# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## St. Philip's Church

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### Parish Staff

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**Events Coordinator:** 441-4907

Parish Office Coordinator:

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218-444-4938

Principal:

Carol Rettinger ext. 4941

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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 Sun at 7:00 PM, Tues at 9:15 PM, Thurs at 5:30 PM (School year only)

1701 Birch Lane NE 218-444-4762

## St. Philip's Clothing Depot

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

Manager:

Norma Himmelright

#### Diocese of Crookston

Victim Assistance Coordinator: Louann McGlynn 218-281-7895

# November 29, 2015

In liturgical studies one of the first things you learn is that the word õEucharistö comes from the Greek word õeukharistia,ö meaning thanksgiving. Who knew that we celebrate a Thanksgiving meal every weekend at Mass? As we just closed our Thanksgiving meal, I thought it would be appropriate to explore some ideas on why we should be so grateful for our Eucharistic meal.

In the Genesis story, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ended our perfect life in the Garden of Eden with God. From that point on, the Old Testament illustrates stories again and again of God lovingly recovering that relationship through covenants. These covenants, or contracts, show Godos part of the covenant was his promise to forgive our sins. Our side always consisted of a sacrifice prepared to say we're sorry for our sins. We would say we're sorry, and we'd do better next time. Alas, we were not very good at keeping our side of the covenant. The circle of disobedience would always occur again. We needed help to fulfill our end of the covenant to get right with God.

In the New Testament we see that Jesus is the one sent to fulfill the covenant for us. oFor God so loved the world that he gave His only Sono (John 3:16). He is the ultimate sacrifice that perfects our relationship with God. The Mass, the Liturgy, is that celebration of Christos sacrifice. ÕDo this in remembrance of meö is a call to continually receive the Eucharist. His sacrifice on the cross and resurrection then becomes the perfect offering where we find our salvation.

It is hard to be grateful when we deal with darkness, disappointments, and frustrations daily. However, the story of Adam and Eve shows that God never letes go, never stops loving us, or pursuing us. Even in the darkness of human mishaps, he always desires us. God perfects the imperfect and brings good out of darkness. This is our hope, and this is our thanksgiving. So, no matter my imperfections, mishaps, and limitations, God just wants me to come to the altar. I will give what offering I can, and he will take care of the rest. Thank goodness!

As we have just blessed our Eucharistic Thanksgiving meal, remember these words:

Presider: õ*The Lord be with you*" Assembly: õ*And with your spirit.*"

Presider: "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God,

Assembly: õIt is right and just."

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families, and this Thanksgiving among a long laundry list of items I am grateful for, I am so grateful to be serving this community of faith.

From the desk of Aana Freihammer, Director of Music and Liturgy

#### Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Sarah Bofferding, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Gary Gregg, Brent Rud, Drew Weaver, Theresa Wilander

Finance Council Members: Jeff Cwikla, Claude Sand, Shannon Schmitt

School Council Members: Jaclyn Bergerson, Tiffany Fankhanel, Christine Louvar, James Marcotte, Trudy

Peterson, Laura Schwindt

Trustees: Joann Gardner, Hank Krigbaum

# The First Sunday of the Season of Advent

November 29, 2015

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

## MASS INTENTIONS

For November 30 to December 6

Monday, Nov 30

8:30 AM Mass: +Patrick Tryon

Tuesday, Dec 1

12:10 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Mardene Schuiling

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Leo Kueber

Wednesday, Dec 2

8:40 AM Mass: +Nick & Sophie Pulczinski and

+Tom & Rose Novak

Thursday, Dec 3

7:00 AM Mass: +Camilla Bormann

10:30 AM Mass (Havenwood): +Evelyn Schuiling 10:30 AM Communion Service (Baker Park) 5:30 PM Mass (Newman): +Mary Lou Johnson

Friday, Dec 4

8:30 AM Mass: +Silvester Fernando

Saturday, Dec 5

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Elliot, Arlene, & Brenda

5:30 PM Mass: +Margaret Fulton

Sunday, Dec 6

7:30 AM Mass: +Jones & Patricia Norman

9:00 AM Mass: For the People 11:00 AM Mass: +Jane Senger

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): Special Intentions for SG

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Nov 30

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 AM Book Fair (Social Hall)

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

7:00 PM Nightlights (St. Kateri Rm)

Tuesday, Dec 1

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

8:30 AM Book Fair (Social Hall)

3:30 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

3:30 PM Tiger Cubs (Social Hall)

6:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Mencs Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, Dec 2

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 AM Book Fair (Social Hall)

9:30 AM Rosary for Our Schools (Chapel)

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, Grades 1-11

Thursday, Dec 3

8:30 AM Book Fair (Social Hall)

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

5:00 PM Life Teen Band Practice

6:00 PM KC Board Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

6:30 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Greg/Grt Rm)

Friday, Dec 4

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 AM Book Fair (Social Hall)

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

Saturday, Dec 5

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM First Reconciliation (Chapel)

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Dec 6

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

9:00 AM Childrencs Liturgy of the Word (St. Greg/Grt)

9:00 AM Preschool Sunday School (Pre-K classrooms)

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)

10:15 AM Baptism Class (St. Kateri Rm)

12:00 PM Life Teen Event (Gym)



## Bible Readings for the Week of Nov 30 ~ Dec 6

#### Monday, Nov 30

- •Rom 10:9-18
- ●Ps 19:8-11
- •Mt 4:18-22

## Tuesday, Dec 1

- ●Is 11:1-10
- ●Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
- •Lk 10:21-24

## Wednesday, Dec 2

- ●Is 25:6-10a
- ●Ps 23:1-6
- •Mt 15:29-37

## Thursday, Dec 3

- ●Is 26:1-6
- ●Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
- •Mt 7:21,24-27

#### Friday, Dec 4

- ●Is 29:17-24
- ●Ps 27:1,4,13-14
- •Mt 9:27-31

## Saturday, Dec 5

- •Is 30:19-21,23-26
- ●Ps 147:1-6
- ●Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

#### Sunday, Dec 6

- ●Bar 5:1-9
- ●Ps 126:1-6
- ●Phil 1:4-6,8-11
- •Lk 3:1-6

# 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 December 6. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.



St. Philips extends condolences to the families of **Maria Wizner and Richard Allen**, father of Greg Allen. May they find rest and peace, & may their families find comfort in Gods love.

St. Philips extends best wishes to **Nicholas Seitz** and Cassandra Stroeing, who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage on August 8th at St.





Thank you to all who pledged their support to help cover the monthly operational costs of our local Catholic radio station AM 820. Together we raised \$12,333 and a \$4,000 match was added. You

will be contacted by Real Presence Radio within the next two weeks to help you complete your pledge. May God Bless you abundantly for your generosity!

#### **NIGHTLIGHTS**

**Nightlights,** a support group for anyone who has a loved one with mental illness will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00-8:30 PM, Monday, November 30, 2015 in the St. Kateri Room at St. Philips Church, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Beltrami Ave. With questions, please call 218 444 4262.

November 30 we have a featured guest: Kerry Hicks.

Kerry worked as the Child and Family Advocacy for the Family advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota. Her training includes: working with child victims of abuse, advocacy, domestic violence, assisting in preparation of Orders for Protection, advocacy in court, and dealing with manipulators. Kerry has now developed her own company to advocate for clients. At Nightlights, she will talk about how we can support the people we love, watch ourselves when we get off track, and find tools and support so that we can be a loving advocate for our families and friends.

The St. Philips Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, Nolan Bradley Strassburg, son of Troy and Staci Strassburg, and Ava Lynn Hanley, daughter of Justin and Stephanie Hanley. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit!



## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

All are invited to join praying the Rosary at Neilson Place (Chapel) on Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 AM. If you know someone at Neilson Place that you would like to invite, please call/text their name to: 766-4692.

## St. Mary's Mission Appeal

The St. Maryos Mission Appeal (SMMA) second collection takes place today. Bishop Hoeppner and the Diocese of Crookston thank you for your generosity and your concern for the children and families that St. Maryos Mission, Red Lake serves.

If you would like to view the SMMA movie shown during Mass this weekend, you can watch it on your home computer by going to http://www.crookston.org/smma. Again, thank you for your care and your generosity to St. Maryos Mission.

# DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Watch your mailbox for collection envelopes to arrive in your home the last part of December as wege switching to a bimonthly mailing format for our envelopes. Parishioners using Sunday collection envelopes will receive a packet of envelopes mailed to their homes every two months. EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) parishioners will receive one mailing including only the special collection envelopes. We are switching to this format as it will provide additional flexibility and convenience while saving us money and time. The bi-monthly format allows for making regular changes regarding new members and deceased or moving members rather than making those changes on an annual basis. It also saves us from the annual process of mailing boxes (1st class postage) for parishioners who do not pick up their boxes. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Your regular use of the collection envelopes allows St. Philips to be the vibrant parish that it is.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 ~ June 30, 2016

Week #21 Contributions (received the weekend of 11/22/2015) Envelopes \$11,427.00 EFT Env. \$ 3,981.33 Loose Plate \$ 704.00 Childrencs \$ 67.10 Total \$16,179.43 Fiscal Year to Date (Week #21)

 Amount Contributed

 Envelopes
 \$ 305,073.29

 Loose Plate
 \$ 19,436.33

 Childrencs
 \$ 1,119.21

 Total
 \$ 325,628.83

**YTD Budget** \$ **350,301.00** (92.96% of budget)

STEWARDSHIP - A HABIT OF THE HEART



# A special prayer to pray on Thanksgiving and the days before & after: By Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life www.priestsforlife.org

Father of mercies, God of all creation, Source of life and of every blessing, we thank you today, and every day of our lives, for all that you give us!

Our thanksgiving is not only a duty, but a joy and a source of strength, because it reminds us of your faithful love, and inspires us with the hope of a future filled with blessings!

Lord, we thank you for guiding our fathers, who, inspired by the prophets and by the saving work of your Son, founded a nation where all might live as one, acknowledging their dependence on you as the source of their right to life.

We thank you for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve.

We ask you to bless us as we thank you, that our giving thanks may be accompanied by our firm resolve to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life, born and unborn.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MARRIAGES & BANNS** ~ Please join us in praying for all newly married couples & those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Tyler Aune & Alyssa Langaas Exchange of Vows on December 19, 2015

Sean Wanner & Jana Hedstrom Exchange of Vows on December 21, 2015

Tim Karas & Lorie Sathre Exchange of Vows on July 8, 2016

## FAITH FORMATION



Just a reminder First Reconciliation Prayer Partner Cards are due to the Parish Office by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be put in the Sunday Offering - outside of the envelope should be marked Kris Jensen - Faith Formation. Having difficulty finding

a card? The Parish Office has Reconciliation Cards. Thanks for your Prayer Support!!

Many thanks to the parents who helped make First Reconciliation Activity Morning a fun-faith filled morning!!





# Preschool Children and their Families are invited to Jesus' Birthday Party!

Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:30 St. Philip's Social Hall

5:00 to 6:00 ~ Supper (Mac-n-Cheese and Chicken Nuggets)

5:30 to 7:30 ~ Christmas Crafts and Activities

6:30 ~ Christmas Carols

6:50 ~ Reading of the Christmas Story

7:00 ~ A Birthday Cake for Jesus

## NEWMAN NEWS

For Students attending BSU and NTC

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 7PM Mass %The Giver+Movie at 8 PM Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 7PM Mass %Thoughout the Bull+till 8:30 Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30PM Mass

Free Meal to follow

Sunday, December 6th 7PM Mass

Tuesday, December 8th 7PM Mass %Shoot the Bull+till 8:30

Thursday, December 10th 5:30PM Mass

Christmas Meal at 6PM

Sunday, December 13th 7PM Last Mass of the Semester!

# "Tubs of Christmas Love"

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

- + From Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 12<sup>th</sup> there will be green/red plastic %Christmas Tubs+near the
- + Advent Giving Tree 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). Keep the label attached to the lid. **Return the filled tub by December 13th.**
- + Please detach, and fill out the information slip on the side of the label, and drop in the box or collection plate.
- + Feel free to partner with another family or your workplace to fill one!

Bi-Cap, CEP, Headstart, and Hope House have provided the names this year.



## ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

# Class Notes;

## November 28/29

- Our Advent Prayer services will be held on the Mondays of Advent beginning at 8:35 A.M. in the gym and focus on the Nativity Story. Guests are definitely welcome. On the Fridays of Advent, our school will gather at 8:35 to make special presents for others.
- ➤ Individual classroom Advent Projects will be to fill a Tub of Love.
- ➤ The St. Philips Fall Book Fair will be held in the social hall beginning Monday, November 30, through Thursday, December 3. Please stop on by.
- ➤ Ms. Zimmermann¢ fifth graders will be our Mass ministers this week. Please join us. The school Mass next week is on Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be our ministers that day.
- > Students in grades 3 through 8 will have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during the first two weeks of Advent. The parish Reconciliation Service is planned for Monday, December 14. What a great way to make room for Jesus.
- > Fridays with the Father will have their dinner on Monday, December 14.
- ➤ The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the NET retreat on Thursday, December 10.
- ➤ Our Christmas program Whe Miraculous Christmas Wish Radio Show+will be presented on Wednesday, December 16. Get in the spirit.
- ➤ The first oral round of the Geography Bee will be held on Thursday, December 17.
- > Volunteer Opportunities: hot lunch servers; parish committee members; Book Fair workers; classroom volunteers.
- ➤ To volunteer your services, please attain your Safe Environment Certification by going to: <a href="https://www.crookston.org">www.crookston.org</a> and following the prompts for Safe Environment. Thanks for your cooperation.



**Thank You** to everyone who helped make this yeargs turkey Bingo a huge success!! All proceeds help our youth attend Steubenville Youth Conference, Just5Days Mission trip and gives an opportunity for our 8th grade students to earn money towards their class trip. A special thank you to all our sponsors:

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St. Agnes

## Annual Holiday Cookie Walk and Home Canned Foods Sale Saturday, December 12

Our annual cookie sale will be held from **Noon to 1:00 PM** with a new addition of home canned foods as well as our ever popular frosted cookies, bars, and candiesô more than 100 varieties! Pick up your tickets early and return at noon for the Cookie Walk. Premade samples available; also pre-made gift plates.

St. Agnes Church, 210 Division St. S, Walker, MN

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 5-6

	5:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Aana Freihammer	HELP NEEDED	Joe Bofferding	Sue Hengel
LECTOR	Cheryl Christlieb HELP NEEDED	Carol Schneider Judy Stai	Sue Hendricks Mark Studer	LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN
INTERCESSOR	Flavia Sagedahl	Elizabeth Upgren	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Kermit Erickson
ALTAR SERVER	Helen Bartlett Taylor Hanevold Aaron Heger	Kiera Hoefer Aaron Hoefer	Alex Froelich Daniel Froelich Colten Pickett	Anna Glen Josef Lalli Gwen Youso
CAPTAIN	Flavia Sagedahl	Patti Van Camp	Mark Studer	Deacon Kermit Erickson
EMHC	April Boucher Roslyn Hanson Trish Jones (sub req.) Terry Jones (sub req.) Betty Lindy JoDee Treat HELP NEEDED	Brad Arel Deacon Kermit Erickson David Hoefer Jennifer Leisenheimer Walter Schuiling Marge Seitz HELP NEEDED	Joe Bofferding Jerry Daniels Stephanie Downey George Gardner Joann Gardner Sue Hendricks Kay Mack Mary Varriano Pat Welch	Jane Baukol Paula DeClusin Dotty Forrest Sue Hengel Jamie Hoffman Paulette Kassa Pat Kelly Cathy Lalli Kathy Pfann
HOSPITALITY - Usher	Glen Laginess Dick Lehmann Dick Robinson HELP NEEDED	Gary Bruns Matt Dockendorf Wes Seitz James Wiltse	Troy Hendricks Larry Mack David Maus Norm Ricard	Hank Imsande LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN Ethan Youso
HOSPITALITY - Fellowship		Dianne Dockendorf Matt Dockendorf	Mickie Coe Bob Griggs Bob McCalip Tony Nistler	Lorie Erpelding (sub req.) Kevin Erpelding (sub req.) Jean Louvar Sue Wright (sub req.)
HOSPITALITY - Greeter	Susan Burlingame Lois Jenkins	Pete Kucera Sandy Kucera		LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN

# We are so grateful to all of your faithful service to St. Philip's!

