



Newsletter for Ss. Anthony & Philip Parishioners and Friends

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Easter is the greatest time of the Church year. Christmas is a warm, family time of year with much tradition, but Easter is the source of our hope in eternal life. It is less commercial and more faith centered. The cross is central in all Catholic churches but it would be meaningless without the resurrection. The paschal mystery is a common phrase but it is simply the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Jesus is the pasch, the Lamb of God, who gave his life as a sacrifice. This would be a weighty story without the resurrection. Not even death has power over the Son of God. Christians have been called Easter people. We are filled with hope. At the darkest times, we remember the crucifixion and know that there is always a future that includes new life.

Our faith is one that does not gloss over the hardships, pain and tragedies of life. They are real and painful, but they are never the end of the story. Spring and Easter are the same season in our part of the world. All around us new life is ready to burst forth from the ice and barren ground. Within each of us is new life, potential, hope of unknown life and glory. What riches will June and August and October bring? The life before us is filled with some pain but more fruit and glory.

Let us travel together in hope of new life. Let us share our burdens and rejoice that on the third day there is glorious life-tender shoots from the ground, babies needing to be rocked, students ready to graduate or enjoy summer, and adults waiting to sit outside.

Life, death and resurrection are cycles that bring us great hope. Happy Easter.

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MASS SCHEDULES

Saturdays 4:30 p.m. Mass
Sundays 9:00 a.m. Mass
Tue., Thur. 7:30 a.m. Mass
Wed., Fri. 7:30 a.m. Rosary for Culture of Life

SACRAMENTS

Baptism—Call pastor to arrange for Baptisms

Reconciliation

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Ss. Anthony & Philip church or any time by appointment with the Pastor.

Marriages

Please call pastor at least one year prior to wedding to arrange for preparation sessions, reserving the date & church, etc.

Communion to Shut-Ins

Communion calls to the shut-ins are the 1st & 3rd Thursday mornings each month. Communion calls are arranged through the Parish Office.

DEVOTION OPPORTUNITIES

Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help

5:30 p.m. each Tuesday

Rosary: 30 minutes before weekend Masses

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mobile Food Pantry

Last Monday of each month – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Two-Can Sunday

5th weekend of month – Collection for Iowa County Food Pantry

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all new parishioners. If you know of any new parishioners, please encourage them to register at the Parish Office, 726 Main St., Highland. Or call the Pastor or Pastoral Assistant 929-7490.

CHANGES?

Please let the Parish Office know if you have a change of address, phone number or e-mail. Thank you.

Baptisms

We are delighted to welcome the following into our faith through the sacrament of baptism. May they grow in love and faith.

♥ **Pierson Kent Thielorn**, son of Tyson & Jackie Thielorn was baptized on Feb. 3, 2018.

♥ **Cameron LaVern Kohout**, son of Phillip & Kari Kohout was baptized on Feb. 3, 2018.

Wedding Congratulations

Keith Hasburgh and Amanda Guenther were married on March 17, 2018. As they begin their married life, we congratulate them and pray that their future will be full of peace and happiness.

Sympathies

Ss. Anthony & Philip Faith Community extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those who have passed away. May they find strength in knowing they are in our prayers.

- **George A. Wallenkamp** passed away on Jan. 10, 2018
- **Steven C. Laufenberg** passed away on Oct. 25, 2017
- **George H. Yager** passed away on Jan. 19, 2018
- **Wesley R. Gratz** passed away on Feb. 4, 2018

Two-Can Sunday

Thank you for sharing a non-perishable food item from your pantry on 5th Sunday weekends. The Iowa County Food Pantry appreciates all our donations. Next two-can Sunday weekends are:
April 28/29; July 29/29

Rolls To Go

Sat. April 14
None in May
Sun. June 10



Thank you for supporting Rolls to Go. Proceeds from this activity go toward “cash prizes” for our various parish events. Thank you BAKERS! If you are willing to do some baking, please sign up on the kiosk in the Gathering Space or call Linda Gard (623-2789). Bakers are always needed.

Mobile Food Pantry

Last Monday of the month (unless otherwise noted)
Apr 30 Shampoo (10 – 12 oz)
May 21 (early date) Bathroom tissue (4 roll pkg)
June 25 Liquid dish soap (20 oz)
This service is provided to anyone in need. Truck arrives around 3:15 p.m. Distribution begins at 4:30 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome.

Super Bowl Party

Thank you to all who helped out in any way at our Pre-Game Super Bowl party held on Feb. 4. The net income for the day was \$8,415; all proceeds went toward paying off the construction loan.

St. Pat's Dinner

We had a very nice turnout for our Celebration of our Heritage St. Pat's Dinner held on March 11. We served approximately 225 dinners. Hats off to Debbie Korb and the entire kitchen crew from beginning to end. Thank you!!!

We also thank the following for their booths:

- Hennessey's Hutch
- Hying Hardware
- Brewery Creek

Cemetery Cleanup

All artificial flowers, wreaths and decorations placed on graves during the winter months must be removed by April 1. After this date, any remaining items will be removed and thrown away. Thank you for your help with this annual cemetery effort.

Thank You Confirmation Candidates

We wish to thank the Confirmation Candidates for their participation in the various liturgical ministries.

Donations and Memorials

For Jan. – March 2018

Thank you for the following donations:

+ In memory of *George Yager*

Sign Up to Become A Mass Server

In April we will be sending Mass server signup sheets home for students in Grades 4, 5, & 6. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming a Mass server, please fill out and return the sheet or give Mark a call at the office.

First Reconciliation

It is with great pride and a sense of peace that we wish to congratulate the following children on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Jan. 25.

Parker Brown

Ava Michek

Adilyn Esser

Celia Oleson

Elliza Kreul

Griffin Wineski

Joe Mathews

Seder Meal

As our 6th graders explore the practices of the Hebrew faithful, we find the wonderful practice of the Passover Seder Meal. It is a meal that Jesus celebrated with his family and friends and our Jewish friends still practice today. Our 6th graders and their families experienced a Passover meal on Wed. Feb. 21 at St. Thomas. Thank you to the kitchen crew and the Confirmation candidates who helped serve and clean-up for this event.

First Communion



Our 2nd graders are busily preparing for First Holy Communion. This is an exciting time for them! Please know that as the children prepare, they will be asked to join their parents at Communion time during Mass. They will be crossing their

arms to let the Eucharistic Minister know they will not receive Communion, but should receive a blessing on the forehead. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 during 4:30 pm Mass.

Confirmation – April 11, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

At St. Joseph, Dodgeville

This year St. Joseph in Dodgeville will host our regional Confirmation. Candidates from our parish will join St. Joseph and St. Thomas for the ceremony.



Confirmation Prayer Partners

Thank you very much to all our Prayer Partners that have been praying for our Confirmation candidates. Prayer is such an important part of our faith and these prayers mean a lot to our candidates.

May Crowning

On May 2 during our last RE class, our Elementary students will honor Mary with a “May Crowning.” This long honored tradition is celebrated by Catholic school children around the world. All are invited to attend.

Honoring Graduates May 6, 9:00 a.m. Mass

All are invited and encouraged to attend this Mass as our graduates from 8th grade and high school take an important step in their lives. A light reception follows Mass. Families of 7th & 11th graders will be asked to host the reception, keeping in mind that their families will have the graduate next year. Please know that we will also be asking for snacks from parishioners for this event.

Mission Trip

We have one high school student registered to head to Cleveland, OH for a Young Neighbors in Action Mission trip on July 8-14. Gabe Benish will join six students from St. Thomas for this wonderful opportunity. Andie Benish has volunteered to chaperone. There is room for a few more high school students if interested. Contact Delores as soon as possible. We thank everyone who supported Gabe as he prepared for his trip. Please pray for all as they learn how we can carry out the mission of the church.



Pasty Sale

Our 2nd annual Pasty Sale was a success! We assembled and baked 1800 pasties on Saturday, March 3 with a net profit of around \$5,000. We still have a few pasties in the freezer if you would like to purchase. Cost is \$5 each or \$4.50 each for 10 or more. Contact the parish office to purchase.

Thank you to the following:

- The volunteers who helped at various times on Friday, and all day Saturday.
- The people who donated hamburger, potatoes, onions and butter.
- The Highland School District for lending us baking pans and cooling rack.

A huge thank you goes out to Todd Blabaum for helping us locate convection ovens, cooling racks and baking pans to purchase at a fraction of the cost. This made it possible for us to assemble and bake the pasties in our own facility.

Attention Plant Lovers

The Spring Plant Sale is around the corner and we are ready to play in the dirt! The Annual Plant Sale will be held on **Sat. May 5, 8-11 am** in the church lower level. We will need donations of plants, so please keep us in mind as you clean out your flower beds and gardens. Please share your perennials, annuals, berry bushes, small shrubs, herbs, etc. with us. Do you have garden art (in good condition) that you would like to recycle? We can take that off your hands. Are you tired of some of your houseplants? Donate them to our sale.



We will have geraniums and hanging plants again for sale just in time for Mother's Day on May 13. Our perennials and annuals will be priced to sell. Bring your flower pots if you like, and we can help you select plants. If help is needed to dig plants out, give Sharon Olson a call (929-7577).

Plants and garden art can be dropped off Wed. & Thurs. May 2 & 3 in the lower level. If you can, tag your plants with the plant name and preference for sun or shade, which would be helpful. Pots and tags will be available after Easter in the side entrance; please help yourself.

Thank you in advance for sharing your plants with us for the Spring Plant Sale on May 5th. Think Spring!

Bake Sale – May 5, 8-11 a.m.

Our annual Bake Sale will be held in conjunction with our Spring Plant Sale. Stop in to find the perfect plants for your flower garden and purchase some delicious bake sale items to enjoy when you get home.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: 5:00 p.m. in Highland
(12:30 p.m. in Montfort)

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. in Highland

Easter: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. in Highland
(7:30 a.m. in Montfort)



Happy Easter