youth Activities

Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School registrations are ongoing! Signup today! Call or email the parish office for more information or if you have any questions.

Financial Blessings

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Loose Plate	304.00	206.00
Youth	5.00	6.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	205.00
Votive	10.75	19.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	25.00
Building Fund	550.00	3200.00
Total	\$4140.75	\$5465.00

Thank you for your donations!

New Parish Center

	6/29/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$137,314.97
Pledges (not paid)	\$92,570.90
Remaining Goal	\$143,870.82