



# Newsletter for Ss. Anthony & Philip Parishioners and Friends

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## From the Pastor's Desk:

Our Finance Council has a list of priorities for our parish and they have been asked to reconsider those priorities. The "car port" or extended roof over the west church entrance for dropping people off during inclement weather is currently the first priority. Smaller priorities are maintenance projects to the church boiler and parking lot which have been completed. We will be having the lower level repainted in January to keep it looking attractive.

The request to the Finance Council was to have the remaining windows in church filled with stained glass as was designed during construction. There seems to be two schools of thought toward clear windows on the west side of church or having stained glass installed.

The clear glass allows people to see outdoors- the beauty of the sky, the trees and the weather- God's creation. I believe that an even richer theology can be expressed for our view outside. The east and north windows follow the tradition of our worship space being separated from the busyness of life. The stained glass can allow for separation and reflection before God. Our large east window is dedicated to Mary and inspired by the scriptures. The large west window is to depict the resurrection. Some people feel that the worship space does not look completed with some stained glass and some clear glass.

I would suggest that we remember two ancient values of our faith. They stem from Jesus' visit to Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Mary chooses to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen and learn. Catholics clearly value our prayer life. We gather to listen to scripture and celebrate the Eucharist. We enter a world before God that takes us beyond our routine lives and envelopes us in God's plan. We hear both our tradition with God and the promise of life for eternity. Martha, on the other hand, desires to provide hospitality for her guest. This is a Biblical value that links both Old and New Testaments. We speak about the value of separation for reflection and the obligation for the "Apostolic Life" or service to our neighbor. Clear west windows could communicate both values: our need for prayer and reflection (stained glass) and our participation in the transformation of the world (clear glass).

On a practical level, some see that installing stained glass would close in or make the church seem smaller. Others would see this as an asset- creating warmer environment for an intimate gathering of believers. Making installation of stained glass a priority has a sizable cost but it also has potential donors

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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.

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to cover this cost. The artists have the needed stained glass on hand for this project. The artist rendering of the "resurrection window" will be available in the gathering space.

**The Finance Council desires input from parish members** to make an informed decision regarding parish priorities. This is **not** a vote but an opportunity to express a vision. Index cards will be provided for expressing your thinking about stained glass or clear glass and **why** you support your choice. You may also respond via email:

[mhebgen@centurylink.net](mailto:mhebgen@centurylink.net). Responses will be posted on boards in the gathering space for all to review and to consider others thought process. Responses can be anonymous. The Finance Council will meet in mid-January to review our parish priorities.



### **Baptisms**

**Kaiser Andrew** Bomkamp son of Jamey & Melinda Bomkamp was baptized on Oct. 14, 2018. We welcome this new life into our community of faith and pray that he will grow strong in that faith and be richly blessed.

### **Wedding Congratulations**

Jeremy Nondorf and Kinsey Riley were married on Oct. 20, 2018. As they begin their married life, we congratulate them and pray that their future will be full of peace and happiness.

### **Special Anniversary**

We would like to congratulate Norbert & Sharon Wolfe on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 30, 2018.

### **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.

- **Donna M. Faber** passed away on Oct. 4, 2018
- **Rita Mae Schmitz** passed away on Oct. 27, 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:  
Dec. 29/30; March 30/31; June 29/30

### **Rolls To Go**

Sat. Jan. 12,  
Sun. Feb. 10,  
Sat. March 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)

Jan. 28 Bathroom tissue (package of 4 rolls)

Feb. 25 Liquid Dish Soap (20 oz)

March 25 Body Wash (16-18oz) or Bath Bar (4oz)

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.

### **Stewardship and Time and Talent form**

Thank you to all who filled out the Stewardship and Time & Talent form. The new ministry schedule starts Jan. 1. If you signed up (or would like to) and don't receive a schedule, contact the parish office.

### **Generosity**

We thank you for your generosity to our parish. Please make any 'year-end' donations before Dec. 31 to be included on your financial statement.

### **Holiday Plates**

The Sophomore, Junior, & Senior students assembled and delivered many of the 50+ holiday treat plates to our friends in the Highland/Cobb area. We appreciate all the goodies that were dropped off for this activity. We would also like to thank Rodney Gard, Ted & Dee Dee Yager and Wilson Winkers for delivering to the nursing homes and out of town people.

### **Landscaping**

Thank you to Kathy Breiwa, Andrea Cool and Wilson Winkers for planting, weeding, and watering our flower beds and pots this summer. It was wonderful to see the different colors bloom all summer long. And thank you to Darrell Kreul & Gil Michek for keeping the bushes trimmed around Ss. Anthony & Philip church.

### **Cookie and Candy Sale**

Thank you to all our bakers for the delicious cookies and candy donated for our sale. We were able to fill 65 one pound boxes of mixed cookies & candy and 10 one pound boxes of just candy! The net income was \$405.

### **Upkeep of grounds at St. Philip Church and Rectory**

Thank you to Ted and Dee Dee Yager, Bill Linscheid, Al (Zeke) Linscheid, John Tarrell, Charlie Scullion, Ron Richgels, Eldon Esser and Steve & Joan McGuire for volunteering to mow and trim the lawns at St. Philip church and the Rectory; Ted Yager and Dennis (Deno) Kosharek for fertilizing and spraying for weeds; Rick (Fox) Wienkes for fall clean-up; Craig & Russell Jenkins for trimming the shrubs at the rectory; and Dennis Richgels for keeping the sidewalks cleared in the winter months.

### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

We thank the area ministers for coming together to pray at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at Ss. Anthony & Philip Church.

- ◆ Otter Creek & Fairview Lutheran Churches, First Presbyterian Church of Highland
  - ◆ United Methodist Churches of Cobb, Montfort & Livingston
  - ◆ Lutheran Churches of Edmund & Castle Rock
  - ◆ Peace Lutheran of Highland
  - ◆ First Presbyterian of Highland
  - ◆ St. Thomas Catholic Church of Montfort
  - ◆ Ss. Anthony & Philip Catholic Church of Highland
- Our next Ecumenical gathering to celebrate Christian Unity will be announced with date and location to be determined.

### **Oktoberfest**

A huge thank you to families N-Z & all other volunteers who worked or donated food for our Oktoberfest event. Everyone enjoyed all the activities. The net income for this event was \$12,581.

### **Blessing of Throats**

Weekend of Feb. 2 & 3

### **Ash Wednesday Services – March 6**

<u>Highland</u>	<u>Montfort</u>
4:15 p.m. Mass/Ashes	7:45 a.m. Mass/Ashes
7:30 p.m. Mass/Ashes	6:00 p.m. Mass/Ashes

### **St. Pat's Dinner**

Save the date – March 17 for our annual St. Pat's Dinner Celebration.

### **Pasty Sale**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Pasty Sale was another success! We assembled and baked 2160 pasties on Friday & Saturday, Nov 9 & 10 with a net profit of \$5,800. 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 on Friday to prepare the onions & potatoes and assemble, bake & bag the 400 non-onion pasties.
- The Religious Ed families who helped on Friday & Saturday to assemble, bake, bag, sort, distribute and clean up.
- The people who donated hamburger, potatoes, onions and butter.
- The Highland School District for lending us baking pans and cooling racks.
- Todd Blabaum for lending us an industrial mixer.

### **Confirmation: A Journey With Your Sponsor Day**

On Nov. 4 our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors met for *A Journey with your Sponsor Day*. Ss. Anthony & Philip hosted and it was a wonderful day! We began with a Commitment Service during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The active participation from all was a true sign of the faith we have in our church communities. Thank you to all the prayers that were said for these students.

### **Confirmation Retreat – Jan. 26 & 27**

Our Confirmation Retreat is a great experience for our Confirmation candidates. We will join with St. Thomas for our retreat and it will be held at Sinsinawa Mound Retreat Center.

### **Confirmation – April 28, 2018, 4:00 P.M.**

#### **At Ss. Anthony & Philip**

This year we will host our regional Confirmation. Candidates from St. Thomas, Montfort; St. Joseph, Montfort; St. Isadore, Hollandale; and St Bernadette, Ridgeway/Barneveld will join us for the ceremony.

### **First Reconciliation**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are in the process of preparing for their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

### Advent Opportunities

--As we count our blessings, our parish is reaching out to families in need this Advent season. Thank you to all who have taken tags from our "Thanks Gifting" display to purchase gifts for individuals with seemingly less blessings than yourself.

--Christmas memorials can be given in memory of loved ones during this Advent Season to go towards the Christmas flowers. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flower Donation." Clearly print memorial "for ... from ..." and toss it in the collection basket on the weekend or send it to us by mail.

--Individual reconciliation will be available each Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Ss. Anthony & Philip. There will be a Penance Service on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Ss. Anthony & Philip. We are blessed with a God who loves us and forgives us. Take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Decorating Church For Christmas

The Liturgy Committee cordially invites you to help create our Christmas Season Environment!

- Sunday, Dec. 23th after 9:00 mass
- Lunch served at 12:30 pm

Many hands make the work load lighter for all. All ages are welcome.

### **Mass schedule for Christmas & January 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day**

#### December 24

##### **HIGHLAND**

4:30 p.m. (4:00 p.m. music prelude)

8:00 p.m.

##### **MONTFORT**

5:00 p.m. (Pageant at 4:30)

6:30 p.m.

#### December 25

HIGHLAND – 9:00 a.m.

MONTFORT – No 10:30 am Mass

#### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mon, Dec. 31 – 6:30 p.m. in Montfort

Tues, Jan. 1 – 9:00 a.m. in Highland

Are you or your family available to help out in one of the liturgical ministries for Christmas? Please call or e-mail Mark Hebgen at the parish office if you can help out.

## ***SUPER BOWL PREGAME PARTY*** ***SUNDAY, FEB. 3, 2019***

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**CHILI COOK-OFF** Taste and vote for your favorite chili!

**BAKE SALE** Stop and purchase some delicious baked goods

**Euchre Tournament** starting at 10:30 a.m.

\$4 to play 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$75 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Low \$25

**Soup & Sandwich** starting at 10:00 a.m.

Homemade Chicken Noodle, Potato or Vegetable Beef Soup, Brats, BBQ,  
Nachos, Nachos Supreme, Pretzel Bites, Brownie Sundaes, Milk & Coffee

Carry outs available

**Raffle Drawing** 1:00 p.m. *Need not be present to win.*

55" Smart TV -- \$400 Cash -- recliner (donated by Ayers Furniture, Ridgeway)

