

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
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

My Two Cents by Fr. Don Braukmann

April 10, 2016

Starting Monday, April 11th, the priests of the Diocese will invade Bemidji for the annual Clergy Conference held at the Hampton Inn. Fr. Chuck and I will be attending the conference Monday through noon on Wednesday. As you will notice in the bulletin, we will not be available for Mass or in the office during that time.

We keep in our prayers our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion the weekend of April 30/May 1. We also hold our teens in prayer who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Hoepfner on Sunday, May 8th.

Thank you to the "Little Flowers" girls group for brightening up the lives of those in our nursing homes by making cards and handwriting messages for the residents. It brought a smile to many faces!

I will be gone on vacation starting Monday, April 18th and returning Friday, April 29th. It will be a "staycation" for the most part as I will be connecting with family and friends.

Our next gathering for prayer at the Planned Parenthood office in town is set for this coming Saturday, April 16th from 10-11 AM. Our presence makes a difference and invites the community to consider why we have a Planned Parenthood office in town. Some argue "They don't do abortions there, why all the fuss?" The Bemidji office is a referral source for Planned Parenthood abortion clinics in Fargo and the Twin Cities. This past week, a presidential candidate who is a staunch supporter of abortion admitted the "clump of cells in the womb" is actually a person! As usual, in time, the truth IS known. Sadly it is still denied by so many.

Take a little break from a crazy day and spend a few quiet moments with Jesus. St. Philip's offers adoration of Christ in the Eucharist each Monday from 9AM-9PM; Tuesday from 6 AM-9 PM; Thursday from Noon-9 PM; Friday 5-9 PM.

The Rosary is prayed by the community in the chapel each Sunday at 8:35 AM, 10:15 AM and after the Wednesday morning Mass as a group prays for the children of the parish.

BSU/NTC are approaching the end of the school year...already! Thanks to the members of St. Philip's who served meals on Thursday nights to the students. What a great gift to them which is greatly appreciated!

One last thank you to all who offered gifts and cards on my anniversary. I received a few cards/gifts without names so consider this your thank you note!!

Thought for the week:

*As Catholics, we don't fit nice and neat into society.
Following Jesus means we don't wet our finger and hold it in the air
to judge the wind of popularity on a particular issue.
The politicians do...Jesus did not.*

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 of Easter

April 10, 2016

Sing the glory
of the Lord's name!

MASS INTENTIONS For April 11 to 17

Monday, Apr 11

No Daily Mass (Clergy Conference)

Tuesday, Apr 12

No Daily Mass (Clergy Conference)

Wednesday, Apr 13

No Daily Mass (Clergy Conference)

Thursday, Apr 14

7:00 AM Mass: +Win Carriere

10:30 AM Mass (Neilson Place): Special Intentions for
Roger & Verna Mae Lehmann

10:30 AM Communion Service (GoldPine)

5:30 PM Mass (Newman): +Lucille Hendricks

Friday, Apr 15

8:40 AM Mass (all school): +Cy Pulczynski

Saturday, Apr 16

8:30 PM Mass: +Audrey Hofmeister

5:30 PM Mass: +Lyle Dosmann

Sunday, Apr 17

7:30 AM Mass: For the People

9:00 AM Mass: +Ed O'Malley

11:00 AM Mass: +Fritz Mikkelsen

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

DAILY READINGS For the Week of April 4 to 10

Monday, Apr 11

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, Apr 12

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Ps 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab

Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, Apr 13

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, Apr 14

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20

Jn 6:44-51

Friday, Apr 15

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc,2

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, Apr 16

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17

Jn 6:60-69

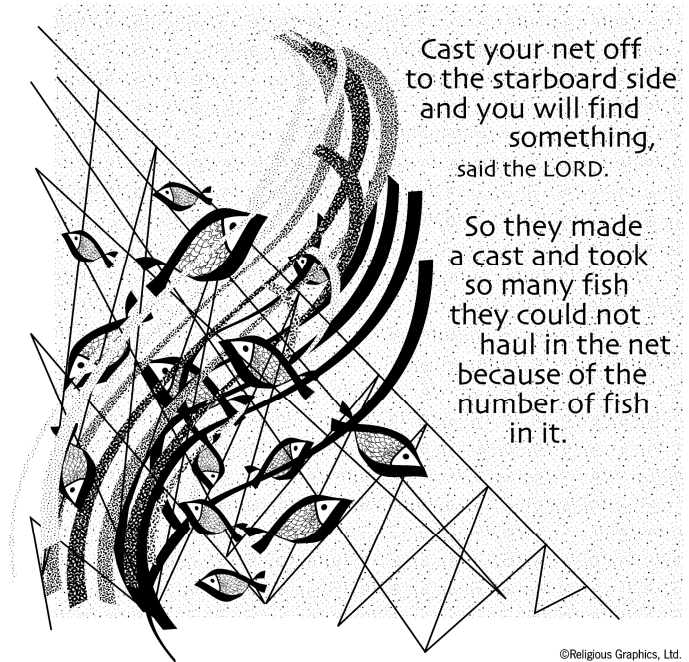
Sunday, Apr 17

Acts 13:14,43-52

Ps 100:1-2,3,5

Rv 7:9,14b-17

Jn 10:27-30



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Apr 11

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

Tuesday, Apr 12

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

3:30 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, Apr 13

9:30 AM Rosary for Our Schools (Chapel)

3:15 AM Children's Choir (Church)

4:00 PM Teen Choir (Church)

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, Grades 1-11

Thursday, Apr 14

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

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

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

5:00 PM LifeTeen Band Practice (Church)

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

Friday, Apr 15

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

1:00 PM School Wax Museum (Social Hall)

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

Saturday, Apr 16

9:00 AM Knitting/Crochet Group (St. Kateri Rm)

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Hurley's Religious Goods (Narthex)

Sunday, Apr 17

8:30 AM Hurley's Religious Goods (Narthex)

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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

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

10:15 AM RCIA & Beyond (St. Kateri Rm)

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)

12:00 PM LifeTeen Event (Gym)

6:30 PM Family Faith Night (Social Hall)

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 **May 3**. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Fr. S.R. Antonysamy**, who passed away on April 4 in India. Fr. Antony served at St. Philip's in 2006. May he find rest and peace, and may his family find comfort in God's love.

On Holy Saturday, March 26, the St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomed through the waters of baptism, **Christian Asher and Phinehas Samuel Hanson**, sons of Heather & Jacob Hanson. Blessings to **Kardelen Joy and Sofia Grace Hanson**, daughters of Heather & Jacob Hanson, and **Lorie Ann Sathre**, who were Baptized and Confirmed that evening. Also Congratulations to **Mary Sue Carlson, Rebecca Marie Gish, Heather Brook Hanson, Jacob Christian Hanson, Jill Meroah Masten, Lacie Marie Oliver, Noemi Medina, Mandy Jessica Samuelson, and James Christopher Shadiow**, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Confirmation. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit!



PARISH LIFE

"Calling all Extroverts!"

You're invited to join a new ministry at St. Philip's. We're creating an Information Station (kiosk) where visitors and parishioners can stop by to pick-up or drop off registration forms, event calendars, visitor envelopes, prayer requests, etc. This kiosk will need to be staffed before and after weekend masses. You do not need to be an expert on all of the happenings at St. Philip's to volunteer. Training will be provided in May. Volunteers will be able to select Mass times that work best for their schedules. If you're willing to help out, please contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this welcoming ministry."

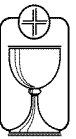
Position Opening at St. Philip's

The parish of St. Philip's has an opening for a Coordinator of Young Adult Campus Ministry and Adult Faith Formation. This fulltime position involves the student membership of Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College and the adult faith formation program at St. Philip's parish. This person plans, organizes, and conducts educational discussion groups, faith sharing, support groups, provides for spiritual growth, prayer, discipleship, sacramental experiences, social justice and programming to assist students and adult learners in furthering the growth of faith in individuals, families, the community and society. To receive a complete job description or to apply contact Fr. Chuck Huck St. Philip's Catholic Church 702 Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji Minnesota 56601 Phone 218-441-4901 www.stphilipsbemidji.org

FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Prayer Partner Cards

First Eucharist Prayer Partner cards are due Friday, April 22. Cards can be dropped off at the Parish Office or put in the collection. Questions contact Kris Jensen at 441-4944.



The St. Philip's 5th Grade Faith Formation children selected, promoted and conducted a Service Project during Lent for the Elementary Faith Formation children and catechists. The Service Project was called "Bag of Love"; children were encouraged to donate money during Lent to the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. Elementary Faith Formation raised \$566.20!! Their giving came from their hearts, out of the love for God and for others!!

A Benedictine Approach to Spirituality: Wisdom Deepened by Interfaith Dialogue

A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day.

Benedictine Spirituality centers on a set of core values. We find parallels to these Benedictine values in faith such as Buddhism. Interreligious dialogue encourages us to look at our own faith with a fresh perspective. Join Becky Van Ness, adjunct faculty at Saint John's University and oblate of Saint Benedict's Monastery, as she explores how insights from other traditions can deepen our spiritual maturation as Christians. May 2nd, soup and "Johnnie Bread" supper from 5:00 to 6:15 PM, check-in from 6:00 to 6:30 PM and presentation from 6:30 to 9 PM, St. Philip's Catholic Church, Bemidji, MN. FREE event. **Registration is required:** www.csbsju.edu/sot/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu. **A minimum 75 people are needed to pre-register, or this event will be cancelled.**

NEWMAN NEWS

For Students attending BSU and NTC

Sunday, April 10 7 PM Mass

Thursday, April 14 5:30 PM M & M (Mass & Meal)

Sunday, April 17 7 PM Mass & Confirmation of Jack Brumback

Class Notes:

April 9/10

- Believe it or not, we are now entering the last quarter of the school year. WOW!
- Because there is no Mass on Wednesday, this week's school Mass will be on Friday, April 15. The students from Mrs. Graham's third grade will be our Mass ministers. Please join us for the school Mass at 8:40 AM on Friday.
- The sixth graders will begin taking their Allied Arts class at Bemidji Middle School on Monday, April 11.
- Tickets for the Spring Gala are on sale. The event at the Country Club is on Friday evening, April 29. Great food. Great friends. Tremendous items. Super purpose. Please consider supporting St. Philip's School.
- Students will be attending Bemidji Community Theater's production of "The Enchanted Sleeping Beauty" on Tuesday morning, April 12.
- A number of famous individuals will gather in the social hall on Friday, April 15, from 1:00 to 2:45, as our fifth graders present their Wax Museum. See what our students have learned from and about these personalities. All are invited.
- A Family Faith Night is approaching. On Sunday evening, April 17, from 6:30 to 7:30, Fr. Tony Fernando will present a program about Mother Teresa, someone he knew personally. Mother Teresa will be canonized in September. Think about attending.
- April is a month of drills – fire, lock down, and tornado. We will be practicing.
- The Kindergarten students will present their spring play on Friday, April 22.
- The Parent Association offers a \$250 college scholarship to one of this year's senior graduates who was also a graduate of St. Philip's School. Information is available at St. Philip's School or through guidance counselors.
- Families applying for Tuition Assistance need to do so by April 25. Turn in the application form with responses to the questions as well as a copy of your 2015 taxes to be considered.
- Volunteer Opportunities: hot lunch servers; classroom volunteers; chaperones; child care volunteers for the Family Faith Night.
- To volunteer your services, please attain your Safe Environment Certification by going to: www.crookston.org and following the prompts for Safe Environment. Thanks for your cooperation.

THOUGHTS ON MERCY...

"A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart that lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters..." ~ Pope Francis



Join us on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 PM as Bishop Hoepfner will be speaking about Pope Francis' book "The Name of God is Mercy". It will be an evening of reflection on Mercy! Contact the Parish Office for additional information.

DEVELOPMENT ~ STEWARDSHIP

Earlier this week, Father Chuck asked me to share my working definition of "Stewardship" at a joint council meeting. This definition of stewardship speaks to me as it cuts to the core of being a good steward.

Stewardship =

Stewardship is a spiritual lifestyle based in Scripture which holds that all we are and all we have flow from God's grace. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor. A good steward serves a caretaker of spiritual and worldly blessings.

Stewardship ≠

Stewardship is not a program. Stewardship is more than the Sunday offertory. Stewardship is more than Time, Talent and Treasure.

If you're ever curious how to be a good steward, look to Jesus for the ultimate example. In today's Gospel (JN 21:1-19), Jesus invited his disciples to breakfast. His kind act reminds me of the good stewards at St. Philip's who graciously serve within the hospitality ministry. Thank you for sharing your time and talent serving coffee and rolls after Mass.

If you feel called to participate in a new ministry, please let me know. I would be happy to introduce you to others within that ministry. mmccalip@stphilipsbemidji.org or 441-4906.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Week #40 Contributions (received the weekend of 4/3/2016)

Envelopes	\$ 14,289.00
EFT Env.	\$ 6,735.00
Loose Plate	\$ 760.63
Children's	\$ 42.87
Total	\$ 21,827.50

Fiscal Year to Date (Week #40)

Amount Contributed

Envelopes	\$ 629,817.51
Loose Plate	\$ 38,474.92
Children's	\$ 2,059.78
Total	\$ 670,352.21

YTD Budget \$ 692,261.00

(96.84% of budget)

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

Last Week's Mass Attendance

April 2	5:30 PM	294
April 3	7:30 AM	203
April 3	9:00 AM	333
April 3	11:00 AM	ushers didn't count

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, April 14th, 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 April 14th. We will be in need of the following supplies: various colors of sewing thread, one extra sewing machine as I will bring mine, scissors, and hand sewing needles. If you would like to do a blanket stitch around the fleece, bring the appropriate needle. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please RSVP Sharon Zarrett at 751-1606 or zarrettsa@gmail.com by the morning of April 14th if you plan to attend.

DAA UPDATE

Congratulations and thank you are in order at both St. Philip's and St. Charles... at St. Philip's we are getting closer to the DAA goal of \$75,528.00. We have received pledges of \$62,041.50, which is 82.14%. We still have a little ways to go; we need \$13,486.50 to complete our goal. Thank you to the 269 contributors to this fund.

And special thanks to Pennington - St. Charles, you are only \$44.00 short of your parish goal of \$2,219.00... there are 6 contributors to this collection so far. May God bless our parishioners for their generosity to the needs of the Diocesan Church.

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 Trip ID: **130812** OR you can contact Fr. Chuck at 218-441-4901 or chuck@stphilipsbemidji.org

Knitting/Crochet Group

Ladies of the parish, please join us for our next knit/crochet meeting on Saturday April 16th in the St. Kateri Room. We will start at 9:00 AM and go till we are done. We all had a great time at the first meeting and we are in hopes to continue meeting on a regular basis. Coffee is on and there is always a treat to eat. For more information contact Sharon Zarrett at zarrettsa@gmail.com or at 751-1606.

Hurley's Religious Goods

Looking for a First Eucharist Gift, Confirmation Gift or a crucifix for your home? On April 16 & 17 after Mass religious items from Hurley's will be for sale in the Narthex.



WHAT IS ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration.

Adoration is available here at St. Philip's on:

Mondays from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Unfilled hours on Mondays:

4:00 to 5:00 PM
6:00 to 7:00 PM
7:00 to 8:00 PM

Thursdays from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Unfilled hours on Thursdays:

12:30 to 1:30 PM
2:30 to 3:30 PM
3:30 to 4:30 PM
4:30 to 5:30 PM

Tuesdays from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Unfilled hours on Tuesdays:

7:00 to 8:00 AM
8:00 to 9:00 AM
9:00 to 10:00 AM
6:30 to 7:30 PM

Fridays from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Unfilled hours on Fridays:

5:30 to 6:30 PM
6:00 to 7:00 PM
7:00 to 8:00 PM

*If you are interested in taking an hour of Adoration, please contact
The Parish Office at 444-4262 or Monica at 243-3880.*

Director of the Office of Marriage and Family

The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a full-time Director of the Office of Marriage and Family. This office serves to strengthen marriages and family life in the Diocese of Crookston by helping pastors and parish staffs reach out to their parishioners by offering programs, education, enrichment, and resources that promote the New Evangelization. We are seeking a candidate with an educational background in this area of ministry as well as some years of experience. The qualifying candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic who has an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church and desires to promote them. Send resume and references to: Jim Clauson, Diocese of Crookston, P. O. Box 610, Crookston, MN. 56716 or email the information to: jclauson@crookston.org. Interviews begin by May 1st.



SILENT PRAYER HOURS AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF BEMIDJI

2505 Hannah Avenue NW

10 – 11 AM on the following Saturdays:

April 16 and May 14

All ages *welcome*.

Bring your family; invite your friends!

Sponsored by St. Gianna's Group of St. Philip's

*Signs may be used, though not required.

"Among all things that are lovable, there is one that is more lovable than the rest, and that most lovable of all things is life."

~ St. Anthony of Padua

St. Philips 2016 Spring Gala

FRIDAY APRIL 29TH

Bemidji Town & Country Club

Social Hour 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Cost \$100

Silent Auction & Live Auction



All proceeds to benefit St. Philip's School

Tickets available at the school office

St. Philip's Parish has two openings for Pastoral Council Representative.

The Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body for the Pastor helping provide direction to the pastoral activity of the parish. Pastoral activity encompasses all the areas of the parish life especially the proclamation of the Word of God and catechetical formation, the celebration of the Eucharist, and other sacraments as well as the fostering of family and individual prayer, and serving those in spiritual or bodily need. You would be participating in the discussions providing direction for the parish. The Pastoral Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July) at 6:30PM. Terms are normally 3 years with an option for a second 3 year term. After 6 years on the council the individual must take a 1 year break before seeking to rejoin the council. We are grateful; to Theresa Wilander and Gary Gregg who will have both completed 6 year terms as of this June 30th. Please let any council member or Fr Chuck know of your interest in serving the parish.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES AVAILABLE

As you all know, Pope Francis has declared 2016 as the Year of Mercy. There are some wonderful resources available in the Parish Office to order materials for small groups pertaining to the theme of mercy. If you already have an existing group or would like to form a new one, please consider exploring this topic. Below are some examples of small group studies that can be ordered. We have all the details with regard to costs if your group is interested. Please contact Tammy or Fr. Chuck for more information...

"Consoling the Heart of Jesus – Group Study" This program can be used as a retreat or regular group study and includes 10 talks by Fr. Michael Gaitley who is author of the book. Through the program, participants come to know Christ in the Divine Mercy in a deeper way through walking through the rules of St. Ignatius.

"Mercy: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics" By Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J. Each of the six sessions of this book will help us rediscover the incredible history of God's mercy in our own lives, which in turn will lead us to an understanding of the importance of extending God's love and mercy to the world around us.

"Wisdom and Works of Mercy – Group Study" Authored by Fr. Michael Gaitley, this program, which can be used as a retreat or as a 10 session setup will bring participants into a deeper knowledge of their faith through talks and study of the book "The One Thing is Three".

HELP NEEDED AT CHURCHES UNITED

The parish of St. Philip's is a strong supporter of Churches United. As one of the founding parishes we help them with financial and volunteer support. As their mission they exist to help those who are down on their luck or in need of direction to the right social agency or just a small bit of help to get through the difficulty they face. Normally, they are open Mon - Fri afternoons. Presently Churches United is not open Fridays due to lack of volunteers. Are you willing, or do you know someone we could ask to consider being a volunteer? Sometimes being asked is taken as a sign we maybe should do something. Please contact Jen at 444-1380 or our Parish representative Dan Walter at 444-3940 or the Parish Office 444-4262.



ST. JOSEPH BENEDICT COTTOLENGO

DATES: 5/3/1786 – 4/30/1742

FEAST DAY: APRIL 29

BUILDER OF MERCY'S HOUSE

Joseph Benedict was born to a middle class family in northern Italy. Later, he studied at the seminary in Turin, Italy and was ordained for that diocese in 1811. For a while he served as a parish priest in Bra and Corneliano d'Alba. Later, he decided to join the Order of the Corpus Christi in Turin.

For several years, Joseph treated his priesthood more as a career than a vocation. Then one night he was called to the bed of a poor, sick woman in labor. The woman badly needed medical help, but had been turned away everywhere for lack of money. Joseph stayed with her throughout the travail, and was there to hear her confession, give her absolution, Communion, and last rites. He baptized her newborn daughter, and then watched as both of them died in bed. The trauma of the evening changed his mind, but more importantly – his heart – about his vocation.

In 1827 he opened a small shelter for the area sick and homeless, renting a room, filling it with beds, and seeking male and female volunteers. The place expanded, and he received help from the Brothers of Saint Vincent and the Vincentian Sisters. During a cholera outbreak in 1831, the local police closed the hospice, fearing it was a source of the illness.

In 1832, Giuseppe transferred his operation to the Valdocco area of Turin, Italy, and called the shelter the Little House of Divine Providence (Piccola Casa). The Casa began receiving support, and grew, adding asylums, orphanages, hospitals, schools, workshops, chapels, almshouse, and programs to help the poor, sick, and needy of all types. This small village of the poor depended almost entirely on alms, Joseph kept no records, and turned down offers of state assistance; never once did they do without. Joseph directed the operation until a few days before his death, and the Casa continues to today, serving 8,000 or more each day. He founded fourteen communities to serve the residents, including the Daughters of Compassion, Daughters of the Good Shepherd, Hermits of the Holy Rosary, and Priests of the Holy Trinity.

To all those who assisted him in caring for the poor he would tirelessly teach the same lesson:

The poor are Jesus – they are not an image of him. They are Jesus in person. As such you must serve them. All the poor are our masters, but those who are so repulsive which the naked eye are actually our highest masters – our true jewels. If we do not treat them well, they will kick us out of the Little House. They are Jesus.

Family Faith Night

Sunday, April 17, 2016

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Mother Teresa:

A Woman of Compassion

Fr. Tony Fernando will share his personal experiences with Mother Teresa. He will talk about what led Mother Teresa to become a compassionate woman, and her spirituality - why she did what she did. There will also be time to ask Fr. Tony questions. This is a special opportunity to learn about Mother Teresa as she will be canonized in September.

This event will be held in the Social Hall. This is an opportunity for you and your family to learn and grow in faith together. As parents you have an important responsibility of passing the faith on to your child. This is a night in which you can spend time with your family learning about our faith together!

All are welcome to this event! 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 12th Grade. Childcare will be available for younger children; **contact Kris if your family will need childcare by April 13.** Questions: Kris 441-4944

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

Pope Francis

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of April 16/17

	Apr 16, 5:30 PM Fourth Sunday of Easter	Apr 17, 7:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter	Apr 17, 9:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter	Apr 17, 11:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter
SACRISTAN	Marleen Webb	Jennifer Leisenheimer	Jim Gorham	Mary Herried
LECTOR	Cheryl Christlieb Amy Buckanaga	Judy Stai Carol Schneider	Marilynne Hodapp Phil Hodapp	LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN
INTERCESSOR	Joanna Ferraro	Darla Sathre	Clark Chambers	LIFE TEEN
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CAPTAIN	Betty Lindy	Brad Arel (sub req.)	Sue Lucas	Joe Bofferding
EMHC	Germaine Cheslock Alice Thompson Eileen Gothman Marleen Webb April Boucher Deacon Kermit Erickson Laura Schwindt	Jim Schneider Dale Dewitt Jennifer Leisenheimer Joan Klobe Mary Zigan HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Leslie Downs Lorie Erpelding Kevin Erpelding Mary Bjerke Deacon Kermit Erickson (sub req.) Larry Mack Kay Mack Ron Arel Rachelle Hayes	Chris Nyberg Barb Nyberg Mary Herried Rita Lauderbaugh Joshua Cervenka Cathy Lalli Judy Selby Jane Baukol Deacon Kermit Erickson
USHER	Mary Jo Christenson Chris Hanevold Terri Chmielewski HELP NEEDED	Ron Hendricks Gary Bruns James Wiltse Jim Gavin	Mark Froelich Zach Froelich Jerry Downs Mike Headlee	Randy Nyberg Tony Schussman LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN LIFE TEEN
HOSPITALITY -FELLOWSHIP		Vi Hendricks Ron Hendricks	Bob Griggs Susie Griggs Michelle Sand Pat Schnell	Annette Jones Jan Busch Rita Lauderbaugh Nancy Lauderbaugh
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