

**January 15, 2023
Ministry Schedule**

6:30pm

Reader: Joyce Clifton
EM: Carl Kite
Ushers: Jim Campbell, Dave Clifton

10:30am

Reader: Betty Bussan
EM: Michelle Caygill
Ushers : Pete Pustina, Leon Neuheisel

Weekday Masses

Wednesday & Friday 7:45am

Mass Intentions	
Wednesday	L & D Raimer & Rose Families
Friday	†Marvin & Mary Jean Clifton
Saturday	Living & Deceased Members of Tony & Alice Hrubes Family
Sunday	Parish Members Of Montfort & Highland

Mass Intentions:

There are still some openings for March through June.

Readings for the Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Acts 10:34-38	Hebrews 2:5-12	Hebrews 2:14-18	Hebrews 3:7-14	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11	Hebrews 4:12-16	Isaiah 60:1-6
	Matthew 3:13-17	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17	Matthew 2:1-12

January 8, 2023

Thank You
FOR
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Capital Campaign
PLEGDED
\$65,675.00
REC'D TO DATE
\$58,835.00

Parish Stewardship January 1, 2023	
Envelopes	3187
Offertory	87
All Saints & All Souls	
Utility	
Christmas	430
Immaculate Conception	75
Cemetery	
Total	3779

A Message From Murph

On Thursday, Father Jim will be posting **"A message From Murph"**. A weekly message on Facebook to the parishioners of St. Thomas and Ss. Anthony and Philip

Saturday or Sunday Mass at 6:30 pm or 10:30 am is streamed on ST THOMAS PARISH MONTFORT Facebook page

Saturday Mass at 4:30 pm is streamed on SS. ANTHONY AND PHILIP PARISH Facebook page

From the Desk of Father Jim

Poverty is being without, an unpleasant thought for almost everyone. This is true if the "without" is something essential- food, housing, medical care, clothing, a job to provide for you and your family. For believers, poverty has also been understood as simplicity, but today I focus on poverty as without essentials. The US Bishops designate January as Poverty Awareness Month. If we have our basic needs met, it can be easy to avoid consideration of poverty. Loving our neighbor includes the unattractive truth that some around us live in need- that poverty is a serious part of their lives. Awareness is step one in addressing others' necessities. If you search online: USCCB Poverty Awareness Month, you will find the US Bishops website regarding education on poverty. In the first paragraph you will find an option for "daily reflections" where you will be asked for your email to receive a short message during January. If you click on Poverty Awareness Month and you will be taken to the US Bishops' website. Find the drop down- Poverty Education. There will be a great array of facts and videos regarding the needs of our brothers and sisters in the US. You can locate maps that will allow you to understand the level of poverty in Iowa and Grant counties. There are "stories of hope" that will reveal projects funded by the Catholic Church that assist people to help themselves.

I would encourage you to sign up for a January daily reflection or visit the Poverty USA site for both needs of our brothers and sister and stories of hope.

Evening Prayer—Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

In Highland the first two weeks of each month. In Montfort the second two weeks of each month.

January 10th will be Justice & Peace



Statement from Bishop Hying on the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Madison)

I join my prayers to those of millions around the world, as we mourn the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. We are all grateful for his generous service to the Church, as a priest, theologian, professor, bishop, cardinal, and for his leadership of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith during the pontificate of Pope Saint John Paul II, and his fruitful years as our Holy Father, the pope. His leadership of the Church at the time of Pope Saint John Paul II's death, the funeral, and the days leading up to the papal conclave particularly stands out. As a brilliant intellectual, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI had an extraordinary ability to articulate the nuances of the Catholic faith in coherent and understandable forms without oversimplifying or diluting the integrity of belief. We are all grateful for his erudite writings, his love for the liturgy, his appreciation of beauty as a form of evangelization, and his devotion to the saints. In Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we saw a remarkable convergence of the soul, intellect, heart and will of a man radically convicted of the truth of the Gospel and fully dedicated to serving the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Coupled with his prominent role of leadership within the Church and his intellectual brilliance was a profound humility, woven as a unifying thread in every aspect of his life. He knew who he was before the Lord, without pretense or artifice. This humility grounded him through the trials, difficulties, and controversies of his varied and demanding life, poured out for Christ and the saving truth of our beautiful Catholic faith. May Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI know the eternal reward of his heroic earthly labors. May he rest in eternal peace, beholding the mystery of God, whom he loved and served in this life without reserve.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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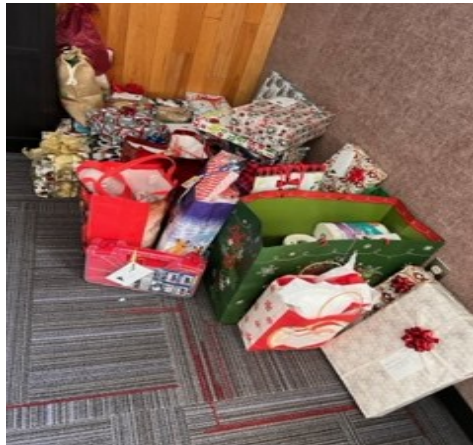
Advent Project

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a group that makes beds for those in need, thanks St. Thomas parishioners who contributed twin sheet sets for their projects. Leon Neuheisel personally thanks this parish for our contributions to their endeavors..

A special thank you goes out to individuals involved in a project from the Energizer Corporation. Batteries were provided for the families who were helped during our Advent Project. Tammy O'Brien, an employee, facilitated the endeavor. Every family was given a battery storage container with a wide selection of batteries in several different sizes.

Many thanks to all the parishioners who helped make the Advent Project a success. Three families with six adults and ten children were helped.. Because of your generosity, they experienced a more blessed Christmas. Thank you for all you do.

From Shirley Zimmer



Additional Christmas Memorials:

In Memory of Gerald & Rosella Fritsch, Tom Walsh
 Donated by Cheryl Fritsch Family

In Memory of Lloyd Yelinek, Sheldon & VernaTrenary, Ronald & Sheron Dobson, Erma Prochaska
 Donated by Karen Yelinek & Family

In Memory of Maureen Gile Glynn, Cletus & Sally Gile
 Donated by Clem & Phyllis Wiegman



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Christmas

December 25, 2022

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6:30 pm

Sunday - 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Wed. and Fri - 7:45 am

Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

For prayer requests call
 Ann Uppena at 608-623-2458 or
 Shirley Place at 608-943-8214 email re-
 quest to: stthomasprays4u@gmail.com

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Second and Fourth
 Saturday at 6:00 pm
 or by appointment.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples planning to marry
 should contact the pastor for
 marriage preparation as they
 become engaged.
 For final preparation allow
 one year in advance.

Linked with

Ss. Anthony and Philip,
 Highland, WI 608-929-7490