



# Newsletter for Ss. Anthony & Philip Parishioners and Friends

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## From the Pastor's Desk:

Two years ago, during the year of mercy, we celebrated a Festival of Mercy. We offered evening prayer, a meal and the sacrament of reconciliation. This reflection evening seemed like a good event to continue. To continue, last year we changed the name to "Festival of Prayer"

There are three elements to the evening:

1. We will begin with evening prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours, of which evening prayer is one portion of seven, holds a high status in the church as official prayer of the church along with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This ancient prayer comes from the early monastic life in the 500's. The Book of Psalms, prayers of Hebrew believers are the centerpiece and are sung as was the synagogue tradition. Scripture and petitions round out this prayer experience.
2. We will share food. No matter the culture, table fellowship builds the community. Sharing food includes sharing our lives in conversation. We give of ourselves as we listen and grow in our understanding of one another.
3. Dr. Patrick Gorman, Diocese of Madison director of the Office of Worship, will build our knowledge regarding the values of Vatican Council II on our liturgy. Renewal was key at Vatican II. Restoration of ancient practices in the Church called us back to our origins. Vatican II was not new but a renewal.

**The "Festival of Prayer" will be held on Thursday October 18. Evening prayer will begin at 6 pm, followed by a meal and concluding with the presentation by Dr. Gorman.**

Please make room on your calendar if possible

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Welcome

We welcome Gerry & Becky Aide of Muscoda to our parish.

## 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.

- **Mary Lou Riley** passed away on Aug. 23, 2018

## Two-Can Sunday



Thank you for sharing a non-perishable food item from your pantry on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday weekends. The Iowa County Food Pantry appreciates all our donations. Next two-can Sunday

weekends are:

Sept. 29/30; Dec. 29/30; March 30/31

## Rolls To Go

Sun. Oct. 14

Sat. Nov. 10

Sun, Dec. 9



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)

Sept. 24 Bathroom tissue (package of 4 rolls)

Oct. 29 Body Wash (16-18oz) or Bath Bar (4oz)

Nov. 26 Shampoo (10-12oz)

Dec. 17 (Early Date) Boxes of kleenix

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.

## November is Month of All Souls

On Wed. Oct. 31 during 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Masses we will remember those who have passed away this last year. If you have a name you would like to have read (from outside our parish) please contact Mark Hebgen at [mhebgen@centurylink.net](mailto:mhebgen@centurylink.net) or 929-7490 as soon as possible.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Square Rosary Rally

Hello parishoners! On Sat. Oct. 13, 2018 at noon, Ss. Anthony & Philip invites you to join us and 20,000+ other rallies across the United States on that day to pray the rosary to offer reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to pray for our country and to pray for peace in the world.

Please join us on the church grounds. You can bring your own chair if you choose. The rosary will begin at noon and last approximately 45 minutes. Prayer is critical at this time to help all of us, our country and to achieve world peace. Praying the rosary is one of the best ways to accomplish this. Hope to you there! God Bless! Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary Makers

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Nov. 21, location to be determined. We thank the area ministers for their participation in this annual prayer service. Please bring a non-perishable food item to share with the local food pantry.

## Invitation to RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults- RCIA is a wonderful renewal since Vatican II. Prior to Vatican II priests offered a few weeks of "instruction" for people wishing to join the Catholic Church. From the axiom: little invested, little gained, a few weeks did not develop a strong relationship or commitment to the Church. RCIA is an immersion into the faith-knowledge, service, prayer and community are all part of this experience. To become one with us is not just head but heart and soul as well. Invitation is a key theme for RCIA participants. Anyone, everyone is invited to seek the way of Christ in the Church. Nothing is demanded of a participant before they are ready. **Will you invite someone to take a look at the Catholic Church?** We gather those interested in early October as inquirers. They are welcome to journey with us toward Easter. If you have family members, neighbors or friends who might we waiting for an invitation to consider the Catholic faith, invite them to contact Fr. Jim or Delores or give us a name to contact.

## Holiday Plates

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, our grades 10-12 will prepare the annual holiday plates for our special friends in the community and in the nursing homes. We will be asking for donations of cookies, fruit, candy, gum or nuts when we get closer to the date.

**Religious Ed Program**  
**TEACHERS NEEDED**

Thank you to the people who have volunteered in the past to teach our children. We understand that family dynamics change and some volunteers need to step back from teaching. We need new people to come forward to help. As we have done in the past, if we don't have a teacher for a class, we will ask parents to each take a turn teaching. Please contact Delores if you would like to try teaching or just want more information. **At the time of this printing we are in need of teachers for Gr. 5(half the class) in the afternoon program and Gr. 6(two groups), Gr. 8(half the class), Gr. 9 (half the class) and HS Youth Group (once a month) in the evening program.**

**Religious Ed Classes Begin**

We will start our Religious Ed year with a Family Mass on Sept. 19. This Mass is for all our students and their families. Regular classes for Grades 1-10 begin Sept. 26. Our kindergarten friends will begin on Oct. 17 and meet once a month. Family packets were mailed out. These packets include information for our families and forms to be completed and returned.

**Confirmation Prep**

This year our Sophomores will be Confirmed in the spring of 2019.

**A Journey with your Sponsor Day – Nov. 4**  
Beginning with the 9:00 am Mass, this day is created especially for our Confirmation candidates and sponsors. The goal of this day is to remind our Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors that Confirmation is a journey in their faith, not just a moment in time.

**Retreat – Feb 2 & 3, 2019**

We have reserved Sinsinawa Mound Retreat Center for this year's retreat. Other details are being developed.

**Confirmation Date – April/May, 2019**

We will be working with area churches on a regional Confirmation date and location. It will be announced when received from the Bishop's office.

**Prayer Partners Needed**  
**For Confirmation Candidates**

As always, prayer is in extremely important element in preparation for any sacrament. We would like to have prayer partners for each of our 11 Confirmation candidates. A prayer partner will be given the name of one of our candidates (unless one is specifically requested). They are asked to pray for this young person until their Confirmation and are asked to keep their identity a secret until right before Confirmation. Prayer Partners will receive their candidate's name as soon as we have enough volunteers. Please call or e-mail Delores for more information or if you would like to be a Prayer Partner.

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Wednesday, Oct. 3 @ 5:00 p.m**

Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, turtles, lizards for a special St. Francis blessing. St.



Francis is the patron saint of animals. This service is to remind us all that our pets are God's blessing to us and we need to love and care for them. They are our friends and family and we need to treat them as just that.

Gentle reminder – Please have your animal in a crate or on a leash and pick up after your pet.

**Vacation Bible School Thank you!**

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped make *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School a success. It was a great time had by all and the kids went home with a few wonderful bible stories and explored connections with God, family & friends.

Thanks to the Site Leaders and helpers – Becky Pink, Sage Shemak, Lauren Linscheid, Laura Anderson & Jane Anderson. Thanks to all who prayed for us and thanks to all who came on Thursday to hear about the bible stories and to listen to the kids sing their songs. Each one of you helped make our program complete!

**Festival of Prayer**

Thursday, Oct. 18

5:30 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:00 Evening Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours

6:30 Supper

7:00 Speaker – Dr. Pat Gorman

## Scrip Sales

Thank you to all who have purchased gift cards from our scrip program. We have used profits to put carpet in two classrooms. The carpet helps so much with the acoustics. Thank you again!

## Mission Trip Thank you

Thank you to Mark Fillback and the Fillback Family of Dealerships for providing a van for our mission trip to Cleveland, OH. This is the fourth year Mark has so graciously provided transportation for our mission trips.

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## **WHERE CAN YOU HELP IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM??**

It's time to pull together the volunteers for our Parish's Religious Education Program. Classes begin the last Wednesday of September. The gift of time and talent of each of our parishioners is needed. There are so many areas where people can be involved and we have many ways to help you learn about the area in which you want to help. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas **PLEASE CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE (929-7701 or [deggers@centurylink.net](mailto:deggers@centurylink.net)) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Your gift of time will really be appreciated.**



**TEACHER:** We're looking for people who really like kids. These people will have great resources and materials to present to the students each week.

**TEACHER ASSISTANTS** are people who help in the classroom by handing out and collecting supplies and helping keep order in the classroom.

**MUSIC INSTRUCTOR** is a person who can play musical instruments and can share a love of music with our students.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER:** We need a call list of names for substitute teaching. We try very hard to keep the need for substitutes to a minimum.

**PLAYGROUND MONITORS:** Each Wednesday afternoon we need a few adults (or high school students) to help watch the kids outside and in the church lower level during recess time.

**SNACK SERVERS:** Each Wednesday, we serve the students in Grades 1-5 a nutrition snack. We need people to help prepare, serve, and clean-up each week.

**PRAYER LISTENERS** come in during scheduled visits in the Spring to hear our students recite the prayers they've been memorizing. April 10

**PHONE CALLER:** In an attempt to keep our older students safe, we call the families of kids who don't show up for class in the evening program. We need a person to collect attendance charts and make calls.

**SEDER MEAL:** This year we host the Seder Meal for both our and St. Thomas' 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We need help with preparing and serving the Seder Meal to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families. Feb. 27

**CONFIRMATION PREP:** We need helpers for the Journey with Sponsor Day on Nov. 4, 2018 and Retreat on Feb 2 & 3, 2018.

**BIRTHDAY CARD MINISTRY:** This behind-the-scenes group sends birthday cards to each of our students in our parish.

**CLEAN-UP TEAM:** This team comes in every Thursday morning after Wed. classes to clean the areas used by the Religious Ed students. We start each cleaning day with coffee, coffee cake and a visit.

**RCIA TEAM MEMBERS** work with the coordinator in presenting subjects to people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church.

**FOCCUS COUPLES** work with Fr. Jim and couples that are preparing for Marriage. Resources are provided by the parish to each married couple who met with engaged couples.

**RELIGIOUS ED COMMISSION:** All policies and directives from the Diocesan Office for our Rel. Ed. Program are reviewed by this commission. They also vote for college scholarship winners.