

**Weekday Readings**

Monday, July 24: EX 14:5-18, MT 12:38-42  
 Tuesday, July 25: 2 COR 4:7-15; MT 20: 20-28  
 Wednesday, July 26: EX 16: 1-5, 9-15; MT 13:1-9  
 Thursday, July 27: EX 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20B; MT 13: 10-17  
 Friday, July 28: EX 20:1-7; MT 13:18-23  
 Saturday, July 29: EX 24:3-8; JN 11:19-27  
 Sunday, July 30: 1 KGS 3:5, 7-12; ROM 8:28-30; MT 13:44-52

**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:** Mike Sullivan and Makayla Hesse will be united in marriage on August 12, 2017 at St. Anthony's.

**Youth Opportunities!!**



**Faith & Fun in the Sun!**

July 24 (going into grades 7-12) 5:00-10:00 PM @ Assumption. Volleyball, Adoration, bonfire and more!

July 27 (going into grades 3-6) 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

\*Call/Text Heidi at 237-8957 or email at [hgeislinger@gmail.com](mailto:hgeislinger@gmail.com) for more info or to sign up!  
 \*We are also looking for volunteer drivers for the younger group. Let Heidi know if you can help!



**St. Anthony Vacation Bible School**

August 7-11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Ages 4-10 (older kids are invited to be helpers) \$15, registration forms are at the entrances. You can also register by contacting the St. Anthony parish office. Youth from both parishes are invited to attend! Call/email the office or Arliss at 453-8153.

The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on **Wednesday, August 9th from 1:00-7:00pm at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eden Valley.** Appts. available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by contacting Bonnie at 320-282-1468, or [mbmeyer@meltel.net](mailto:mbmeyer@meltel.net) Bring along your identification--it is required to donate.



**New Bulletin Format Coming!**

Starting in September there will be a big exciting change in the bulletin. The bulletin will still be prepared by parish staff and then it will be sent to be printed (in color) by an outside company. At the end of this month, the bulletin company will be reaching out to local companies to discuss advertising. These ads, in turn, then pay for the new bulletin.

**Available Ad Space**

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Chris Blocher from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of 7/24/17 securing new ads for our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Fr. Aaron Nett,  
 Pastor/Parochial Administrator**



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**Assumption Mass Intentions**

Monday, July 24: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, July 25: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, July 26: 5:45 p.m. Mass - † Aurelia Christle  
 Thursday, July 27: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Friday, July 28: 7:00 a.m. Mass - † Lorán Eull  
 Saturday, July 29: 5:30 p.m. Mass- † Angel Mathies Tupper  
 Sunday, July 30: 8:00 a.m. Mass - † Alphonse Thielen

**St. Anthony Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, July 25: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - † Ben Plantenberg  
 Thursday, July 27: 5:45 p.m. Mass at Church - † Ethelyn Theis  
 Friday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Sunday, July 30: 10:00 a.m. Mass - † Roman Derichs

**Reconciliation: St. Anthony-** Thursdays: 5:15 pm & Sundays: 9:45 am  
**Assumption-** Wed: 5:15 pm, Fri: 8:00 am, Sat: 4:30 pm & Sun 7:30 am

**A Message from Father Aaron**

**Trusting in the Goodness of God**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus says in our Gospel today, *"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man."* God desires to plant good things in the hearts of believers so that we may bear good fruit for him. In all things God is trustworthy because He only wants the good for his children.

This week is NFP (Natural Family Planning) awareness week in the Church. (I realize that this is a very sensitive issue for some, so please do look at the resources below and feel free to contact me personally at the office or email me if you have any questions.) This is certainly not just a woman's issue. Men must be equally involved! I would certainly take the time to further explain the Church's teaching on this very important issue. Thank you in advance for reading about this week's topic.

This week we promote the gift of life in marriage and family recognizing the beauty of God's design and trusting in his goodness. NFP, although at times misunderstood, continues to grow and make a wonderful impact on families in the Church. NFP permits us to be open to discerning God's plan when bringing children into the world, while the use of contraception does not allow us to be open to discerning God's plan, but rather is closed off to God's plan as we instead choose our own.

Utilizing contraception distorts the Divine plan for human life while displaying a lack of trust in the goodness of God. Again, this selfish act is not open to discerning God's will, but rather puts ultimate control over human life into the hands of human beings. This is power that we were never meant to have. It is because of this prideful turning towards one's own plan that causes this act to be sinful. All human life in meant to begin and end with God. *"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father."* (Jms 1:17) The rise and now rampant use of contraception has had a tremendously damaging effect on our culture and our Church. May we pray for an increase in respect for all human life throughout the Church and the world, so that God's loving plan for human life may be known and trusted.

God bless you,  
 Father Aaron  
 Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more info on NFP.



**Benefits/Resources of Natural Family Planning:**

- Open to God's natural plan for life/Values the child
- Supports reproductive health/Has no harmful side effects
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- Promotes chastity and unity in the marriage
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**John Robert Donnay**

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# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

**July 24:** Faith & Fun in the Sun, 7-12 graders, 5-10pm, Assumption Church  
**July 25:** Grill the Seminarian, 6:30  
**July 27:** Faith & Fun in the Sun, 3-6 graders, 10am-2pm  
 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting, 5:15  
**July 28-30:** Steubenville  
**August 3:** 125<sup>th</sup> Choir Practice, 7:00  
**August 8:** 125<sup>th</sup> Choir Practice, 7:00  
**August 13:** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Ministry Schedule: July 29 & 30

**Lectors:** 5:30 p.m. Shelly Kern & Lona Brutger  
 8:00 a.m. Elaina Stommes & Linda Thielen  
**Ushers:** 5:30 p.m. Gary Sogge, Nick Thielen, Darrin Hondl & Andy Arens  
 8:00 a.m. Tony Torborg, Ralph Moser, Larry Ludwig & Steve Ludwig  
**Ministers of Communion: H.M:** Mary & Tom Mathies  
 5:30 p.m. Paige Thielen, Joyce Gertken & Volunteer  
 8:00 a.m. Sheila Laudenbach, Lisa Ludwig & Steve Reis  
**Servers:** 5:30 p.m. Ethan Laudenbach, Carter Laudenbach, Marissa Laudenbach & Reece Bischof  
 8:00 a.m. Megan Blonigen, Anthony Schettler, Ruby Hesse & MyKayla Ballard  
**Rosary Leaders:** July 24-28, Rose Becker  
 5:30 p.m. Jim & Linda Thielen  
 8:00 a.m. Janet Schwarz  
**Music:** 5:30 p.m. Marlene Fischer  
 8:00 a.m. Lisa Thielen  
**Collection Counters:** TBD

## Financial Blessings

Parish Income	7/16/17	7/17/16
Loose Plate	367.00	201.50
Adult Envelopes	2981.00	2015.00
Youth Envelopes	17.00	6.50
Votive	56.67	18.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3421.67</b>	<b>\$2241.90</b>

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

## † Rest in Peace

Rest in peace, William Jansen, 73, of the Eden Valley/Paynesville area. The Funeral Mass and burial was held Friday at the Assumption Church. Please keep William and his family and friends in your prayers.

## 125th Anniversary Choir

We are looking for singers for the 125th Celebration Mass at 10:00 on August 13th. There will be 2 practices: 7pm on August 3rd and 7pm on August 8th. Please join this '125th Anniversary Choir!'

## Are you interested in teaching?

Grade 1-10 classes are during the day either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Children's Liturgy is during the 8AM Mass on Sundays. Please contact Becky or Bonnie ([assumptionre@melte.net](mailto:assumptionre@melte.net) or 453-5765) if you would be able to help.

## Looking for a Picture

If anyone has a picture of the parochial school/Koinonia Center, please contact Becky Haag or stop by the parish office. Thanks! Any other historical items or pictures are also welcome.

## A Note to Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a slight change when coming up to the altar to distribute. After the "sign of peace" please walk over to the area directly in front of the St. Joseph statue and wait. Hand sanitizer will be placed on a stand near the holy water container near the door and may be used on your way to the statue. Instructions for the Mass are that Eucharistic Ministers are to enter the sanctuary after the priest has consumed the Precious Blood from the chalice. So, at that time, please walk up the steps to receive. If you have any questions please just ask. Thank you for your ministry!  
 \*Also, if know of someone who is interested in being Eucharistic Minister, we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the 5:30 Mass. Please let us know! Thank you.

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, July 24:** Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM  
 Faith & Fun in the Sun, 7-12 graders, 5-10pm, Assumption Church  
**Tuesday, July 25:** "Grill the Seminarian" 6:30 @ Assumption  
**Wednesday, July 26:** VBS Teachers Meeting, 1:30  
**Thursday, July 27:** Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM  
 Faith & Fun in the Sun, 3-6 graders, 10am-2pm  
**Saturday, July 29:** Thrift Shop opens 9:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule: July 30

**Servers:** 10 a.m. Anna Kramer, Olivia Kramer, Emily Kramer & Lily Schlangen  
**Lectors:** 10 a.m. Jessica Teicher & Kelly Meierhofer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 10 a.m. Hosts: Lori Unterberger  
 Precious Blood: Earl Dockendorf & Betty Dockendorf  
**Ushers:** 10 a.m. Earl Dockendorf, Ralph Huberty, Tammy Winter & Joe Rathmann  
**Rosary Leader:** 10 a.m. Maynard & Jeanette Walz  
**Homebound:** Ethel Donnay, 398-7332  
**Children's Liturgy:** Amber Huberty  
**Church Cleaning: July 16-29**  
 Don & Jean Neisen, Dave & Mary Neisen, Austin & Rosie Nistler, Dave & Audrey Oster and families.

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

## Financial Blessings

Parish Income	7/16/17	7/17/16
Adult Envelopes	2172.00	1885.00
Loose Plate	128.23	210.10
Youth	8.00	0.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	280.00	205.00
Votive	11.50	25.06
Building Fund Auto Draft	35.00	25.00
Building Fund	1500.00	2100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4134.73</b>	<b>\$4450.16</b>

Thank you for your donations!

## United in Christ

Congratulations to Brian Libbesmeier and Julia Monson who were married this weekend at the Church of St. Anthony. May the Lord bless their marriage with health and happiness!

## Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Vern & Eileen Hennen who are celebrating 69 years of marriage on Saturday. May God continue to bless their marriage with love and happiness!

## Festival Update

Look for your raffle books to sell next Sunday, you can also pick yours up at the office. We encourage each parishioner to sell at least 2 raffle books. Everyone who sells two books or more will be entered into a drawing to win \$100 cash! The raffle is the major moneymaker for the festival and it's important that it do well! We will also be looking for baked goods for the bake walk, pies for Pie & Ice Cream, items from your garden for the Farmers' Market, small kids toys for the kids games and also silent auction baskets and items. Save the date for the festival: September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Did You Know??

Did you know that St. Anthony has a Facebook page? (Church of St. Anthony Watkins) "Like" our page to keep updated on parish events, get a quick link to the bulletin and to see pictures of parish activities! Be sure to "like" the right page (there are a couple different St. Anthony pages). The right one has posts from the last week. You can also find the link from the parish website.

New Parish Center	7/20/17
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
Funds on Hand	\$145,516.64
Pledges (not paid)	\$84,469.23
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$143,770.82</b>

*Happy Birthday*  
**Father Aaron!**

## For Both Parishes...

### Mass Server Party Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped plan the Mass server party on Wednesday, the kids had a great afternoon at the Watkins pool. What a wonderful way to thank all of our Mass servers for their participation in our weekend liturgies. We appreciate you!



### Mission Coop Priest

On July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> both parishes will welcome Fr. Steve Wilson, a Redemptorist missionary priest. He will be speaking to us about the vital work being done by the Redemptorist priests and brothers serving in their overseas missions. Kindly welcome Fr. Steve and please give this important appeal your attention.

### Magnificats

The Magnificat subscriptions for August are now in the back of each church.



### Grill the Seminarian

On Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM, at the Assumption Rectory, Scott Athey will be offering a "Grill the Seminarian" for area young adults (18 - 40). Food will be provided; please bring your own beverage and questions for Scott! For those unfamiliar, this format allows questions on any topic of the Faith to be asked.

### Youth Activities

-The next "Faith & Fun in the Sun" dates are this week! Check out the back of the bulletin for more details.

-Vacation Bible School registrations are ongoing! Signup today! Call Arliss at 453-8153 to register or for questions.

### Traveling Chalice and Madonna

FAITH AND PRAYER DO NOT resolve problems; but enable one to address them with a new light and strength in a fitting way....fitting to man and also more serenely and effectively. -Pope Benedict XVI.

**Pray to hear God's call!** Thank you sincerely to Rosie Becker and family of Assumption Parish for hosting the Traveling Chalice this week; your willingness is a beautiful example of petitioning the Holy Spirit in a personal call to serve the Body of Christ. St. Anthony needs more hosts! Sign up is in the back of church. Feel free to sign up more than once.