

# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## St. Philip's Church

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### Parish Staff

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218-444-4938

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Gina Mykleseth	441-4940

### Sister Parish

St. Charles Pennington

Saturday at 4:00 PM

(Fishing Opener to Labor Day)

### Holy Spirit Newman Center

BSU/NWTC

Events held at various locations on BSU campus. All sacramental events take place at St. Philip's Church.

### 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  
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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Greetings,

July 24, 2016

This Sunday we have a theme of ðprayer.ö In the Gospel Jesus teaches us to pray, and in the first reading from Genesis Abraham shows prayer in action as he talks with God about the number of faithful in Sodom and Gomorra. Abraham through prayer (conversation with God) moves God to saying he will not destroy the city if 10 faithful are found. In our parish we have many people faithful to prayer. Sometimes it is easy to see how God answers prayer and other times we wonder why God hasn't answered our prayer.

In a conversation with a young man he told me he did not pray as a daily or normal practice. He has responded to a challenge to pray every day for his family, especially for his fiancé. Will he see his prayers answered? Will he continue the practice of prayer if he does not? It is the same question for all of us.

It is important for all who pray that we do not limit God in our prayers. God cannot change someone's heart. Really, He can: He is God, but out of love He will not impose a change on someone. He has given us the gift of free will to accept or reject as we choose. God will not violate the gift of free will. He can provide the grace for softening and changing hearts but it is up to the individual to accept it.

There are examples of remarkable response to prayer. Recently a gentleman was dying but struggling. The family called for a priest. We prayed together there was calm, and soon the man passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus. I talked with a nurse who sat by a patient's bed and said a rosary with a family member who was not Catholic but wanted to pray their loved one was able to relax with the prayer and left this world.

We are called to be in communication with God. Frequently is best. We also need to remember it is not always the ritual and exactly how it is done that is important, but that our hearts are turned toward Him and we are seeking God.

Recently Cardinal Sarah (the Vatican Official for Liturgy) made the news by issuing an invitation for priests, by Advent, to face the East during the Eucharistic Prayer or in churches such as ours (with a north/south orientation) to have the priest with his back to the people during the Eucharistic Prayer. The conversation was open, quick, and very busy with quotes from several Bishops who weighed in with their thoughts. There are some in the church who would like to see a more traditional (Latin) Mass structure and there are those who want to continue with our current arrangement.

Pope Francis is a leader who likes to be open and to dialogue. In a visit with Cardinal Sarah they were in dialogue about the Mass but, as can happen in our society, some of the comments were taken out of context. Instantly there was a media frenzy over possible changes. The Vatican issued a follow-up statement that there were no changes imminent. As Catholics we trust in God and follow the lead of the successors of the Apostles (our Bishops). For us in the Crookston Diocese we are obedient to the teachings as presented to us by Bishop Hoepfner. If and when there are any liturgical changes in the Diocese of Crookston it would come from his office and we as faithful Catholics would observe them closely.

Last Sunday, I was nervous when talking from the pulpit about money. I asked for a prayerful increase in donations by everyone by 20% to cover the roof/AC project and to cover future maintenance needs. I asked those currently not gifting to the parish to consider giving on a regular basis. We do have a vibrant, healthy, growing parish community. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are important in allowing us to accomplish God's work.

Thank you for your support! Blessings on your day! *Fr Chuck.*

#### **Your Parish Representatives:**

**Parish Council Members:** Ben Baird, Sarah Bofferding, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Cynthia Haskin, Brent Rud, Mary Scofield, Drew Weaver

**Finance Council Members:** Jeff Cwikla, Amy Haskell, Claude Sand

**School Council Members:** Jaclyn Bergerson, Tiffany Fankhanel, Christine Louvar, James Marcotte, Trudy Peterson, Laura Schwindt

**Trustees:** Joann Gardner, Hank Krigbaum

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

God gives strength to His people!

## MASS INTENTIONS

For July 25 to July 31

### Monday, July 25

8:30 AM Mass: +Dorothy Halcrow

### Tuesday, July 26

6:30 PM Mass: +Merlyn Stai

### Wednesday, July 27

8:30 AM Mass: +Lucille Hendricks

### Thursday, July 28

7:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Grandpa Pat Hughes

10:30 AM Mass (Goldpine): +Fr. Bill Mehrkens

10:30 AM Communion Service (Neilson Place)

### Friday, July 29

8:30 AM Mass: +Don McAllister

### Saturday, July 30

4:00 PM Mass (Pennington): +Con Beaulieu

5:30 PM Mass: For the People

### Sunday, July 31

7:30 AM Mass: +Margaret Seitz

9:00 AM Mass: +Jane Senger

11:00 AM Mass: +Margaret Fulton

6:30 PM Mass: +Ernie Schulke

## DAILY READINGS

For the Week of July 25 to July 31

### Monday, July 25

2 Cor 4:7-15

Ps 126:1b-6

Mt 20:20-28

### Tuesday, July 26

Jer 14:17-22

Ps 79:8-9,11,13

Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday, July 27

Jer 15:10,16-21

Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18

Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday, July 28

Jer 18:1-6

Ps 146:1b-6b

Mt 13:47-53

### Friday, July 29

Jer 26:1-9

Ps 69:5,8-10,14

Jn 11:19-27

### Saturday, July 30

Jer 26:11-16,24

Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34

Mt 14:1-12

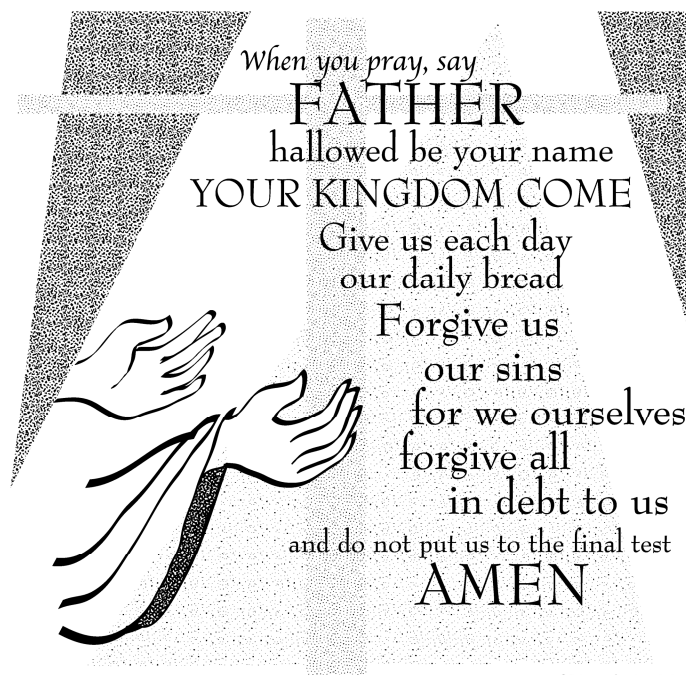
### Sunday, July 31

Eccl 1:2;2:21-23

Ps 98:3-6,12-14,17

Col 3:1-5,9-11

Lk 12:13-21



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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday, July 25

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

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

7:00 PM Nightlights (St. Kateri Rm)

### Tuesday, July 26

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

7:00 PM Bible Study "Mary, A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother" (Social Hall)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

### Wednesday, July 27

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

5:30 PM ABC Event (Rectory)

### Thursday, July 28

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

6:30 PM RCIA & Beyond- *The Holy Spirit* (St. Kateri Rm)

### Friday, July 29

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

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

### Saturday, July 30

9:00 AM Stay & Play for Families (Social Hall/Gym)

9:00 AM KC Quickstart Program Mtg (St. Gregory the Great Rm)

3:30 PM Jesse Eck/Taylor McLean Wedding

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

### Sunday, July 31

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)



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## 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 **August 7**. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's extends best wishes to **Kathryn Statton and Jeff Jubinville** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip's on July 15th, and **Terry Kuzel & Lynnette Flage** who were married at St. Philip's on July 16th.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Mary Ann Dahl and John Baird**, grandfather of Ben Baird. May they find rest and peace, and may their families find comfort in God's love.

Congratulations to **Toby Glen and Anna Glen** who sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on July 22 at St. Philip's.



## PARISH LIFE

**Nightlights**, a nondenominational support group for anyone who has a loved one with mental illness will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00-8:30 PM, Monday, July 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.

*Happy Silver Anniversary!*

Congratulations and best wishes to **Ron & Jeni Bardwell**, who are celebrating **25 years of marriage** on July 27!



### PARISH NEWS...

Recent college-graduate and parishioner Megan Jones is excited to announce that she has decided to return to campus to evangelize her peers as a FOCUS missionary. With more than 500 missionaries serving on 113 campuses across the nation, FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) works with chaplains and Newman Centers to invite students into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship, and friendship. As a full-time Catholic missionary, serving on the campus of Northwest Missouri State Megan, along with her team, will lead small-group bible studies, grow in intentional Christ-centered friendships with students, and simply meet and befriend students on campus.

If you would like to learn more about the mission of FOCUS and the support campaign please contact Megan at [megan.jones@focus.org](mailto:megan.jones@focus.org) or (218)760-6360. FOCUS' website is [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org). Fr. Don and Fr. Chuck support this ministry because it has touched many lives, bringing students into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Bemidji Area Church Musicians*

### 2016 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

July 27 ~ Noon to 12:30 PM

**Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute,  
Shanna Gustafson, saxophone,  
Katelyn Tinglestad, violin**

Evangelical Covenant Church

5405 Hwy 2 W (across from Bemidji Theater)

Free-will offering to support music scholarships.  
Lunch will be available following the recital.

Cost to be announced.

### "STAY & PLAY FOR FAMILIES"

On Saturday, July 30, the Gym and Social Hall will be open to all families with young children from 9 to 11 AM. This is an opportune time for parents and their children to get to know one another in the comfort of their own parish home! *Stay & Play* will take place the last Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted due to conflicts. There is no cost to participate, but a snack table will be provided that you may contribute to. RSVP is not necessary, just show up and be ready to play!

### ALGEBRA TEACHER NEEDED

St. Philip's School has an opening for a part-time Algebra teacher. Please contact Carol Rettinger, Principal, at St. Philip's School, 702 Beltrami Avenue NW, Bemidji, MN 56601, [crettinger@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:crettinger@stphilipsbemidji.org). Thank you.

### Parish Office Summer Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 4 PM

### *Strengthened by the Presence of Christ Retreat*

*A Retreat for Mothers and Daughters*

August 4-6, 2016

Franciscan Retreat & Conference Center  
Hankinson, ND

Contact Eleri at 701-331-3813 to register.



### *Pray for Life*

**PrayerCampaign.org** is a prayer website produced by Priests for Life. The website contains information on prayer campaigns, monthly prayer intentions, and resources. Following are the current and upcoming prayer campaigns:

- August 7-15, 2016: Assumption Novena for Life
- Ongoing Novena to Mother Teresa before her canonization on September 4, 2016
- Daily Prayer to End Abortion
- Prayer for Priests
- A Prayer of Offering by the Sick for the Unborn



## ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

**PASSPORT PARTY**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH**

PICK UP REGISTRATION FORMS AT PARISH OFFICE  
TURN IN FORMS AND CHECK BY MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS 6TH-8TH GRADE BRING A FRIEND(S)  
COME OVER FOR DINNER AT ST. PHILIPS SOCIAL HALL @ 5:00PM

CONTACT LUKE: LALEXANDER@STPHILIPSBEMIDJI.ORG

DINNER/REGISTRATION STARTS @ 5:00PM

PAINTBALL BOWLING BSU REC CENTER

PARTY ENDS 7 AM ON FRIDAY @ ST. PHILIPS

**\* COST \$60**

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## SUMMER RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

A Silent weekend retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota, **August 26-28, 2016**. The retreat begins on Friday, August 26, at 8:00 PM and concludes on Sunday, August 28, at 12:45 PM. The theme of the retreat is: **"Reawakening Hope."** The men & women of this parish are cordially invited to a beautiful, inexpensive, lakeside weekend of wonderful relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation. The suggested offering for this retreat is \$160.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 per person is required to reserve a room. Please call (763) 682-1394 for a registration form and more information.

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### THOUGHTS ON MERCY...

"...this indeed was the purpose of the merciful Jesus, when he showed his heart to us bearing about it the symbols of the passion and displaying the flames of love — that from the one we might know the infinite malice of sin, and in the other we might admire the infinite love of our Redeemer."

~ Pope Pius XI

## Join St. Philip's Children's Choir Camp



**What:** Choristers will learn how to use their voices to sing and pray!  
**Who:** 2nd-6th grade (entering Fall 2016)  
**When:** Camp: August 9th-12th from 9AM-11AM  
Sunday Mass: August 14th @ 9AM Mass  
**Cost: FREE!**  
**Questions:** Contact Aana Freihammer, afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org or 218-441-4905.

Register by contacting Aana for a form using the contact information above. Registration deadline is Monday, August 1

## KC Quick Start Meeting

The state officers of the Knights of Columbus will be putting on a Quick Start Programs meeting on Saturday morning, July 30th in the St. Gregory the Great Room (Music Rm) from 9 AM to noon. This is for all Knights of Columbus members and their spouses to attend. Any questions, please contact Dan Shea, FS at 218-760-6616.



## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

### Goals

- Weekly goal to meet budget: \$ 16,355.00
  - Increase needed weekly to meet the Roof/AC project over 36 months: \$ 1,722.00
  - Increase needed weekly for maintenance escrow account over 5 years: \$ 1,126.00
- New weekly goal total: \$ 19,203.00**

<b>Week #2</b>	Envelopes	\$ 11,441.00
<b>Actual Contributions</b>	EFT Env.	\$ 5,495.50
<b>(received the weekend of 7/17/2016)</b>	Loose Plate	\$ 1,473.35
	Children's	\$ 66.55
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,476.40</b>

## STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

### Last Week's Mass Attendance

Jul 16	5:30 PM	<b>287</b>
Jul 17	7:30 AM	<b>213</b>
Jul 17	9:00 AM	<b>443</b>
Jul 17	11:00 AM	<b>354</b>
Jul 17	6:30 PM	<b>123</b>



## Only 4 Events Remaining! Reserve your spot today!

Join Father Chuck and fellow parishioners for a backyard barbecue and tour of the rectory.

### Event Agenda

1. Tour Rectory
2. Eat Delicious Food
3. Ask Fr. Chuck Questions

ABC Event Date	Remaining Spots
Wed. July 27 5:30-7:00 pm	1 spot remaining
Thur. Aug. 4 5:30-7:00 pm	Filled
Sun. Aug. 7 12:00-1:30 pm	5 spot remaining
Sat. Aug. 13 6:30-8:00 pm	6 spots remaining

Space is limited to 20 people per ABC event. Sign-up by going online to [www.stphilipsbemidji.org](http://www.stphilipsbemidji.org) or by calling the Parish Office at 444-4262.

## HOLY DOORS PILGRIMAGE

Real Presence Radio will host a Holy Doors of Mercy pilgrimage Oct. 10 - 14, 2016, to Holy Doors of Mercy sites in Bismarck, Richardton, Rapid City & Denver. We will visit Mt Rushmore Monument, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Mother Cabrini Shrine & Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The cost is \$775 from North Dakota with pick-up sites in Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown, Bismarck & Dickinson and \$575 from Rapid City, SD. The deadline to register is Sept. 1st or until filled. To register call Lisa at 1-877-795-0122 or email [lisa@yourcatholicradiostation.com](mailto:lisa@yourcatholicradiostation.com).



## Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center

is currently accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Please contact the center 444-3035 or visit [www.northwoodspregnancy.com](http://www.northwoodspregnancy.com) for application information.



## Attention all Nursing home, Homebound, and Hospital Volunteers!

There will be a meeting on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the St. Kateri Room to discuss general information, safe environment certification and to address any questions for the upcoming year. Please see Blake for more information 441-4907.

## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?

### **Then, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you!**

Adults from all faith traditions or no religious background at all are welcome to participate in our process of instruction designed especially for the needs and lifestyles of busy people. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church, and prepare individuals to come into full communion with the Catholic Church when they're ready.

Classes meet twice each month, on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, in the St. Kateri Room. The same class is repeated 3 days later on the following Sunday at 10:15 AM. The classes are offered year-round and **You may join the classes at any time**. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of each individual, wherever you may be in your faith journey.

We invite you to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story, in a warm, welcoming setting. There are no fees and all materials are provided at no charge.

For information please call the Parish Office and ask for the RCIA program at (218) 444-4262, or:



Deacon Kermit Erickson [kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org) (218) 441-4903  
 Robb Naylor [rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org) (218) 441-4904

## St. Philip's Catholic Church - RCIA Program





## ST. LEOPOLD MANDIC

**DATES:** 5/12/1866 – 7/30/1942

**FEAST DAY:** JULY 30

### BEARER OF MERCY'S BURDEN

"For nearly 30 years," this frail and sickly Capuchin priest from Padua, "would spend between 10-15 hours a day...in his confessional listening to and forgiving sinners in the name of God. Due to his small stature and humble attitude, some people undervalued him, including his own Capuchin brothers. They said of him, "he was an ignorant confessor, too lenient, and he absolved everyone without discernment." Some even contemptuously called him: 'Brother-absolve-everybody.' But he was sought after more than anyone else.

He always apologized humbly: *'They say I'm too good. But if people come and kneed in front of me, is this not sufficient proof that they desire God's forgiveness?'* He would say, *"You see, He himself gave us an example! We did not die for souls; instead, it was He who shed His divine blood. We must treat souls as he taught us by His example.'* He said on another occasion, *'If the Crucifix were to scold me for being too lenient, I would say in return, 'It was You who gave me this bad example, Lord! I have yet to arrive at the madness of dying for souls.'*

And yet, this friar who was so good and paternal had his own secret: the priest who welcomed everyone, reassured everyone, and offered everyone the certainty of the boundless Mercy of God, suffered personally from a constant and overwhelming fear of God's judgment. And he felt this even though he once humbly admitted that he had never committed a grave sin, saying, *'I still feel I have the soul of a child.'*

Fr. Leopold was asked to live out and undergo the intense and painful beauty of this sacrament – even for his penitents. In his later years, he was so distressed that he sometimes wept throughout the night while being assailed by an unknown terror. Like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, he too sought out companions to stay with him. Even on his deathbed, witnesses said, *'He looked like Jesus on the cross with the entire sin of the world weighing on him, and he felt abandoned by his Heavenly Father.'* He had peace only while speaking to his confessor, when he received the same grace he so readily distributed to others.

It is not easy to explain the glorious and challenging mission that God entrusted to St. Leopold – that of living out and experiencing (even for his penitents) the powerful and dolorous beauty of confession too often unheeded by so many Christians. Too many forget, in fact, that the Sacrament of Penance, together with the Eucharist, makes up the burning heart of Christianity."



## The Catholic Gifts of the Holy Spirit Seminar

**Tues., August 9, 2016  
1:00 PM  
St. Philip's Social Hall**

*What is at the heart of life as a Catholic? To follow Jesus.* Like the first disciples, we may struggle as we start to try to follow Jesus. We may be scared. We may not know how to start. We may resist letting God enter certain areas of our lives. Where can we find the courage, the love, the wisdom, the power to follow Jesus as a disciple? From exactly the same source as the first Christians—*from the Holy Spirit.*

All of us have special gifts, or charisms, given to us by the Holy Spirit—it may be the gift of Music, Wisdom, Mercy, Faith, Healing, Writing, Administration, or Evangelism to name a few. Once we are able to recognize the gifts that have been given from God, our eyes are opened to the good works that can come of them.

Plan on attending this Spiritual Gifts Seminar to determine what your special gifts are. You will be glad you did! There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials. Question? Call the Parish Office at 444-4262.



### 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 Blake Quick at the Parish Office, 441-4907 and we will arrange for a visit. Thanks to you for caring about your parish family!

### Check Us Out on Social Media!

St. Philip's is now on Facebook and Twitter! Don't forget to stop by our Facebook page at [St Philips Catholic Church](#) and give us a like! Keep in touch with everything going on at the Parish, and even learn about the *Saint of the Day*!



Follow us on Twitter @StPhilipsBJI and use #StPhilipsBJI on all your posts to help spread the Word of Jesus Christ on Social Media!

### SAVE THE DATE...

*Our Lady of the Lakes Area Magnificat*  
St. Agnes Catholic Church, Walker, MN  
Friday, August 26, 2016  
Inspirational Speaker: Janice Carleton  
*Flyers are in the Narthex*

6th annual



## ESTO VIR!



Vocation Camp for guys 16+

*ESTO VIR!* ð BE A MAN!

**August 2-4, 2016 ~ noon 'til noon**

Location: Two Inlets, near Park Rapids

**What is it?** A chance for Catholic guys to hang out. **Prayer:** Mass, Adoration, Rosary. **Sports:** Lawn & Lake Games, Frisbee. **Water:** Kayaking, Canoeing, Biking, Hiking. **Discussion:** Vocation, Holiness, Virtue. **Price:** Free!

Sponsored by: Diocese of Crookston Office of Vocations. For more information: Father Craig Vasek – 701.314.4DOC (4362), [crookstonvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crookstonvocations@gmail.com) - [facebook.com/fathervasek](https://www.facebook.com/fathervasek)

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To Accomplish God's Work



**St. Gianna's Group** was organized in 2011 to advance pro-life issues among the people of St. Philip's. From abortion to euthanasia and from surrogacy to cloning, the Group does what it can to educate the parish and sponsor events which help teach and preach the consistent pro-life message of the Catholic Church. The **next meeting** of St. Gianna's is set for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to attend. Read below for more information on the saint herself.

Gianna Francesca Beretta was born in Italy. She was the tenth of thirteen children in her family, only nine of whom survived to adulthood.

In 1949 she received a medical diploma and opened an office near her hometown of Magenta, where she specialized in pediatrics.

Gianna hoped to join her brother, a missionary priest in Brazil, where she intended to offer her medical expertise in gynecology to poor women. However, her chronic ill health made this impractical, and she continued her practice in Italy.

In December 1954, Gianna met Pietro Molla and they married in 1955.

The couple had three children followed by two miscarriages.

In 1961, Gianna was once again expecting. During the second month, Gianna developed a fibroma on her uterus. After examination, the doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, which would save her life and allow her to continue to have children; a complete hysterectomy, which would preserve her life, but take the unborn child's life, and prevent further pregnancy; or removal of only the fibroma, with the potential of further complications. Roman Catholic teaching would have allowed her to obtain a hysterectomy, but would forbid an abortion. Wanting to preserve her child's life, she opted for the removal of the fibroma.

After the operation, complications continued throughout her pregnancy. Gianna was quite clear about her wishes, expressing to her family, "This time it will be a difficult delivery, and they may have to save one or the other – I want them to save my baby."

On April 21, 1962, Good Friday of that year, Gianna went to the hospital, where her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was successfully delivered via Caesarean section. However, Gianna continued to have severe pain, and died of septic peritonitis 7 days after the birth.

Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and officially canonized as a saint on May 16, 2004. Gianna's husband Pietro and their last child, Gianna, were present at the canonization ceremony.

The miracle recognized by the Roman Catholic Church to canonize Gianna Molla involved a mother, Elizabeth Comparini, who was 16 weeks pregnant in 2003 and sustained a tear in her placenta that drained her womb of all amniotic fluid. Because a normal term of pregnancy is 40 weeks, Comparini was told by her doctors the baby's chance of survival was "nil."

Through praying to Gianna Molla and asking for her intercession, Comparini delivered by Caesarean a healthy baby despite the lack of amniotic fluid for the remainder of her pregnancy.



# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of July 30/31

	Jul 30, 5:30 PM Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jul 31, 7:30 AM Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jul 31, 9:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jul 31, 11:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jul 31, 6:30 PM Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SACRISTAN	Marleen Webb	Jennifer Leisenheimer	KC Volunteer	Mary Herried	Blake Quick
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