

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 15, 2023*

*Behold, the Lamb of God,*



*who takes away the sin of the world;*

JOHN 1:29

***May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28). It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10). Do we want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon us to deepen our faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for our lives.

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
January 22, 2023**  
Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Matthew 4:12-23

### Saint of the Week

## St. Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony of Egypt, also known as St. Anthony the Great, was born in Egypt in 251 to a wealthy family. From an early age he showed no interest in the luxury of worldly life, and at age 20 when his parents died, he gave all of his inheritance to the poor and began his life as a hermit. At age 35 he moved to the desert and lived for 20 years in an abandoned fort.

Although most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude, no saint is antisocial. Anthony drew many people to him for spiritual healing and guidance. Word about him spread, and so many disciples arrived that Anthony founded two monasteries on the Nile. Descriptions paint him as modest and courteous. His example led many to take up the monastic life, which led to him being known as the founder of organized Christian monasticism.

Anthony is often pictured with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil: the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits; the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for the book of nature over the printed word.

Anthony died at the age of 105. He is the patron saint of butchers, gravediggers and skin diseases.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and [catholicsaints.info](http://catholicsaints.info)



Feast Day: January 17

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED



### Saint Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony was a saint whose heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including St. Athanasius and St. Augustine. Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they explore the life of this great saint.



### How Do We Live Pro-Life?

The Catholic Church is committed to being pro-life. What does this mean and how are we called to live this out? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Lynn Grandon as they discuss what it means to live pro-life.

**Have you joined FORMED yet?** When you do, you'll gain access to more than 4,000 Catholic movies, books, talks and even cartoons! There is definitely something for everyone, and it's free to each of our parishioners!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching and listening!

## Celebrating Fr. Thomas!

Over 50 members of our parish family gathered last Saturday to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday and priestly anniversary. Hosted by the Ladies Guild and catered by Rebekah Rhodes, it was a great evening!



### Farewell!

Father will be leaving this week to travel back home to India for a month-long vacation. While he is away, there will be no weekday Masses. Fr. Giles will be celebrating our weekend Masses.

Please keep Fr. Thomas and Fr. Paul (his travel companion) in your prayers for a safe journey home and relaxing time away.



## Note of Thanks

*I want to thank each and every one of you who came to celebrate with me for my birthday and anniversary. Thanks also for your Christmas and birthday cards and the gifts! The love that you show me is what keeps me going here.*

*As you know, I will be leaving the 16th to visit my home and family in Kerala, India. I ask for your prayers while I am away, and I will keep you in my prayers as always.*

*May God continue to bless each of you and your families!*

*Fr. Thomas*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 14	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine families .....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Angela Dorsey .....	Marion Dorsey
Sunday, January 15	8:30 a.m.	First Communion & Confirmation candidates ....	Assumption Parish
Monday, January 16	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 17	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 18	No Mass		
Thursday, January 19	No Mass		
Friday, January 20	No Mass		
Saturday, January 21	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan Lebar.....	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of John & Hazel Coffman .....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Sunday, January 22	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto.....	Jan Chiccehitto

**Please note there are no weekday Masses or Scripture Study classes while Fr. Thomas is away.**



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis\*, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Joetta Gould, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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# Knights of Columbus NEWS



Knight of Columbus member Michael Stanislawczyk is shown here making a donation to the local Warm the Children organization. Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, over 40 winter coats and many hats, gloves and

scarves were donated. If you want to take advantage of the current marked down prices on winter items, the Knights collect clothing donations all year long for next year's campaign. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or at the church. Thank you for your support of the K of C service projects!



## It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (January 15) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Parish Council for hosting this month!

## K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held January 5, 2023

\$100 Winners	\$50 Winners	\$25 Winners
Pat Oglesbee	Jim Shannon	Judy Dolechek
Roger Morgan	Leslie Fleming	Penny Sanders
		Dean Nofsinger

The next drawing will be held on January 19.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, January 21

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: Janet Corley  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, January 22

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka, Nick McKenzie  
EM: Pam Williams  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

### Saturday, January 28

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Alan Taylor  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale

### Sunday, January 29

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Tina Stephen  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

## Collections & Attendance

January 7-8, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,060
Loose Donations.....	\$538
Votive Candles.....	\$108
Poor Box .....	\$168
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,874</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 1/7.....	84
Sunday, 1/8.....	74
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>158</b>

### Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken today in support of the Church in the Developing World (Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, and Africa). A separate basket is available.

Here am I Lord: I come to do your will.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ASSUMPTION  
COUNCIL 10545

Meetings Every First  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Advertise here! Call or email the Parish Office to reserve your space which helps to offset the cost of printing our bulletins and worship aids!

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**  
Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

**AED UNIT**  
Wall outside the restroom

**FIRST AID KIT**  
Wall outside the restroom

