

To Accomplish God's Work

# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## St. Philip's Church

218-444-4262

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### Parish Staff

<b>Pastor:</b>	
Fr. Chuck Huck	441-4901
<b>Parochial Vicar:</b>	
Fr. Don Braukmann	441-4902
<b>Deacon/Bookkeeper:</b>	
Deacon Kermit Erickson	441-4903
<b>Director of Development:</b>	
Maggie McCalip	441-4906
<b>Director of Music &amp; Liturgy:</b>	
Aana Frethammer	441-4905
<b>Director of Preschool &amp; Elementary Faith Formation/Safe Environ. Coordinator:</b>	
Kris Jensen	441-4944
<b>Parish Administrative Assistant:</b>	
Robb Naylor	441-4904
<b>Director of Youth Ministry/Middle &amp; High School Faith Formation:</b>	
	441-4908
<b>Events Coordinator:</b>	
Susan Lucas	441-4907
<b>Parish Office Coordinator:</b>	
Tammy Johnson	441-4900
<b>Facility Maintenance Supervisor:</b>	
Larry Mack	
<b>Maintenance Support Staff:</b>	
Greg Allen	
Jim Shaw	
<b>Retired Priest in Residence:</b>	
Msgr. Bill Mehrkens	

### St. Philip's School Staff

218-444-4938

<b>Principal:</b>	
Carol Rettinger	ext. 4941
<b>School Office Staff:</b>	
Jean Patnode	441-4940
Kerry Frauenholtz	441-4942
Denise Kern	441-4943

### 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 7:00 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 Sat. urday

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

#### Manager:

Norma Himmelright

### Diocese of Crookston

#### Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Louann McGlynn

218-281-7895

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Greetings,

January 24, 2016

Vision, it starts with a central idea and everything flows from the central idea. Vision, does our parish have a vision, do you personally have a vision that provides direction and purpose? Jesus had a vision and purpose and he shares it in today's Gospel:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

So within the context of St Philips parish life: I ask again: does our parish have a vision; do you personally have a vision that provides direction and purpose? Is the vision being fulfilled?

Our parish has a vision and this week we celebrate an important component of that vision. We celebrate our Catholic School. Our school has been an important part of the mission of St Philips for almost 90 years. We celebrate the way in which it passes on faith traditions, the teachings and values of the Gospel message. We celebrate that our school is an open, welcoming environment. We celebrate that we teach the children entrusted to our care ideals and values that will help them be productive and happy members in an increasingly complex society. Our dedicated teachers and support staff help our students become people of God who live the gospel values not only in the church and school building but in their future homes, marriages, families, workplace, schools, community and state.

The parish of St Philips exists to bring all to a deeper relationship with Jesus. It is done in many ways but very concretely in and through our school. Imagine how difficult life would be if we did not teach how to forgive, how to reconcile, how to be firm about matters of morality, how to stand up for our faith in society and declaring a love of God and neighbor.

We will have fun this week. Please join us at any of the events. We do not lack for food or conversation. On Wednesday evening there is a special Family Faith Night geared towards anyone who wants to deepen their Lenten experience this year. Thursday evening we will host an information night so you can learn more about our school, children and events.

It is heartwarming to have a student stop me in the hall and ask: "Father, can you pray for my grandpa? He is sick." Then together we take a moment of prayer. It is great that issues that our students face can be discussed openly and God can be mentioned in the conversation. "Father: is it abortion to have your tubes tied?" (No) but it was wonderful to be able to address the concern. Both Fr Don and I laugh when at the beginning of the year, in the younger grades they are not sure which one of us is which. But with repeated classroom visits they soon catch on. The volume in the lunchroom goes up when a priest makes an appearance and walks the aisles acknowledging birthdays and events.

As the pastor I am impressed with the involvement of parents, and grandparents. It is my belief that even if there was no tuition discount tied to volunteer hours they would be here. Our School Council is active. Many parents participated in the long-range planning sessions and in the ongoing discussions. We have a bright, blessed future as a parish and a school.

We have a vision and at its center is the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Our direction and purpose follow from the vision. Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.

Blessings on all this week as we celebrate the goodness of God expressed through outreach to children.

Jesus loves you and so do I! Fr Chuck

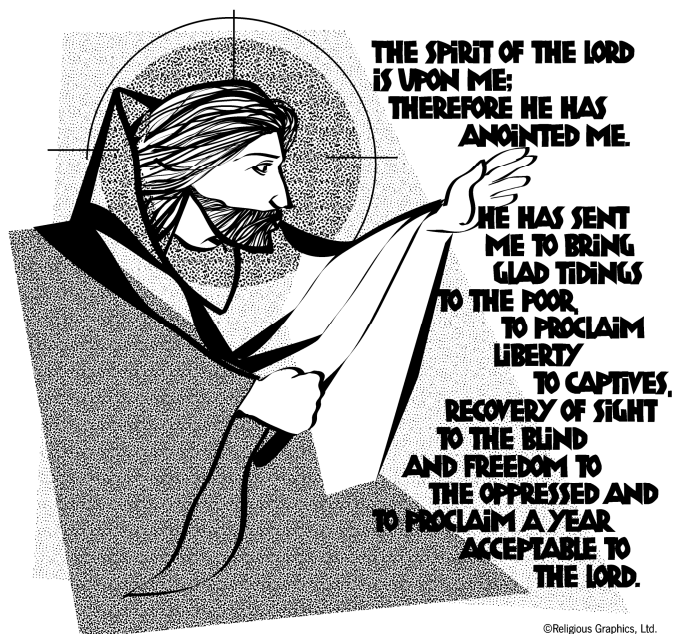
### Your Parish Representatives:

**Parish Council Members:** Sarah Bofferding, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Gary Gregg, Cynthia Haskin, 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



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### Monday, Jan 25 *Catholic Schools Week*

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)  
5:30 PM Facility Committee (St. Kateri Rm)  
6:30 PM Social Concerns Committee (Social Hall)  
7:00 PM Nightlights (St. Kateri Rm)

#### Tuesday, Jan 26

6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)  
9:30 PM Spelling Bee Finals (Church)  
3:30 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)  
6:30 PM First Eucharist Parent Session (Social Hall)  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)  
7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

#### Wednesday, Jan 27

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
9:30 AM Rosary for Our Schools  
6:30 PM Family Faith Night (Social Hall)

#### Thursday, Jan 28

12:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)  
3:15 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 PM Teen Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Usher/Greeter Training (Social Hall)  
6:30 PM RCIA & Beyond (St. Kateri Rm)  
7:00 PM School Information Night (Social Hall)  
7:00 PM Prayer and Praise (Chapel)

#### Friday, Jan 29

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

#### Saturday, Jan 30

4:00 PM Usher/Greeter Training (Church)  
4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

#### Sunday, Jan 31

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)  
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (St. Kateri Rm)  
9:00 AM Preschool Sunday School (Classrooms)  
10:00 AM Usher/Greeter Training (Church)

### MASS INTENTIONS

For January 25 to 31

#### Monday, Jan 25

8:30 AM Mass: +Maria Wizner

#### Tuesday, Jan 26

12:10 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Ralph & Ellen Vonasek

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

#### Wednesday, Jan 27

8:40 AM Mass: +Michael & Mary Gonshorowski

#### Thursday, Jan 28

7:00 AM Mass: +John Pogatchnik

10:30 AM Mass (Goldpine): +Jan Pohl

10:30 AM Communion Service (Neilson Place)

5:30 PM Mass (Newman): +Gerry Rasmus

#### Friday, Jan 29

8:30 AM Mass: +Jane Senger

#### Saturday, Jan 30

8:30 AM Mass: +Audrey Hofmeister

5:30 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Kathleen

#### Sunday, Jan 31

7:30 AM Mass: +Merlyn Stai

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: +Pat Dooley

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Helen Naylor

### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25 to 31

#### Monday, Jan 25

Act 22:3-16  
Ps 117:1bc,2  
Mk 16:15-18

#### Tuesday, Jan 26

2 Tm 1:1-8  
Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10  
Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday, Jan 27

2 Sm 7:4-17  
Ps 89:4-5,27-30  
Mk 4:1-20

#### Thursday, Jan 28

2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29  
Ps 132:1-5,11-14  
Mk 4:21-25

#### Friday, Jan 29

2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17  
Ps 51:3-7,10-11  
Mk 4:26-34

#### Saturday, Jan 30

2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17  
Ps 51:12-17  
Mk 4:35-41

#### Sunday, Jan 31

Jer 1:4-5,17-19  
Ps 71:1-6,15,17  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13  
Lk 4:21-30

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### 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 February 14th. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Annette Hansen**, mother of Gary Yerbich, and **Ron Sugar**. May they find rest and peace, & may their families find comfort in God's love.



## PARISH LIFE

### CURSILLO OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to walk more closely with God? Cursillo may be what you're looking for. Join with others in learning how. The Diocese of Crookston is sponsoring both a Men's and a Women's Cursillo this spring. The Men's weekend is February 25-28 and the Women's weekend is March 17-20 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. A Cursillo weekend has the power to re-define your life. It is an investment of time that is very well spent. For more information contact Carol Olsonawski at 218-689-9081 or Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706. Applications are available at [www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org)... under the ministries/offices tab or at your parish office.

**#NFP**

### Understanding the Whole Picture of NFP

**Monday, March 7, 6:30 – 7:30 PM**

Introductory course to be held on the topic of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**, covering topics:

***What is NFP / what is it not? How is NFP different from contraception? And what are the benefits and difficulties of NFP?***

The course will also equip participants with a generic understanding of each NFP method. *All are invited!* Instructor: Jennifer Messing of "Into the Deep". Questions – contact Kris Jensen 441-4944. *Sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston's Office of the New Evangelization in partnership with hosting parish.*

# Just 5 Days

**Just5Days** is a five day service program for middle schoolers and their adult leaders. This coming June 26-July 2, 30 youth and 6 adults from our parish will take part in a **Just5Days** event in Monument, CO working to help children and families in need. Registration is now open!! For further information on the program, contact Paula DeClusin at 444-4262X4908.

### Do you have palms left over from last year?

If so, leave them in the wicker basket in the social hall by January 31st, so they can be burned for Ash Wednesday.

### Middle School Youth Rally!

for grades 6, 7, & 8

**Saturday, April 16 ~ 12:00 to 8:30 PM**  
**Hawley High School**

Middle Schoolers, plan on a day of fun and faith at the 2016 Youth Rally, complete with 3X3 basketball, dance with DJ Bill Lage, a coffee house, and more! For more information, contact Paula at [pdeclusin@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:pdeclusin@stphilipsbemidji.org) or 444-4262.

## DEVELOPMENT

Catholic United Financial members are invited to a meeting at 6:00 on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Come and see how other parishes have unlocked the full potential of Catholic United Financial grants and funds. With a small amount of time, we can double the grants available to St. Philip's. Greg Gall, our Regional Account Manager, will be here. This will be a good opportunity to answer any Catholic United Financial questions. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.



"Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a table for the Jennifer Fulwiler events in Fargo on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Lunch with Jennifer Fulwiler 11:30 AM -1:00 PM hosted by the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Fargo and Real Presence Radio Fundraising Banquet at 5:30.

Jennifer Fulwiler is a convert from atheism, a writer, the mother of six children, and a radio host on the Catholic Channel (SiriusXM).

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office. We are currently working on setting up transportation and a possible tour of Sts. Anne and Joachim.



### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

**Week #29  
Contributions  
(received the  
weekend  
of 1/17/2016)**

Envelopes	\$ 9,930.00
EFT Env.	\$ 5,228.00
Loose Plate	\$ 746.92
Children's	\$ 26.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,931.28</b>

STEWARDSHIP~  
A HABIT OF  
THE HEART

#### Fiscal Year to Date (Week #29)

##### Amount Contributed

Envelopes	\$ 464,557.51
Loose Plate	\$ 28,888.75
Children's	\$ 1,464.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 494,910.39</b>

**YTD Budget \$ 500,430.00**

(98.90% of budget)

## THOUGHTS ON MERCY...

"It is not just ordinary mercy that is needed here. The burden of social and personal wickedness is so grave that an ordinary gesture of love does not suffice for forgiveness. So we invoke the great mercy. This is proportionate to the greatness of God."  
~ St. John XXIII

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Minnesota, North & South Dakota Ministry



"I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out." Time passes so swiftly. Soon there will be no more time to enrich our marriage. Now is the time to act. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb. 5-7 in Buffalo, MN, Feb. 19-21 in Fargo, ND, and March 4-6 in Baxter, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

**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, January 25, 2016** in the St. Kateri Room at St. Philips Church, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Beltrami Ave. With questions, please call 218-444-4262.

## FAITH FORMATION

### FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT SESSION

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:30 PM OR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 5:30 PM**



Two opportunities to attend the First Eucharist Parent Session will be offered: January 26 at 6:30 PM and Thursday, February 4 at 5:30 PM at the Social Hall. Parents/guardians only need to attend one session. These two sessions will be the only sessions offered this year, so mark your calendars now! The session is for parents/guardians who will be preparing their child to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this year. This is a parent only Session, one parent must attend (both are welcome). Children preparing to receive the Sacrament should be in second grade or older and attending Faith Formation or St. Philip's School. An overview of the Sacrament, the preparation program and the time line will be discussed. ***Parents/guardians are responsible for the preparation of their child to receive the Sacrament.*** Packets will be handed out and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. Please contact Kris Jensen (441-4944) for additional information.

## ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

### INFORMATION NIGHT: THURSDAY, JAN. 28 ~ 7 PM

***Have you considered giving your child the gift of a Catholic education?***

Let St. Philip's School, a Catholic elementary school serving children four-years old through eighth grade, complement the work you have begun as the first educator of your child. Let St. Philip's School strengthen the academic, moral, and spiritual foundations you have laid. Let St. Philip's School, a valued ministry of St. Philip's Church, provide your child with a great Catholic education.



For information about our school and programs, please attend Information Night on Thursday evening, January 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Registration materials for the 2016-2017 school year may be picked up at that time.

## Class Notes:

**January 23/24**

- It's Catholic Schools Week so we are celebrating all week long with activities and events that recognize our communities of faith, knowledge, and service. We are grateful for the strong support we receive from our families and parish. Thank you all.
- Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will begin this week for school families. Registration for other parishioners and community members will be in February.
- Information Night for families interested in learning about St. Philip's School will be held on Thursday, January 28, at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please spread the word.
- Mrs. Hengel's first graders will be our Mass ministers at this week's school Mass. Please join us at 8:40 AM on Wednesday.
- The final round of our Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 26, at 9:30 and a Talent Show on Friday, January 29 also at 9:30. Please join us.
- An envelope containing Catholic Schools Raffle tickets was sent home with students on Friday, January 15. For \$5 you can buy a chance to win a 2016 Jeep or \$20,000 in cash. All ticket sales remain here at St. Philip's School. Help us reach our goal of \$15,000.
- Volunteer Opportunities: hot lunch servers; classroom volunteers; CU Raffle sellers; Catholic Schools Week workers; CSW pot luck help.
- To volunteer your services, please attain your Safe Environment Certification by going to: [www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org) and following the prompts for Safe Environment. Thanks for your cooperation.



## NEWMAN NEWS

For students attending BSU and NTC

Sunday night Mass at 7 PM

Tuesday Mass at 7 PM

Thursday Mass 5:30 PM and a **free meal!**

### 2016 Marriage Preparation Retreats offered in the Diocese of Crookston:

**March 5 & 6** – Sponsored by the Office of the New Evangelization

**April 23 & 24** – Sponsored by Holy Rosary Catholic Church

**May 14 & 15** – Sponsored by the Office of the New Evangelization

Please see the Diocese of Crookston's Marriage Preparation webpage for additional information, including brochures and registration options.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE Men of Integrity, Men of Mercy

Join men of all ages and walks of life to explore new ways to renew your faith. Take the time to listen to how Christ is calling you to follow Him. Set aside this one day to reflect on your chosen vocation and how being a man of integrity impacts those around you.

**Saturday, February 13, 2016**

**Humphrey Auditorium**

**St. John's University**

**Collegeville, MN**

**8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM – Registration in Great Hall**

This is an excellent opportunity for men of faith to gather together to learn, experience fellowship, and grow and strengthen their relationships with their families, their Church, and their communities. In its fifteenth year, the Catholic Men's Conference has found that the thousands of men who have attended have benefited from this day-long retreat. Many have made it an integral part of their Lenten journey. Opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and time for workshops will also be available.

For more information on the keynote speaker and workshops go to Men's Conference 2016 or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 320-252-4721.

### Walleye Fish Fry in Tabor

A Walleye Fish Fry will be held in Tabor, Minnesota, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Hall on Friday, February 5, 2016. The meal will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Meal options include: #1) Fish Dinner; #2) Fish & Shrimp Combo; #3) Shrimp Dinner; or #4) XXL Fish Dinner. All meals include a baked potato with all of the fixings, cole slaw, and dinner rolls. Carry out meals are available, and children's meals, including chicken fingers or walleye fingers and fries, will also be available. Coffee, water and lemonade are included with the meal. All proceeds from this event will help support the church hall. For additional information, please call Susie Novak at (701) 739-0224.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Bemidji Knights of Columbus Council #1544

has been blessed to have in its possession for a short period of time a very large framed print of the Holy Family. This icon travels across the State of Minnesota amongst various K.C. councils and is currently on display in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Philip's Church. Our council invites you and/or your family to schedule a visit and to spend some time in prayer, asking for the intercession of the Holy Family to pour down a blessing upon your family. There are also prayer books present that accompany this icon. Please leave the books for other families to use during their visit.



### The Bemidji Knights of Columbus Council #1544

will be hosting a major exemplification on March 19, 2016 here at St. Philip's. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in joining the world's largest family fraternal organization. In addition it would be a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to advance their journey to knighthood. If you're are interested or wish to have more information please contact one the members listed below:

*Phil Hodapp, Grand Knight at 218-766-0527*

*Dan Shea, Financial Secretary at 218-760-6616*



### Dismemberment (D & E) abortion procedure reflects gruesome reality of abortion in Minnesota.

**What is a D & E abortion:** The primary method of abortion during the second trimester of pregnancy is called dilation and evacuation (D & E). D & E involves dismembering the young human being *in utero*.

**Last year in Minnesota:** Last year, 704 D & E abortions took place in MN, according to the MN Dept. of Health. It is the third most common abortion technique in the state and the most frequent method employed after the first trimester. **A total of 993 abortions occurred at 14 weeks gestation or later in 2014, including 174 at 20 weeks or later** (the latest abortion took place at 27 weeks). These 20-week abortions are mostly D & E procedures. —to be continued in next week's bulletin.



**Giving Hearts Day**  
impactgiveback.org  
February 11, 2016

Fernando was born on April 19th, 2014. His mother chose life! Saint Gianna's Maternity Home offers a home and hope to mothers who find themselves pregnant and alone.

**Help us help them CHOOSE LIFE!**

Saint Gianna's has been chosen by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation to participate in Giving Hearts Day 2016. Contributions of \$10 or more will be matched. Please go to [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org) to participate.

**24-hour Online Fundraising Event - February 11, 2016**



# Family Faith Night

**WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2016**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

## **Energize Your Family's Faith in Forty Days!**

This is an opportunity for the family to learn and grow in faith together.  
This night is for ALL - families and members of the parish community!!

We will be learning about Lent and ways to Energize Your Family's Faith in Forty Days! The night will include discussion, family learning, activities, and prayer. Family members will learn about our faith together; they will not be separated.

This is a Family Faith Night which means children and youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Children/youth attending should be in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Childcare will be available for younger children. Please contact Kris if your family will need childcare by January 25.

Questions: Kris Jensen – 441-4944

***How precious is the family as the  
privileged place for transmitting the faith!***

***~ Pope Francis***



# The Bemidji Catholic Community

## St. Philip's School

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**Pastor:**

Fr. Chuck Huck

**Parochial Vicar:**

Fr. Don Braukmann

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Mrs. Jean Patnode  
Mrs. Kerry Frauenholtz  
Mrs. Denise Kern  
Mrs. Gina Mykleseth

**Facilities:**

Mr. Larry Mack  
Mr. Greg Allen  
Mr. Jim Shaw

**Kitchen:**

Ms. Michele Minogue  
Mrs. Stacy Ness  
Ms. Diane Bellanger

**Noah's Ark:**

Mrs. Sue Hengel

**Library / Technology:**

Mrs. Ericka Pickett

**Special Education (ISD#31):**

Ms. Debby Yates

**Title I (ISD#31):**

Ms. Kelly Blair

**Speech (ISD#31):**

Mr. Marty Templeton

**Foster Grandparents:**

Mrs. Evelyn Berglund  
Mr. Pat Hughes

**Conflict Management:**

Mrs. Margaret Hins

**Choir:**

Mrs. Aana Freihammer

**Principal:**

Mrs. Carol Rettinger

**Pre-Kindergarten:**

Ms. Katie Darbro

**Kindergarten:**

Mrs. Susie Balstad  
Mrs. Roslyn Hanson

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

Mrs. Sue Hengel  
Ms. Jessica Meyer

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

Mrs. Chris Hinnars  
Mrs. Marilynne Hodapp

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

Mrs. Kaitlin Graham  
Mrs. Heidi Hiscock

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Mr. Gary Johnson

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Ms. Amy Zimmermann

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade / Science:**

Mrs. Sue Swartz

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade / Language Arts:**

Mrs. Shannon Hunsberger

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade / Social Studies:**

Mr. Mike Hougen

**Physical Education:**

Mr. Neal Sullivan

**Music / Band:**

Mrs. Susan Baird

**Algebra / Math:**

Mrs. Pat Snell

**Art:**

Mrs. Ruth Oswald



# BLESSED LAURA VICUÑA

**DATES: 4/5/1891 – 1/22/1904**

**FEAST DAY: JANUARY 22**

**A EUCHARISTIC FIRE;  
A MERCIFUL DAUGHTER**

In his 1988 homily at the beatification Mass for little Laura Vicuña, Pope (St.) John Paul began his reflections on her heroic life by referencing the words found enscribed on her tombstone. "Laura Vicuña: Eucharistic Fire of the Andes. Her life was a poem of purity, of sacrifice and of daughterly love."

Born in Santiago, Chile to loving parents Laura's young life was to take a dramatic turn when her father was killed in military service. Her young, widowed mother, desperate to provide for her children, surrendered to the wonton advances of a wealthy rancher. His reputation earned him the monicker: "*el gaucho malo*" – *the bad cowboy*. He enslaved mistresses like cattle and once branded a woman with the branding iron of his ranch, so that she would never be able to leave him. He similarly took Laura's mother into his 'stable' of mistresses in exchange for paying for her daughters' private schooling.

Far away from the ranch and its scandals, Laura knew little about the life to which her mother had succumbed. Under the tutelage of the Salesian Sisters, little Laura grew to extraordinary – even mystical – depths of spiritual life. On a first return visit to the ranch, a now older Laura began to see and understand her mother's life. She witnessed how violent *el gaucho malo* was. Her mother's faith had been beaten out of her and she was left with only shame. Returning to boarding school and preparing for her First Holy Communion, Laura recalled the words of Scripture: "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend." From that moment on, and graced with the fire of Eucharistic Communion as a part of her life now, Laura resolved to offer her life to God in ransom for her mother's. The self-offering for her mother's conversion became her prayer at every Mass and with every reception of Holy Communion.

Time had begun to shape little Laura into a young lady, and with what would be her last visit to the ranch, *el gaucho malo* took notice and made advances on Laura to destroy her purity and her faith. Laura rejected him and in turn was severely beaten for it, along with her mother. With complications from the beating, Laura began to die. Her mother remained by her side. On January 22 she received the final Sacraments of the Church. She turned to her mother and said: "Mother, I am dying. I asked Jesus for this...I offered my life for you and for your conversion so that you might return to God. Will you give me the joy of seeing you repent before I die?" With profound tears and feeling the floodgate of mercy poured upon her, her mother replied: "I swear to you I will." With a pure smile upon her face Laura said: "Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Mary! Now I can die happy." And with that, the 12 year old died. In the days that followed many called her: "Laura – a virgin and a martyr." And her mother would reply, "Yes, a martyr for me."

THE SAINTS IN MERCY  
Jubilee Year of Mercy: JANUARY



# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of January 30/31

	Jan 30, 5:30 PM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 31, 7:30 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 31, 9:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (KC MASS)	Jan 31, 11:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SACRISTAN	Marleen Webb	Al Foley	HELP NEEDED	Doris Swedmark
LECTOR	Joanna Ferraro Roger Heger	Pam Murray John Bloberger	Phil Hodapp HELP NEEDED	Patty Nagle Laura Hansen
INTERCESSOR	Cheryl Christlieb	Carol Schneider	HELP NEEDED	Carol Rettinger
ALTAR SERVER	Ian Spaeth Allie Beyer Taylor Hanevold	Erin Myhrer Jack McCrady	Daniel Froelich Alex Froelich	Nick Nagle Grant DeClusin Allison DeClusin
CAPTAIN	HELP NEEDED	Walter Schuiling	HELP NEEDED	Karen Williams
EMHC	Marleen Webb Mary Dufault Eileen Gothman April Boucher (sub req.) Deborah Millard HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Al Foley Jane Foley Pat Gavin David Hoefer HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Al Swedmark Carol Rettinger Courtney Haskins Jennifer Noble Doris Swedmark Sue Hengel Patty Nagle Jeff Frenzel HELP NEEDED
USHER	Dick Lehmann Mark Moris Chris Hanevold HELP NEEDED	Jim Schneider Bob Murray Jennifer Hoefer HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Samantha Nagle Hank Imsande Bob McCalip HELP NEEDED
HOSPITALITY FELLOWSHIP		Pat Gavin Jim Gavin	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Don Rettinger Carol Rettinger Doris Swedmark Pat Odegard
GREETER	Tom Thompson Frances Schmitt	Patricia Hadrava HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Maureen Holmstrom Neal Holmstrom

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