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# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## St. Philip's Church

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### Parish Staff

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| <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 Freihammer  | 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

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| <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 Saturday  
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**Manager:**  
Norma Himmelright

### Diocese of Crookston

**Victim Assistance Coordinator:**  
Louann McGlynn  
218-281-7895

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Greetings,

February 7, 2016

Work, Work, Work; the Pastoral, School, and Finance Councils, and the Long Range Planning Committees of Programs and Facilities are hard at work, discussing and responding to the comments made by you, the parishioners, at the fall parish meetings. We are looking at how we can become a better community empowered by the message of the Gospel.

The top priority coming out of our parish planning meetings was to provide a fair wage for teachers and staff that could be maintained in the years to come. After working with the Parish, Finance and School Councils, we've come up with a plan to bring all wages to a level of 85% of the public school salaries over the next three school years. The plan provides for assistance with continuing education and rewards longevity. As a parish committed to good stewardship, this is not only achievable but maintainable over the foreseeable future.

At the same time, as a parish we continue to address the on-going maintenance and upgrade needs of our buildings, grounds and equipment. For example, in 2015 we were able to upgrade our telephone system, our wireless internet system, and our church sound equipment. There is improved handicap access at both sides of our Narthex and also our Parish Office. We were also able to implement necessary changes to our school and parish security through a new system of locks and door-access-cards. Security and safety of our children along with parishioners and staff, continues to be a top priority.

Every year brings continued maintenance to our existing facilities, and 2016 is no exception. For example, the roof on our school has reached the end of its useful life. The past few years we've been able to extend this life by patching. However, the possibility of leaks that would lead to major damage to the school interior is growing. It's time to install a new 20-year roof. The Pastoral Council felt it would be beneficial to establish a group to review our campus to set a calendar timeline for other major cost repairs we can expect as our campus ages.

We recognize also our need to bring on board, at the right time, experts such as architects and engineers, to advise us by drafting comprehensive specifications for the work necessary such as specs to re-roof the school before we proceed. Our desired outcome is to ensure a fair bidding-process that will result in the lowest possible price.

As we prepare the list of other repair, replacement, and maintenance needs on our future calendar, the Council asked that we change up how we prepare for major expenses like roof replacement along with air conditioning R-22 Freon replacement that may cost in excess of \$190,000.00. The Council provided direction to establish an escrow fund to be available when it becomes time to fulfill those future needs. The wisdom of Dick Rude in granting a gift of maintenance dollars to the parish through his will is an example of how the parish can have some funds available before the need arises. Dick provided a gift of \$50,000.00 to be used as current needs arise and an additional gift of \$50,000.00 with the principal restricted and only interest earned to be used for future maintenance.

Whenever we approach major cost projects we will continue to keep parish members informed. We also have a duty to keep Bishop Hoepfner and the Diocesan Building and Maintenance Committee informed as well.

We are a parish that is growing and spreading the Word of God. The work of parishioners on the various committees is resulting in suggestions that will bear much fruit. Let us offer thanks to God that He has given us the resources of time, talent, and treasure to help us bring the Gospel message alive in our homes, our parish community, our neighborhoods, our work and other environments.

Jesus, we trust in you! 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

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

The Lord fills the hungry  
with good things!

## MASS INTENTIONS

For February 8 to 14

### Monday, Feb 8

8:30 AM Mass: +Evelyn Schuiling

### Tuesday, Feb 9

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

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

### Wednesday, Feb 10 Ash Wednesday

8:40 AM Mass: +Audrey Hofmeister

10:30 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service (Havenwood)

12:10 PM Mass: +Verne Parks, Sr.

6:30 PM Mass: +Jan Pohl

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Ellouise Dahlgren

### Thursday, Feb 11

7:00 AM Mass: +Cele Maus

10:30 AM Mass (Neilson Place): +Frank & Florence Abbott

10:30 AM Communion Service (Goldpine)

5:30 PM Mass (Newman): +Isaac

### Friday, Feb 12

8:30 AM Mass: +Polly Huewe

### Saturday, Feb 13

8:30 AM Mass: +Helen Naylor

5:30 PM Mass: +Win Carriere

### Sunday, Feb 14

7:30 AM Mass: +Merlyn Stai

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: +George Theroux

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +John Kloos

## DAILY READINGS

For the Week of February 8 to 14

### Monday, Feb 8

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13

Ps 132:6-7,8-10

Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday, Feb 9

1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30

Ps 84:3-5,10-11

Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday, Feb 10

Jl 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6,16-18

### Thursday, Feb 11

Dt 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4,6

Lk 9:22-25

### Friday, Feb 12

Is 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6b,18-19

Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday, Feb 13

Is 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Lk 5:27-32

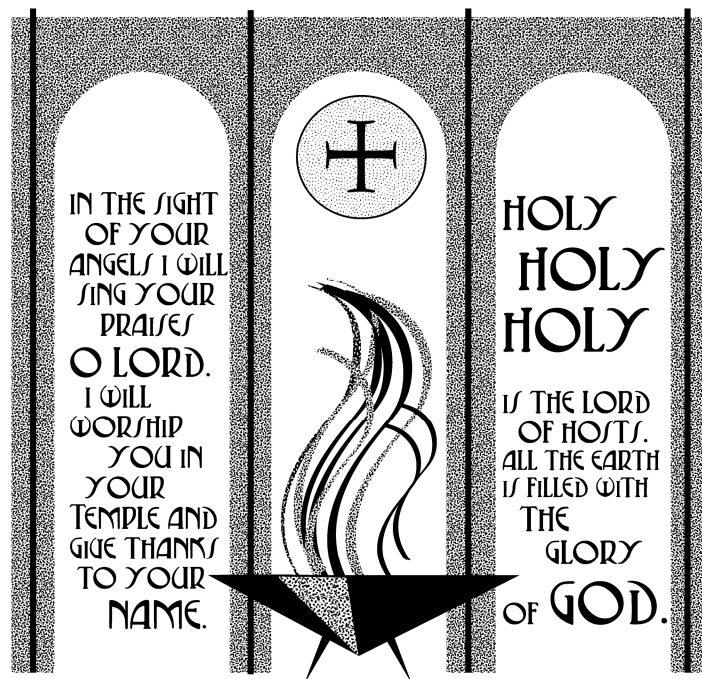
### Sunday, Feb 14

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2,10-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday, Feb 8

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

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

6:00 PM Blue & Gold Banquet (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Programs Committee Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

### Tuesday, Feb 9

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

3:30 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

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

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

### Wednesday, Feb 10

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:30 AM Rosary for Our Schools

1:00 PM Lenten Soup/Sandwich Lunch (Social Hall)

### Thursday, Feb 11

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

1:00 PM Prayer Blanket Sewing Bee (Social Hall)

4:00 PM Teen Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Liturgy Committee (St. Kateri Rm)

6:30 PM RCIA & Beyond (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Prayer and Praise (Chapel)

7:00 PM Triduum Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Friday, Feb 12

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry (Social Hall)

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

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

### Saturday, Feb 13

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

### Sunday, Feb 14

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)

## 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 **Margaret Seitz** and **Janice Marie Coffey**, sister of Terre St. Onge. May they find rest and peace, & may their families find comfort in God's love.



## PARISH LIFE

### Year of Mercy Hymn

During this season of Lent, we will have a very cool opportunity to learn a new song that was commissioned solely for the Year of Mercy. When Pope Francis declared a Year of Mercy, he desired the entire world celebrate, not just Rome. For this purpose the Vatican commissioned a piece of music to be sung in every diocese and parish. Paul Inwood, an American composer (*Center of My Life*), was chosen to write the hymn. Pope Francis gave the text to be used; "*Misericordes Sicut Pater*" (Be merciful like the Father). The refrain is in Latin so as to have a common language connecting all the Catholics throughout the world singing in one voice, and the verses are in the local language of the parish. Inwood intended the song to sound like the contemplative meditations of Taizé (*Jesus, Remember Me*). We will begin this new song in Lent, incorporating only the refrain while we transfer the Eucharist from the altar to the tabernacle after communion. May you have a Blessed Year of Mercy!



**The St. Philip's** Choir is starting up again for **Triduum!** Rehearsals begin February 11<sup>th</sup>. You will learn many new chorus skills, meet new people, connect with old friends, and sing some of the most beautiful music in our Catholic

tradition. If you would like to join, please email or call Aana in the office. Rehearsals start soon, and will be on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 PM.

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Diocesan goal for the Appeal is \$890,000.00 which is divided among the 66 parishes in our Diocese. Our parish goal for 2016 is \$75,528.22. This number is based on St. Philip's attendance, population and annual offertory. You will each receive an Annual Appeal letter from the Bishop in your mailbox. There are also envelopes and prayer cards available here at St. Philip's. Please pray about a gift to the Appeal. We each have a responsibility to build up the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Crookston. Please take some time to enjoy the video today or check it out on the website at [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa) to see what a wonderful impact your gift to the Diocese will make for all of us. Bishop Hoepfner asks for your prayers and asks to be able to pray for your needs by using the prayer cards included in the mailing whether or not you are able to make a gift. Thank you and God bless you always.

### PRAYER BLANKET SEWING BEE

The ladies of the parish are invited to partake in a sewing, knitting, or crocheting bee for prayer blankets on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We will meet from 1:00 pm to 4:30 PM in the Social Hall. Fleece and yarn will be provided. If you wish to make a blanket, we would like to request that the size of the blankets be no less than 30 x 30 inches square and no greater than 40 x 40 inches square. So, if you are interested and would like to help, please join us on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be in need of the following supplies: blanket patterns for knitting/crocheting, various colors of sewing thread, sewing machines, scissors, and hand sewing needles. If you would like to do a blanket stitch around the fleece, bring the appropriate needle. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Please RSVP Sharon Zarrett (751-1606) by the morning of February 11<sup>th</sup> if you are coming.

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A Jubilee pilgrimage to Italy is scheduled for October 13 thru October 22, 2016. We leave from Fargo, continue through Chicago and arrive in Rome. We have scheduled stops in Orvieto, Sienna, Florence, and Assisi. We will spend 4 days in Rome. Tours, sightseeing, and pleasure time are built into the trip... We will have time to sample local cuisine at leisure. The trip includes the opportunity for daily Mass and a walk through the Holy Doors at St. Peter's. Father Chuck Huck will serve as the Spiritual Director for the Jubilee Pilgrimage. Our travel partner is Worldstrides International Discovery. For details and cost information regarding the trip visit the website and enter the provided Tour ID. [www.worldstridesdiscovery.org/register](http://www.worldstridesdiscovery.org/register) Trip ID: **130812** OR you can contact Fr. Chuck at 218-441-4901 or [frchuck@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:frchuck@stphilipsbemidji.org)

**"A HOLY CONVERSATION":** On Saturday, **February 13th**, as part of the Diego House's Year of Mercy offerings, Fr. Chuck Huck will be leading a recollection day on prayer for anyone who wishes to join. It will start at 9:30 and 5 PM after the Saturday Vigil Mass. The flyer can be found at the Diego House or Year of Mercy pages on the diocesan website. Individuals who are interested need to register by Monday, **February 8th**. The cost is \$25 a person and you can register by emailing [akliner@crookston.org](mailto:akliner@crookston.org) or call 218-281-4533 ext. 432.

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

**Week #31  
Contributions  
(received the  
weekend  
of 1/31/2016)**

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 10,826.00        |
| EFT Env.     | \$ —                |
| Loose Plate  | \$ 767.01           |
| Children's   | \$ 36.44            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 11,629.45</b> |

STEWARDSHIP~  
A HABIT OF  
THE HEART

#### Fiscal Year to Date (Week #31)

##### Amount Contributed

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 488,563.51        |
| Loose Plate  | \$ 30,214.77         |
| Children's   | \$ 1,554.91          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 520,333.19</b> |

**YTD Budget \$ 533,792.00**

(97.48% of budget)

## 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. 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.

### 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.

### PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The next Parish Hour of Prayer at Planned Parenthood is Saturday, February 20 at 10 AM.

## NEWMAN NEWS

For Students attending BSU and NTC

**Sunday, Feb. 7** 7 PM Mass (Go Broncos!)

**Tuesday, Feb. 9** 7 PM Mass and Pew Chat

**Wednesday, Feb. 10** 7 PM Ash Wednesday Mass.

**Thursday, Feb. 11** 5:30 PM Mass and FREE meal

**Sunday, Feb. 14** 7 PM Mass

**NOTE!** Go to Newman@BSU on *Facebook* to get the latest information on the Lenten Retreat, bowling and all the other events at the Newman.

### CURSILLO OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo. 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.

## ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

## Class Notes:

February 6/7

- Congratulations to sixth grader Ashley Maki, daughter of Rebecca and Greg Maki, who spelled her way to champion status through our annual Spelling Bee competition. Taking runner-up honors was Sam Mutnansky, the sixth grade son of Christine and Chad Mutnansky. What a tremendous spell-out it was! Ashley will represent St. Philip's School in the Regional Spelling Bee on February 10 in Thief River Falls. Well done, Ashley, Sam, and other spellers.
- Registration for St. Philip's School is in progress for school families. Registration for St. Philip's parishioners opens on Thursday, February 11, and for community members on Thursday, February 18. Please call the school if you have questions.
- The St. Philip's MathCounts team will be in action this week at the Chapter competition in Crookston on Friday, February 12. Representing St. Philip's will be eighth graders Gwen Youso and Nick Snell and seventh graders Sophia Morin and Grant DeClusin. Alternates are seventh graders Ella Martin and Nick Youso. Go Figure quickly and accurately, Mathletes!
- Our Mass ministers at this week's Ash Wednesday Mass will be members of our Fridays with the Father group. Please join us for the beginning of the Lenten season at 8:40 A.M. on Wednesday, February 10. Other Ash Wednesday Masses are scheduled for 12:10 and 6:30.
- Students and families are selling Catholic Schools Raffle tickets. For \$5 you can buy a chance to win a 2016 Jeep or \$20,000 in cash. Get your winning tickets early. All ticket sales remain here at St. Philip's School. Help us reach our goal of \$15,000. This raffle is sponsored by Catholic United Financial.
- Lenten Fish Frys begin on Friday, February 12. Plan to dine here Friday nights or sign up to volunteer for these Lenten meals.
- Students in grades 3, 5, and 7 will be taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills this week. Please encourage your students to do their best on the tests.
- We will have a regular day of school on Wednesday, February 10, although it is an early release day for ISD#31. Parents, please inform us if your child will be needing to use ISD#31 bus transportation to get home on this day.
- There will be no school on Monday, February 15 as we observe Presidents' Day.
- We celebrate Kindness Week February 16 – 19.
- Volunteer Opportunities: hot lunch servers; classroom volunteers; CU Raffle sellers; Lenten Fish Frys.
- 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.



# **St. Philip's Community Fish Fry**

February 12 É February 19 É February 26  
March 4 É March 11 É March 18

**4:30-6:30 PM**

\$12 One Fillet Walleye Dinner  
\$18 Two Fillets Walleye Dinner  
\$5 Child Mac & Cheese Dinner

**Eat in or Take out**

Dinner includes: entrée, baked potato,  
coleslaw, dinner roll, and brownie

**702 Beltrami Ave. NW  
Bemidji MN**



## ST. PHILIP'S LENTEN FISH FRYS ~ 2016 ~

**VOLUNTEER WORKERS:** Our Fish Frys are a Lenten tradition. To continue to offer them, we need the help of many volunteers. It is a great opportunity to meet other families, become involved in the parish, and earn Service Hours. We definitely could use more help with supervision, clean up, dishes, and deliveries. Please sign up, show up, and plan to work. Thanks.

**\*All adults need to have current Safe Environment Certification**  
([www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org))

**We need workers from 4:15 to 7:30. If you can stay for the entire event, please do so. Otherwise indicate the shifts that would work for you.**

Shift #1 is from 4:15 to 5:30.      Shift #2 is from 5:30 to 6:45.      Clean up is from 6:30 to 7:30.

Please indicate your preference for assignment, the dates that you will work, and your time frame.

\_\_\_\_ I will work anywhere.      \_\_\_\_ I will help deliver meals.      \_\_\_\_ I will help do dishes.

\_\_\_\_ I will help sell tickets.      \_\_\_\_ I will help in the dining room.      \_\_\_\_ I will help with clean up.

\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to learn about supervising an area.      \_\_\_\_ I will help with take out orders.

**#1 \_\_\_\_ Fri., February 12:**    entire event \_\_\_\_    shift #1 \_\_\_\_    shift #2 \_\_\_\_    clean up \_\_\_\_

**#2 \_\_\_\_ Fri., February 19:**    entire event \_\_\_\_    shift #1 \_\_\_\_    shift #2 \_\_\_\_    clean up \_\_\_\_

**#3 \_\_\_\_ Fri., February 26:**    entire event \_\_\_\_    shift #1 \_\_\_\_    shift #2 \_\_\_\_    clean up \_\_\_\_

**#4 \_\_\_\_ Fri., March 4:**    entire event \_\_\_\_    shift #1 \_\_\_\_    shift #2 \_\_\_\_    clean up \_\_\_\_

**#5 \_\_\_\_ Fri., March 11:**    entire event \_\_\_\_    shift #1 \_\_\_\_    shift #2 \_\_\_\_    clean up \_\_\_\_

**#6 \_\_\_\_ Fri., March 18:**    entire event \_\_\_\_    shift #1 \_\_\_\_    shift #2 \_\_\_\_    clean up \_\_\_\_

*Volunteer workers may purchase a meal ticket for \$5 and eat before or after their shift.*

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members who will help: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THE FISH FRYS!**

**THEY LEFT EVERYTHING  
FOLLOWED HIM  
AND BECAME FISHERS OF MEN**

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## **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.

## **MANY THANKS!**

Dear Parishioners of St. Philip's Church,

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Evergreen Youth & Family Services, it is my pleasure to thank you for your recent donations of gift cards to the Shelter. We continue to be blessed by generosity of agency friends and supporters. Please know that your gift helps support our ability to keep our doors open to community youth and families.

We greatly appreciate your confidence in our work and are honored to be one of your giving priorities. Please know that your friendship helps Evergreen meet its mission to "strengthen youth and preserve families."

Sincerely,  
*Becky Schueller, Executive Director*



**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**



## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Do you know of someone who is ill or homebound that may like a visit from us? We would love to call on them, so please be our eyes and ears so that these folks don't fall through the cracks! Often times, the only way we are notified of a need is through friends and neighbors of the person who is reluctant to notify us themselves. If you know of someone, call Tammy at the Parish Office, 444-4262 and we will arrange for a visit.

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection next weekend, February 13-14 for Black & Indian Missions; Support our mission to the missions! The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

## **Heartbeat Suicide Loss Survivor Support Group**

The next meeting of the Heartbeat Support Group for survivors of suicide loss will be **Feb 9th**. Many people who have lost a family member, friend, classmate, or colleague to suicide find that sharing openly with fellow suicide loss survivors about what they've lived through can help with the healing process. The topic for the February support group will be "The Emotions Salad Bowl." Participants are invited to bring a salad ingredient to share. Soup will also be provided. Please attend even if you are not able to bring an ingredient to share.

The group is open and appropriate for adult survivors who have lost a loved one to suicide as well as those supporting a survivor. The groups will be held the **second Tuesday of each month**. The sessions will run from **7-8:30 PM**. The group will be held at the Evergreen Youth & Family Services Drop In Center at **610 Patriot Dr NW, Bemidji**. The support group will be facilitated by adult suicide loss survivors trained in support group facilitation. Please visit [www.evergreenyfs.org](http://www.evergreenyfs.org) for a map and directions. For more information please contact Stephanie Downey at 218-441-4565 or [sdowney@evergreenyfs.org](mailto:sdowney@evergreenyfs.org), Barb Bjerke at 218-556-9698 or Marcy LaCroix at 218-556-6241.

The Beltrami Area Suicide Prevention Program provides referral information and resources to survivors of suicide loss. For resources and information about Suicide Prevention please contact Stephanie Downey, Suicide Prevention Coordinator/TXT4LIFE Regional Coordinator at 218-441-4565 or [sdowney@evergreenyfs.org](mailto:sdowney@evergreenyfs.org).

## **Sunday, February 7th** **High School Super Bowl Bash!**

**5pm - End of Game**  
**St. Philip's Social Hall**

**Kick-Off: 5:30pm**

**Food, Prizes...**  
**Watching the Game**  
**with Friends...**  
**Priceless!!**





**Please remember in your prayers these children  
and their families as they begin their preparation  
for the Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Cal Hudson Barnes  
Reese Mary Bates  
Sydney Beise  
Jaxon Boschee  
Jaxon A. Cole  
Rylan L. Cole  
Griffin James Dewar  
Edward Froelich  
Gunner John Ganske  
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**THOUGHTS ON MERCY...**

“For according to His greatness, so also is His mercy. (Eccl.2:23)’. It is well said that our sins are the seat of divine mercy. It is better said that God’s most beautiful name and title is this: Mercy. This must inspire us with a great hope amidst our tears.”  
~ St. John XXIII



“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 RSVP to the Parish Office by February 9th.** We are currently working on setting up transportation and a possible tour of Sts. Anne and Joachim.



Indeed, everyone is “his brother’s keeper,” for God has committed human beings to each other’s care.  
~ St. Pope John Paul II’s 1995 encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, 19

**#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.*



# Lent 2016

## School of Prayer:

Learn To Fall In Love With Christ Through Prayer

Each year the Church, in her wisdom, offers us Lent, a 40-day period of meditation, prayer, and spiritual renewal. It can be a joyful time for growth and conversion.

We hear on Ash Wednesday Jesus calling us to pray, to fast, and to give alms: ~~When~~ you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, ~~When~~ you fast, do not look gloomy, ~~When~~ you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing (Mt 6:5, 16, 3).

Our Lord's threefold call to pray, to fast, and to give alms is richly interconnected. In prayer the Holy Spirit, always active in our lives, shows us those areas where we are not free . areas that call for penance . as well as those people who are in need of our care. Through fasting, our spirit becomes more open to hearing God's call, and we receive new energies for performing works of charity. Almsgiving puts us in contact with the needy whom we then bring back to God in prayer.

These three disciplines of Lent are directed toward the nurturing of relationships. Ultimately, the end goal of our Lenten practices is a stronger, more vibrant relationship with God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Before we start our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, let us take some time to understand where we are in our faith lives and where we would like to go during the season.

St. Philip's Church is providing a variety of opportunities to assist you with your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent. It is not necessary to do everything that is available. God's grace begins to work in small steps.

## Guidelines for Abstinence and Fasting

By refraining from eating, we signify our oneness with the Lord, acknowledge our need for conversion, and give witness to our solidarity with those less fortunate.

### **Abstinence**

Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

### **Fasting and Abstinence**

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting.

If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.



Read the parish bulletin  
every week  
for more details about the  
**PRAYER**  
**FASTING**  
and **ALMSGIVING**  
opportunities at  
St. Philip's Church  
during Lent.



## Prayer and Worship Opportunities at St. Philip's Church

In prayer, we encounter and walk with God. During the Lenten season, we are encouraged to make opportunities for individual and common prayer. This can include attending Mass, praying the liturgy of the hours, praying within the family, visiting a chapel, prayerfully reading the Bible, reciting the rosary, or praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Philip's**

Wednesday, February 10 at 8:40 AM, 12:10 PM, & 6:30 PM  
(Soup luncheon to follow the 12:10 PM Mass)

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM  
Tuesday at 12:10 PM (Soup luncheon to follow)  
Wednesday at 8:40 AM  
Thursday at 7:00 AM

### **Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer (Chapel)**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:05 AM

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)**

Mondays from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Tuesdays from 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Thursdays from Noon - 9:00 PM  
Fridays from 5:00 - 9:00 PM

### **Lenten Fish Fry (Social Hall)**

Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 PM

### **Stations of the Cross (Church)**

Fridays at 2:30 & 6:30 PM  
Living Stations of the Cross - March 18th at 7:00 PM

### **Rosary (Chapel)**

Saturdays at 8:10 AM  
Sundays at 8:35 AM & 10:15 AM  
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation During the Season of Lent

### **Individual Reconciliation – Chapel**

- Fridays at 6:00 PM until March 11th
- Saturdays (except Holy Saturday, March 26th) at 4:30 & 6:30 PM
- Before Masses each Sunday morning.

### **Deanery Reconciliation Day**

**March 4th 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

*Many priests available throughout the day.  
Come and join the community in prayer  
and penance.*

## Almsgiving Opportunities During Lent

Almsgiving entails giving money or other resources for the benefit of those in need. One possible source of this money is that which has been saved from fasting or other means of self-denial.

St. Philip's Lenten almsgiving will be directed to the **Community Outreach fund**. This fund provides emergency food, shelter and clothing needs to the poor through local charities in the Bemidji area. The collections taken at the Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday Masses are dedicated to this charity.

## St. Philip's Holy Week Schedule

**March 24th Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM    March 25th Good Friday 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM**

**March 26th Easter Vigil 8:30 PM**

**March 27th Easter Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM**

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 13/14

|                        | Feb 13, 5:30 PM<br>First Sunday of Lent   | Feb 14, 7:30 AM<br>First Sunday of Lent   | Feb 14, 9:00 AM<br>First Sunday of Lent   | Feb 14, 11:00 AM<br>First Sunday of Lent  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| SACRISTAN              | Marleen Webb  | Jane Foley  | Joe Bofferding  | Mary Lou Peters   |
| LECTOR                 | Amy Buckanaga<br>(sub req.)<br>Robb Naylor  | Pam Murray<br>Carol Schneider   | Sue Hengel<br>Mary Walter   | Karen Merschman<br>Kari Frenzel   |
| INTERCESSOR            | Cheryl Christlieb   | Deacon Kermit Erickson  | Susan Baird   | Deacon Kermit Erickson  |
| ALTAR SERVER           | Aidan Spaeth<br>(sub req.)<br>Ava Spaeth (sub req.)<br>Charlie McCalip  | Aaron Hoefer<br>Kiera Hoefer<br>Lee Walter  | Sophia Morin (sub req.)<br>Cami Adams<br>Aria Gish  | Paul Louvar<br>Gwen Youso<br>Westin Gourneau  |
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