

## Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**3 December 2021 – Monday**

**Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Obligatory Memorial**

**First Reading:** Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21: 23-27

**14 December 2021 – Tuesday**

**John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor Memorial**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 34: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23

**Gospel:** Matthew 21: 28-32

**15 December 2021 – Wednesday**

**Advent Weekday †Fr. Laverne G Meier**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25

**Psalm:** Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

**Gospel:** Luke 7: 18b-23

**16 December 2021 – Thursday**

**Advent Weekday**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 54: 1-10

**Psalm:** Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b

**Gospel:** Luke 7: 24-30

**17 December 2021 – Friday**

**Advent Weekday (O Sapientia)**

**Melvin & Kate Michek and those who are sick**

**First Reading:** Genesis 49: 2, 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17

**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 1-17

**18 December 2021 – Saturday**

**Advent Weekday (O Adonai)**

**Parish Members of Montfort & Highland**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23: 5-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-25

**19 December 2021 – Sunday**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Radix Jesse)**

**†John Walker**

**First Reading:** Micah 5: 1-4a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10: 5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-45

**December 12, 2021**

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**Capital  
Campaign**

**PLEGGED  
\$63,275.00**

**REC'D TO  
DATE  
\$42,475.00**

### Parish Stewardship December 5

Envelopes	\$980.00
Offertory	\$90.00
Love Your Neighbor	
All Saints	
Int Comb Collection	
Christmas	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1070.00</b>

### Ministry Schedule Dec 18 & Dec 19

**6:30 pm**

Ushers Jim Campbell Carl Kite

Reader Walker Wubben

**10:30am**

Ushers Pete Pustina Leon Neuheisel

Reader Dan Adams

Mass Wednesday & Friday at 7:45am

Communal Penance 12/16 Highland 7:00pm

**Saturday or Sunday Mass at 6:30 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**

### A Message From Murph

On Wednesday, 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

## From the Desk of Father Jim

We are approaching gift giving season. What would the proper gift be? Is it available or can it get here in time?

God gave us the gift of the Son and Savior as the supreme gift. In preparing for this gift, we are offered another gift- reconciliation and forgiveness. On Thursday, December 16 in Highland at 7:00pm we will offer communal reconciliation. In this sacrament, we are offered peace, healing, renewal, relief from carrying our burdens, unity with God and one another, lifting of our spirit, harmony and a fresh start. Better than Christmas. Well yes, the gift of reconciliation was won for us at Easter but it is always available. If we prepare tables and trees, why would we not prepare our lives for the Savior? No shopping, no ordering, no returning because forgiveness fits us all. Love through forgiveness is a fantastic gift. Fr. Michael from Mineral Point will be with us for reconciliation.



**Christmas Bazaar  
Cookies, Candies and Crafts  
December 11**

**12-4 pm Lunch Available  
6-8 pm Bazaar is available—no lunch**

**December 12  
10-1pm Lunch Available**

### Advent Project

**All items must be at the church no later that December 12th.**

**That's very early but we have to get the presents to Iowa-Grant by December 15th. Feel free to contact Shirley Zimmer (608-574-5346) with questions or problems**

**Thank you again for all you do for our parish.**

The Church office carpet has been removed in the two rooms that were previously the living and dining rooms. There was linoleum under the carpet and the backing left the mess in the first picture.

The second picture is after the removal of the backing and the first path with the sander

The third picture is fully sanded and the last picture is the final stained floor.



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## 3rd Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

### Worship Schedule

**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday - 6:30 pm  
Sunday - 10:30 am

**Weekday Masses**  
Wednesday - 7:45 am  
Friday - 7:45 am

**Office Hours**  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday

## 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