



Newsletter for Ss. Anthony & Philip Parishioners and Friends

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From the Pastor's Desk

Another Christmas is upon us. We celebrate with family, food, song, and prayer. New life is the greatest gift from God. Mothers have a unique understanding of the end of the wait for a newborn child. There is crying but also peaceful sleep, with every breath noted. Emmanuel, God with us is both 2000 years ago and today. The God of all creation nurtures life and hope. What began hundreds of millions of years ago, continues with another breath, light at the beginning of the day, pure white snow and in a few months tender green shoots emerging from the soil. God loves us and accompanies us every day. Some days are filled with life. Other days are burdened with work that may be discouraging, struggle in the lives of loved ones, sickness in our families and love only at a distance.

In this dark time of year, the hours of light are short but valued. Let's look for the light over Bethlehem. There are charming words and actions of children. There are teachers who bring forth new insights that to us are ho-hum. There is art and music bring back memories or cause a smile or lift our eyebrows at the beauty. There are words or actions that hurt and there is forgiveness that frees us from the past. There are repeated "whys" from four-year old's and repeated questions from those with memory loss. We might be momentarily discouraged, but Christmas calls us to hope. The puzzle of salvation begins at birth in a stable. What light and joy does God have in store for us in the coming months? Faith and hope have so much potential. It may be dark and cold, but it is Christmas.

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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 Derik & Katie Bedward and children Aiden, Addison & Bryce to our parish.

Wedding Congratulations

♥ **Leigh Drury & Nathaniel Ryner-Fay** were married on Sat. Oct. 8, 2022.

♥ **Courtney Green & Derek Riley** were married on Sat. Oct 22, 2022.

As they begin their married life, we congratulate them and pray that their future will be full of peace and happiness.

Special Anniversaries

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

Dave & Rita Dorota 60th on Dec. 29

Frank & Marvalene Rose 66th on Oct. 15

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.

- **Wilson Winkers** passed away on Oct. 10, 2022

Mobile Food Pantry

Jan. 23 Feb. 27 March 27

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

We have two people going through the RCIA process this year. Weston Satern and Kenlee Mathews have been meeting regularly with their sponsors and parish staff to learn more about our faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they go through this journey.

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 October we collected \$330? For Iowa County Homeless Prevention Coalition. Thank you for your donations.

Generosity

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

Blessing of Throats

Weekend of Jan. 28 & 29

Ash Wednesday Services – Feb. 22

Highland

4:15 p.m. Mass/Ashes

7:30 p.m. Mass/Ashes

Montfort

7:45 a.m. Mass/Ashes

6:00 pm. Mass/Ashes

St. Pat's Dinner

Save the date – March 12 for our annual St. Pat's Dinner Celebration.

Oktoberfest

A huge thank you to all volunteers who worked or donated food for our Oktoberfest event. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food. The net income for this event was \$12,777.

Pasty Sale

This year's pasty sale was another success! We assembled and baked 2350 pasties on Nov. 11 & 12. Our profit to date is \$6,450. **We still have some pasties in the freezer for sale** - \$6 each or \$5.50 for 10 or more. We also have a few pie crusts available - \$2 each. Contact the parish office if interested.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped on Thursday to prepare the onions & potatoes and Friday to assemble, bake and bag the 300 non-onion + 150 with onion pasties. Thank you to the Religious Ed families who helped on Saturday and to the people who donated butter.

Holiday Plates

On Wed. Nov. 16, our grades 10-12 assembled and delivered most of our 50+ holiday plates for our special friends in the community and the nursing homes. We appreciate all the goodies that were dropped off for this activity. Thank you to the extra volunteers who delivered to the out of town and nursing homes.

Confirmation Prep

A Journey with your Sponsor Day

On Nov. 14 our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors met for *A Journey with your Sponsor Day*. St. Thomas hosted this year. 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 and their sponsors.

Retreat

Tentatively scheduled for April 1 & 2. Our retreat is a great experience for our Confirmation candidates. We will join with St. Thomas at a location to be determined.

Confirmation date –

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

Confirmation Prayer Partners

Thank you to our Prayer Partner volunteers. Prayer is a very important element in preparation for any sacrament. The students love receiving reminders that someone is praying and thinking of them on their journey to Confirmation.



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OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

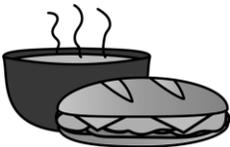
5th Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Sunday January 29, 2023
at St. Thomas, Montfort
Serving from 8:00 – 11:00
All are invited!

Pre Super Bowl Party

Feb. 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Homemade Soups, Sandwiches & Dessert
Served dine-in or carry-out

Euchre Tournament

Starting at 10:00 a.m.



BAKE SALE



Bake Sale 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Watch the bulletin and web site for prizes

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 "Grateful, Thankful, Blessed 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.

Decorating for Christmas – Dec. 18

All are invited to join the Liturgy Committee in switching our Advent environment over to the Christmas season. We will start set-up after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Materials will be organized, and instructions will be available. Many hands will make the workload light for all. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Mass schedule for Christmas & January 1st Holy Day

December 24

HIGHLAND

4:00 p.m. (3:30 p.m. music prelude)

7:30 p.m.

MONTFORT

5:30 p.m.

December 25

HIGHLAND – 9:00 a.m.

MONTFORT – No Christmas morning Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sat. Dec. 31

4:30 p.m. at Ss. Anthony & Philip

6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas

Sun. Jan. 1

9:00 a.m. at Ss. Anthony & Philip

10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas

*May the
Miracle of
Christmas
fill your heart
with joy.*

