



Newsletter for Ss. Anthony & Philip Parishioners and Friends

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Diocese of Madison has begun a long-range planning effort entitled *Into the Deep*. An early stage called 'Assessing Our Current Reality' has been completed and a report offered to priests and lay leaders of each parish. The Diocesan website summarizes: Many of the metrics of religious practice in our country are sadly moving in the wrong direction. Marriages, baptisms, confirmations and mass attendance have all been declining for many years now.

Statistics at Ss. Anthony and Philip match this reality. In 2009, our Religious Ed registration was 155. This year's registration is 105. Mass attendance in our 2013 October Count was 315 for the two weekend masses. Last year the October count at masses was 195. I was very surprised we were only 19 more for pre-COVID 2019.

Again, the Diocesan website notes: Despite being projected to be the two largest demographic cohorts in our diocese by 2026, Millennials and Zoomer/GenZ are underrepresented and under-involved in the life of our parishes. In addition, ore and more people of all ages are disaffiliating from religious practice as our culture becomes increasingly secular.

In addition, we all realize that rural communities are growing older as young people continue to move away to seek employment.

The *Into the Deep* process will continue its work to address these realities.

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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

Fourth Monday of each month – 4:00 p.m.

Special 5th Sunday Offering

Collection for a Local Need To Be Determined

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 the following families to our parish.

- Brandon Bomkamp & Hilary Wedig and son Lincoln
- Jeff & Megan Perrin and children Henry, Harrison & Sadie

Baptisms

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

Benjamin Lee Wienkes, son of Derek & Brittany Wienkes was baptized on July 10, 2022

Lincoln Luke Bomkamp, son of Brandon Bomkamp & Hilary Wedig was baptized on August 28, 2022

Aspen Ann Kleist, daughter of Jason & Staci Kleist was baptized on Aug. 21, 2022

Brooks Patrick Bruner, son of Blake & Monica Bruner was baptized on Sept. 11, 2022

Huston Robert Hellwig, son of Brandon & Courtney Hellwig was baptized on Sept. 11, 2022

Josie Morrigan Scott, daughter of Jordan & Jillian Scott was baptized on Sept. 25, 2022

Coy Wilhelm Gundlach, son of Kyle and Felicia Gundlach was baptized on Sept. 25, 2022

Special Anniversaries

We would like to congratulate the following couples for celebrating special anniversaries.

- ♥ Dave & Peg McCarthy 50th on Sept. 2
- ♥ Everett & Janet Beckius 60th on Aug. 25
- ♥ James & Marnie Piquette 66th on Aug. 25
- ♥ Jack & Bonnie O'Flaherty 70th on July 30

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.

- **Richard Mensch** passed away on Aug. 26, 2022

Mobile Food Pantry

Oct. 24 Nov. 28 Dec. 19(early date)

At this time the Mobile Food Pantry will be a drive through service. All items will be pre-boxed and placed in your vehicle. You are allowed to pick up food for your family and one other family.

This service is provided to anyone in need. Distribution begins at 4:00 p.m.

Special 5th Sunday Offering

We have five Sundays in October and thus we will have an offering for a local need. Watch the bulletin for more information. In July we collected \$211 for Iowa County Homeless Prevention Coalition to help pay rent on two apartments rented to accommodate the homeless. Thank you for your donations.

Parish Council

We welcome Laura Anderson and Sara Bomkamp to our Parish Council. Thank you for accepting the responsibility to help guide our parish.

All Saint's Day Mass

On Monday, Oct. 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Ss. Anthony & Philip, 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 or 929-7490 as soon as possible.

Scrip Sales

Thank you to all who have purchased gift cards form our scrip program. We have used profits to purchase a freezer. This freezer will help when we have pie crusts for our pasty sale and when we need to purchase food items in advance for our fundraiser events. Thank you again.

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 be waiting for an invitation to consider the Catholic faith, invite them to contact Fr. Jim or Delores or give us a name to contact.

Sign up to become a Mass server

We would like to return to having Mass servers at our weekend Masses. If your 4th grader or older is interested in training to be a Mass server, please contact Mark at the Parish Office. If your child has already been trained and would like to serve at Mass, they are more than welcome to do so. Fr. Jim would appreciate it very much.

Holiday Plates

On Wed. Nov. 16, 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

Thank you to the volunteers who stepped forward to teach our youth this year. As parents are the first teachers of passing on our faith, these volunteers are giving extra to help. If you see them around, please let them know we are very grateful. A special thank you to the high school students who volunteered to teach!

Kindergarten – Laura Anderson & Jill Anderson
Grade 1 – Ciara Campbell & Izzy Washa (high school students)
Grade 2 – Delores
Grade 3 – Andrea Washa
Grade 4 - Jenny Biba & Wendy Stempflug
Grade 5 – **TEACHER NEEDED**
Grade 6 & 7- Bronwyn Halverson & Lilly Michek (high school students)
Grade 8 – Jenny Biba
Grade 9 – Maria Oleson-Burkeland
Grade 10 – Delores

Religious Ed classes Begin

We started our Religious Ed year with a family Mass on Sept. 21. This Mass was for all our students and their families. It is a great way to start out our year and we had a very nice turn out. Regular classes began on Sept. 28.

Confirmation Prep

A Journey with your Sponsor Day

Nov. 14 at St. Thomas.

Beginning with Mass, this day is created especially for our Confirmation Candidates and sponsors. The goal of this day is to remind our Confirmation candidates that this is a journey in their faith, not just a moment in time.

Retreat

Tentatively scheduled for April 1 & 2. Location details are being worked out.

Confirmation date –

May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Joseph, Dodgeville

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 13 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.

Vacation Bible School Thank you!



A huge THANK YOU to all who helped make *Son World Adventure Park* Vacation Bible School a success. Everyone had a wonderful time discovering important choices we all must make: **Choose to BELIEVE** in Jesus, **Choose to ACT** and care for others, **Choose FORGIVENESS** from Jesus. They had a great time with lively songs, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks.

Thanks to the Adult Helpers– Jill Anderson, Laura Anderson, Jessica Moelling & Andrea Washa. Thanks to our Confirmation students – Ciara Campbell & Izzy Washa in craft area and Kate Tarrell in game areas. Thanks to our other Young Adult Helpers – Logan Washa, Hailee Kohout & Julianne Washa. Thanks to all who prayed for us and thanks to all who came on Thursday to hear about our week and listen to the kids sing their songs. Each one of you helped make our program complete! See the parish website for pictures.

Annual Public Square Rosary Rally

On Saturday, Oct. 15 at noon Ss. Anthony & Philip invites you to join 20,000+ other rallies across the USA to pray the rosary for our country, world peace, and to offer reparation for offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please join us on the church grounds – outside if nice weather, inside if inclement weather. Bring a chair if you choose. The rosary will begin at noon and last approximately 45 minutes. Prayer is critical at this time and the rosary is one of the best prayers we can all pray. Hope to see you there!

God Bless

Mother of Perpetual Help Rosary Makers



**5th Sunday Pancake
Breakfast**

**Sunday October 30, 2022
Serving from 8:00 – 11:00**



**Steak Sandwich
Supper**

**Saturday November 19,
2022, Serving from 5:00 –
7:00**

Oktoberfest Raffle winners

(all prizes supporting our local businesses)

- * \$500 Fillback Family of Dealerships - Charlie Clark
- * \$200 Chimney Specialists - Priscilla Esser
- * \$150 J&M Building Supplies (Schmitz Lumber) - Jim Menke
- * \$150 Don's Tire - David McCarthy
- * \$100 James Tractor & Truck and Repair - Dirk Sanders
- * \$100 Hying Hardware - Joyce Mueller
- * \$100 The Thirsty Farmer - Gil Pierick
- * \$100 MVP sports Cuts - Diane McGuire
- * \$100 Martin Tile (Kevin Martin) - Mike Aide
- * \$100 Highland Small Engine Repair - Marcia Nechvatal
- * \$100 JT's Gas Station - Terry Dax
- * \$75 Red Zone - Jon Wineski
- * \$50 George's Small Engines - Maria Oleson
- * \$50 & (Pie of your choice) Front Porch Café - Rosie Hooks
- * \$50 R Place Again - Judy Laufenberg
- * 4 Yards of Mulch Tri Star Pallets (\$100 value) - Tom Sander

A big Thank You to Greg Gorius and the Red Zone who secured the meat for meal in these times of shortages. And to all who helped make our event successful. Net profit for Oktoberfest 2022 was \$12,707.

**Pasty
Sale**

Nov. 12, 2022

See the enclosed order form and work schedule. ALL families with students in our religious ed program will be scheduled to work.