

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

6 December 2021 – Monday
Advent Weekday / Nicholas, Bishop
First Reading: [Isaiah 35](#): 1-10
Psalm: [Psalms 85](#): 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Gospel: [Luke 5](#): 17-26

7 December 2021 – Tuesday
Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor Obligatory Memorial
First Reading: [Isaiah 40](#): 1-11
Psalm: [Psalms 96](#): 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Gospel: [Matthew 18](#): 12-14

8 December 2021 – Wednesday
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin MARY Solemnity,
Holy Day of Obligation
†James Curoe
First Reading: [Genesis 3](#): 9-15, 20
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 98](#): 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Second Reading: [Ephesians 1](#): 3-6, 11-12
Gospel: [Luke 1](#): 26-38

9 December 2021 – Thursday
Advent Weekday / Juan Diego, Hermit
First Reading: [Isaiah 41](#): 13-20
Psalm: [Psalms 145](#): 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Gospel: [Matthew 11](#): 11-15

10 December 2021 – Friday
Souls in Purgatory
Advent Weekday
First Reading: [Isaiah 48](#): 17-19
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 1](#): 1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Gospel: [Matthew 11](#): 16-19

11 December 2021 – Saturday
Advent Weekday / Damasus I, Pope
Ralph & Rita Cordts
First Reading: [Sirach 48](#): 1-4, 9-11
Psalm: [Psalms 80](#): 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Gospel: [Matthew 17](#): 9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Parish Members of Montfort & Highland
First Reading: [Zephaniah 3](#): 14-18a
Responsorial Psalm: [Isaiah 12](#): 2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)
Second Reading: [Philippians 4](#): 4-7
Gospel: [Luke 3](#): 10-18

December 5, 2021

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Capital Campaign

PLEGGED
\$63,275.00
REC'D TO DATE
\$36,425.00

Parish Stewardship November 28

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

Ministry Schedule Dec 11 & Dec 12 6:30 pm

Ushers Jim Campbell Dave Clifton
Reader Joyce Clifton

10:30am

Ushers Pete Pustina Leon Neuheisel
Reader Michelle Caygill

Mass Wednesday & Friday at 7:45am

Next Evening Pray Service Dec 21 at 7:00

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

The Diocese asks all parishes to do a count of mass attendance each October. I promised to report this October's count. This October, our average Saturday attendance was 40 people and Sunday average was 47. Compared against a 2019 and 2018 average, Saturday average is only a 5 people decrease. Sunday however remains 64% of 2019 average of 75 people. We still have significant new COVID cases in Wisconsin and some people need to be cautious being in groups such as mass for an hour. I miss people being with us. COVID has pushed us to use technology to share mass in our community. A community gathering is the ideal where we can listen, respond and be united as the Body of Christ. We are not yet at a point where all feel that this is a safe choice. We need to continue to pray for health and safety and a strong faith to help us in this difficult time. If there is a need that I can respond to, please contact me. Eucharist outside of mass, either at home or coming to church is possible.

Advent Project

We have only one family this year, but there are 5 children in the family

Please pick up cards at the back of the church, buy the item, wrap it with the card taped to the front, and return the presents to the church.

If you would like to donate but don't want to shop, please let us know as soon as possible so we can do the shopping for you.

All items must be at the church no later than 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.

PLEASE NOTICE: We have the opportunity to help another family. There are additional cards in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Weekend! Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests

Please take advantage of this opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

Justice and Peace Committee is holding a SERRV catalog sale at both SS Anthony and Philip and St. Thomas parishes through **December 10**. SERRV is a non-profit organization empowering small-scale global artisans and farmers through long-term partnerships, helping them build sustainable employment, resources, rights, and a vision of hope in their communities. Artisans working with SERRV are paid fair wages in advance, to ensure they can support themselves and their families while they work. Artisans are encouraged to use sustainable crafting methods and recycled materials in their handcrafts. Our support of SERRV will help their ongoing efforts to combat global poverty and work to help artisans and farmers build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. Catalogs and order forms are available in the Gathering Space. Please complete the order form and include a check payable to Ss Anthony and Philp for the total. At this time, most items featured in the catalog are in stock with one exception, bread warmers. We will call you if any item is out of stock when the order is placed.



**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**

The Religious Ed students created two fleece tied blankets as their Advent Project



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THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:
PEACE



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2nd Sunday of Advent December 5, 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