

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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St. Philip's Church

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Sister Parishes

St. Charles Pennington
Saturday at 4:00 PM
(Fishing Opener to Labor Day)

Holy Spirit Newman Center
BSU/NWTC
Sunday at 7:00 PM, Tuesday at 5:30 PM
(School year only)
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Diocese of Crookston

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St. Philip's Clothing Depot

218-444-3835
Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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2nd Sunday of Advent Greetings,

Advent is the time of preparation! we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus into our lives...not for the first time but as a reminder it is time for renewal, time for regaining a sense of anticipation. Jesus loves us and wants to be with us. How will we prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for receiving the gift of Jesus? Some will immerse themselves in the preparation for Christmas Day: sending cards, electronic greetings, baking, cleaning house, setting up seasonal decorations, shopping, wrapping gifts, mailing gifts, and the list can be long and seeming endless. But: How will we prepare our hearts, minds and souls for receiving the gift of Jesus?

A good reconciliation is important: clean the soul of sins that have become comfortable habits. Acknowledge our sinfulness before God and make restitution. We also leave the confessional with the knowledge that God has forgiven us and given us the grace to do better. We clean our home, how about our inner temple! On Saturday, December 13th and 20th, we celebrate 8 Days of Grace starting at 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Here are some quotes you may want to put in your Christmas letter or in a not to someone special. It might be even a good tag line for your email.

- What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. ~ *Agnes M. Pharo*
- The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart. ~ *Helen Keller*
- May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love. ~ *Ada V. Hendricks*
- Christmas is not just a time for festivity and merry making. It is more than that. It is a time for the contemplation of eternal things. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving. ~ *J.C. Penney* (8 Christmas Thoughts)
- Christmas, my child, is love in action. ...Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas. ~ *Dale Evans Rogers*
- My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that? ~ *Bob Hope*
- The Message of Christmas is that the visible material world is bound to the invisible spiritual world. ~ *Author Unknown*

Speaking of the coming of Jesus; a Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort where one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at the registration card and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full." The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies." The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town." Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'd like you to know I am a Christian." The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test. Tell me about the birth of Jesus." Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem." "Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more." Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger." "loudly," "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"

Have a Blessed Advent! Prepare wisely! Anticipate the coming of Jesus!
Blessings on your day! Fr. Chuck

Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Wanda Baumgartner, Clark Chambers, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Gary Gregg, Mike Headlee, Jodi Maki, Brent Rud, Theresa Wilander

Finance Council Members: Nick Berg, Eileen Bretschneider, Jeff Cwikla, Claude Sand, Shannon Schmitt

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Trustees: Joann Gardner, Hank Krigbaum

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

The Lord will come
to save the nations.

MASS INTENTIONS For December 8 to December 14

Monday, December 8: *The Immaculate Conception of Mary*

8:40 AM Mass: +Ray & Donna Kern

6:30 PM Mass: +Clarence Ofelt

Tuesday, December 9:

12:10 PM Mass: +Bob Schmickle

5:30 PM Mass (Newman): Special Intentions for
the DePorter Family

Wednesday, December 10:

8:40 AM Mass: +Kenneth Bahr

Thursday, December 11:

7:00 AM Mass: +Marion & Del Ruhland

10:30 AM Mass (Neilson Place): Special Intentions for
Bob & Jeanette Welle

10:30 AM Communion Service (Goldpine)

Friday, December 12:

8:30 AM Mass: +Con Beaulieu

Saturday, December 13:

8:30 AM Mass: +Ellouise Dahlgren

5:30 PM Mass: +Noel Vanasse

Sunday, December 14:

7:30 AM Mass: +Henry & Anna Vonasek

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: +Pete Rutten

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Jack Fairbanks

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, December 8 *The Immaculate Conception of Mary*

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 825 (Social Hall)

3:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Mtg (Social Hall)

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:15 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 10

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:30 AM Rosary for Schools (Chapel)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, Grades 1-11

Thursday, December 11

12:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

6:30 PM RCIA (St. Kateri)

7:00 PM Prayer & Praise (Chapel)

Friday, December 12

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, December 13

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (every hour on the hour)

Day of Grace (Chapel)

Sunday, December 14

8:35 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

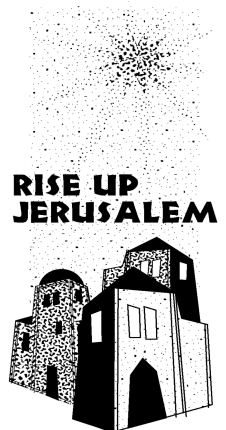
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (St. Gregory/Grt)

10:15 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

Please Take Note:

Morning Mass on Monday,
December 8 will start at 8:40 AM
rather than the usual time of 8:30 .

In lieu of an Advent Penance
Service, there will be a **Day of
Grace** on December 13th and on the
20th. Confessions will be heard in
the Chapel every hour on the hour
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



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Bible Readings for the Week of December 8 ~ December 14

Monday, Dec 8:

- Gn 3:9-15,20
- Ps 98:1-4
- Eph 1:3-6,11-12
- Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec 9:

- Is 40:1-11
- Ps 96:1-3,10ac,11-13
- Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec 10:

- Is 40:25-31
- Ps 103:1-4, 8,10
- Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec 11:

- Is 41:13-20
- Ps 145:1,9-13b
- Mt 11:11-15

Friday, Dec 12:

- Zec 2:14-17
- Ps Jdt 13:18bc,19
- Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, Dec 13:

- Sir 48:1-4,9-11
- Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
- Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, Dec 14:

- Is 61:1-2a,10-11
- Ps Lk 1:46-50,53-54
- 1 Thes 5:16-24
- Jn 1:6-8,19-28

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



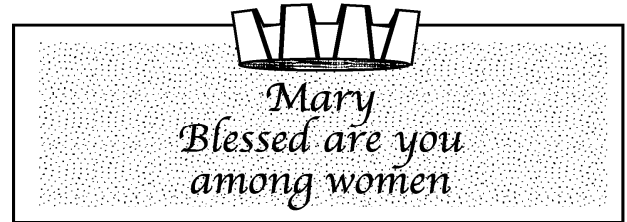
Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class.

The next session will be on January 4. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Freyja Nathene Thompson**, daughter of Pete & Anika Thompson. May she be filled with the Holy Spirit!



St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Charlotte Wynkoop**, daughter of Marian Qvern. May she find rest and peace, & may her family find comfort in God's love.



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SINCE YOU ASKED...

At the recent *Family Faith Night* held here, there were so many faith questions for Fr. Chuck & Fr. Don, and not enough time to answer them all. All of your questions were worthy of an answer, so they have kept the questions, and will answer them in this column every week:

*This week's questions are being answered by Chris Armstrong.

How did God come alive?

The existence of God is not contrary to scientific teachings. As an example science says that the universe started with a big bang. We call the spiritual entity that stated the big bang "God." We do not understand how God existed in nothingness before the universe started, that is a mystery. God reveals Himself to us through our scientific studies, Scripture, and revelation. God has always existed.

If someone says Atheism is the way, what do I say?

The short answer: I believe there is a God and that someday when we die we will meet him face to face. When I pray I feel a sense of comfort and peace that can only come from a being that created and watches over me.

Why it is some people do not believe in God?

The reason why some people do not believe in God (Atheism) is because they do not want to acknowledge that there is a power higher than them, they want to be the supreme masters of their own fate. This is based on a false idea that people want to refuse the fact that we are dependent on God. They think that by acknowledging God they are insulting the dignity of humanity. But the reality is that to acknowledge the existence of God humanity is brought to perfection in the presence of God. This means the mortal can become immortal. Analogies always help me to understand things better. Lets for example think of humanity as a fancy sports car and God as the gas. Without the gas the car looks nice and pretty. Without God (the gas), it is essentially a painted piece of glorified rubber and metal. With the gas the car comes to life, lights turn on, the engine makes noise, the radio blasts to life, and the car is able to move around and experience its true potential. This is how humanity is when we acknowledge the existence of God.

Stewardship of Financial Resources:

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 ~

June 30, 2015

Week #22 Contributions (received the weekend of 11/30/2014)

Envelopes	\$	10,395.11
EFT Envelopes	\$	-
Loose Plate	\$	621.06
Children's	\$	36.05
Total		\$11,052.22

Fiscal Year to Date (Week #22):

Amount Contributed

Envelopes	\$	333,828.68
Loose Plate	\$	20,947.26
Children's	\$	1,109.81
Total	\$	355,885.75
(98.10% of budget)		

Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.

"Tubs of Christmas Love"

St. Philip's Church is again filling "Tubs of Christmas Love". The food and gifts collected will be shared with local low-income families or those experiencing hardship.

- From Nov 29th - Dec 14th, there will be green/red tubs that will serve as Christmas Baskets.
- The lid on each tub will have a label identifying the number of family members, ages of the children and may have some other specific information.
- The tub can be filled with items appropriate for a holiday meal, and/or a gift certificate for perishable food including items such as turkey, pie, etc. A family game or small gift items could also be included.
- Simply take a tub, fill it, and return it to the tree (on weekends) or to the parish office (during the week).
- Please remove the papers from the inside of the tub. **Return the filled tub by December 15th.** Please detach, and fill out the information slip on the side of the label that is on top of your tub and drop in the box or collection plate when you take the tub.

Bi-Cap, CEP, Headstart, Hope House and St. Mary's Mission have assisted us with the names for this year.



ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

Class Notes

December 6/7

- It's the second week of Advent. How are you preparing yourself for the coming of Christ?
- Congratulations to all the students who celebrated their First Reconciliation this weekend and to all who will experience the sacrament this Advent season. May you welcome God's loving forgiveness.
- Monday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our school Mass will be at 8:40 AM on this day with the third graders as our Mass ministers. There will be no school Mass on Wednesday, December 10.
- Classrooms are filling Tubs of Love as their Advent projects.
- Our Advent Prayer Services are on Wednesday and Friday of this week at 8:30 AM in the gym.
- This year's Christmas Program will be presented on Wednesday, December 17, at both 1:30 and 6:30 PM. Besides a concert featuring our bands and choirs, we will present the play "The Christmas Chronicles". Let us enrich your holiday spirit.
- Our Pre-Kindergarten classes will present their Christmas programs on Monday and Tuesday, December 15 & 16, at 2:30 PM in the Social Hall.
- The final round of the National Geographic Geography Bee is scheduled for Friday, January 9 at 9:30 AM. Please join us.
- Christmas Break for St. Philip's School students begins with no classes on Friday, December 19. School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2015.
- Get Safe Environment Certified now. Go to www.crookston.org and follow the Safe Environment prompts. Anyone who volunteers or works in the school needs to attain certification annually. (July 1 starts the new year of certification.) Thanks.



PARISH PRAYER GATHERING AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Saturday, December 13, 2014

1:00 PM

Recitation of the Rosary and Silent Prayer
until 2:00 PM*

Everyone is welcome.

*Weather permitting. Prayer Warriors: Please check the weather before heading to the site. If the temperature and/or wind chill values are below zero, consider the event as cancelled.

*"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we will reap, if we faint not."
Galatians 6:9*

CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

Finding the Balance

Saturday, December 13

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Adult Day Services

620 Carr Lake Rd, Bemidji

RSVP: 218-333-8265

Caring for a loved one can be challenging, especially during this time of year. Take this opportunity to get away from the stresses the holiday season can bring and join us for a FREE Caregiver Conference! FREE Respite Care also available. Contact Cindi at 218-333-8264.

Conference will include breakfast, lunch, and a wide variety of topics associated with being a Caregiver.

Hosted by Northwoods Caregivers

ALPHA IS Coming to the Newman Center!

Alpha is a practical tool inspiring Catholic renewal by answering the call to the New Evangelization. Alpha is proven to awaken faith in lapsed Catholics, those on the fringe of parish life and those outside the Church. It gives faithful Catholics a path and a language to fulfill their baptismal call to evangelize.

Alpha is running in parishes all over the world, in every faith tradition, in workplace settings, prisons, homes, any place where people gather. Alpha has been customized to speak to certain groups of people like youth and college students. In the different contexts which Alpha is offered the focus remains evangelistic in nature and centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Alpha creates an environment and opportunity for an encounter with Jesus, offering as Pope Francis likes to say, the chance for Jesus to find them. Alpha is an invitation to drop your nets and become an intentional follower of Jesus.

Members of the St. Philip's Evangelization Committee are working with Fr. Don at the Newman Center to coordinate our first attempt at ALPHA locally. Fr. Chuck has used the program effectively in previous parishes and is encouraging its use here, starting with the Newman and the students there.

Training of those in leadership positions in the program will be completed in another week. When the students at BSU and NTC return in January, over 2,000 will be invited to participate by other students. The weekly gatherings begin later in January.

Please keep ALPHA and all who are involved in your prayers!

Bemidji Chorale *35th Annual Winter Concert* WINTER JOY, COLD & FUN

Sunday, December 7, 2014

3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Conductor: Patricia Mason

Accompanist: Wayne Hoff

Calvary Lutheran Church

2508 Washington Ave SE

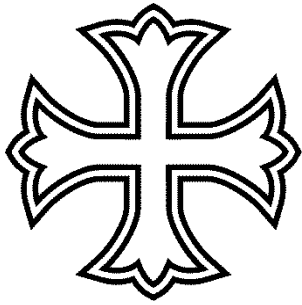
~ Free Will Offering ~

Christmas Flowers for St. Philip's Church will be supplied, in part, through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones, or in honor of the living.

If you wish to make a memorial, please use your Christmas Flower Offering envelope in your box of offertory envelopes. Or place your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Christmas Flowers**. Please indicate the name of the deceased person/(s) your gift is in memory of or the name of the living person(s) your gift is in honor of.

Please place your envelope in the collection basket or turn it in to the parish office as soon as possible. All memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after the Christmas season.





**Congratulations
to the following children
who celebrated God's
love and forgiveness
in the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Elizabeth Joan Violet Youso
Abigail Jean Yerbich
Adair Wizner
Logan Mae Westrum
Rania Elizabeth Wells
Diana Katelyn Wells
Rocky Vincenzo James Vigilanti
Olivia Darlene Dora Tollefson
Julianna Sylvia Tollefson
Jade Tenney
Emma Stay
Ellie Jean Solheim
Brody Allen Smith
Shea Jean Omega Amelia Skala
Katherine Selby
Mollie Rupp
Luke Ronald Rud
Selena Pollock
Elena Sue Peterson
Sullivan Eugene Okerlund
Morgan Nyhusmoen
Carson Nordlum
Samantha Jo Nistler
Gary Morehart
Gracie Mae Mohs
Faith Marie Mohs
Ariel Annabell Mohs
Lucy Ann Mischke
Addison Rose McCrady


Samuel Arthur Maus
Dylan Michael Lundin
Maximilian Christopher Louvar
Bo Lauderbaugh
Lily Larson
Jonathan Clarence Krava
Eleanor Kordiak
William Elliott Koch
Jaiden Karas
Philip Jakob Hodapp
Andrew Hendricks
Zoey Headlee
Erick Andrew Haskell
Aubrie K Grace
Anna Grace Frenzel
Aurora Rose Frank
Joseph David Fankhanel
Alexa Eklund
Mikayla Mae Dreyer
Mateja Jean Dreyer
Sibley Downs
Benjermen Anden Desrosier
Carter Derby
Dawson Degelder
Kaden Marie Columbus
Elizabeth Marian Buxton
Nyla M. Brower
Ephram Victor Boucher

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 13-14

	5:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Robb Naylor	Jennifer Leisenheimer	Jim Gorham	Mary Lou Peters
USHER	HELP NEEDED Dick Lehmann HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Gerry Cardinal Jr. Gary Bruns Paulette Welle Wes Seitz	Zachary Froelich Mark Froelich Troy Hendricks Del Hager	Don Pohl Mark Moris HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
ALTAR SERVER	Garret Schwindt Will Schwindt	Hannah Leisenheimer Hayley Leisenheimer	Cami Adams Tia Drouillard	Toby Glen Nick Nagle
LECTOR	Robb Naylor Joe Czapiewski	Judy Stai Sue Bruns	Susan Baird Ben Baird	Patty Nagle Karen Merschman
INTERCESSOR	Amy Buckanaga	Darla Sathre	Clark Chambers	Mary Lou Peters
GREETER	Tom Thompson Susan Burlingame	Rosemary Petersen Fran Petersen	Al Bennington Jo Ann Lewis	Chris Hanevold Charity Hanevold
CAPTAIN	Janet Weaver	Walter Schuiling	Ed Daigle	Karen Williams
EMHC	Mary Westrum Robb Naylor Laura Schwindt Lauren Weaver Barry Karpinski JoDee Treat HELP NEEDED	Jennifer Leisenheimer Dan Shea Marge Seitz Joyce Berg HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Jim Gorham Mary Scofield Stephen Steele Theresa Steele Kay Mack Larry Mack Clark Chambers Sue Hendricks Pat Welch	Pat Kelly Rita Lauderbaugh Sarah Glen Tony Schussman Karen Merschman Jane Baukol Courtney Haskins Dotty Forrest HELP NEEDED
HOSPITALITY		HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Gerri Daigle Ed Daigle Mark Dickinson Wanda Dickinson	Annette Jones Jan Busch Nancy Lauderbaugh Rita Lauderbaugh
MUSICIANS	Phill Hermann Joe Vene	Molly Bass Dan Voss	Molly Bass Jamie Kirchofner	Margaret DeMers Claude Sand

ALL MINISTERS are asked to please call the parish office at 444-4262 or email to rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org by **December 15** to let us know dates when you are **not** available to do your ministry for the month of **January**. **Thank you!**

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