

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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

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Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year... Welcome to St Philips, we are glad you are here. Dec. 25, 2016

There was once a man who didn't believe in God, and he didn't hesitate to let others know how he felt about religion and religious holidays. His wife, however, did believe, and she raised their children to also have faith in God and Jesus, despite his disparaging comments.

One snowy Eve, his wife was taking their children to service in the farm community in which they lived. They were to talk about Jesus' birth. She asked him to come, but he refused "That story is nonsense!" he said. "Why would God lower Himself to come to Earth as a man? That's ridiculous!" So she and the children left, and he stayed home.

A while later, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blizzard. As the man looked out the window, all he saw was a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire for the evening. Then he heard a loud thump. Something had hit the window. He looked out, but couldn't see more than a few feet. When the snow let up a little, he ventured outside to see what could have been beating on his window.

In the field near his house he saw a flock of wild geese. Apparently they had been flying south for the winter when they got caught in the snowstorm and couldn't go on. They were lost and stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter. They just flapped their wings and flew around the field in low circles, blindly and aimlessly. A couple of them had flown into his window, it seemed. The man felt sorry for the geese and wanted to help them. The barn would be a great place for them to stay, he thought. It's warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm.

So he walked over to the barn and opened the doors wide, then watched and waited, hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside. But the geese just fluttered around aimlessly and didn't seem to notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. The man tried to get their attention, but that just seemed to scare them, and they moved further away.

He went into the house and came with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread crumb trail leading to the barn. They still didn't catch on. Now he was getting frustrated. He got behind them and tried to shoo them toward the barn, but they only got more scared and scattered in every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where they would be warm and safe. "Why don't they follow me?!" he exclaimed. "Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm?"

He thought for a moment and realized that they just wouldn't follow a human. "If only I were a goose, then I could save them," he said out loud. Then he had an idea. He went into barn, got one of his own geese, and carried it in his arms as he circled around behind the flock of wild geese. He then released it. His goose flew through the flock and straight into the barn -- and one-by-one, the other geese followed it to safety.

He stood silently for a moment as the words he had spoken a few minutes earlier replayed in his mind: "If only I were a goose, then I could save them!" Then he thought about what he had said to his wife earlier. "Why would God want to be like us? That's ridiculous!"

Suddenly it all made sense. That is what God had done. We were like the geese--blind, lost, perishing. God had His Son become like us so that He could show us the way and save us. As the winds and blinding snow died down, his soul became quiet and pondered this wonderful thought. Suddenly he understood why Christ had come. Years of doubt and disbelief vanished with the passing storm. He fell to his knees in the snow, and prayed his first prayer: "Thank You, God, for coming in human form to get me out of the storm!"

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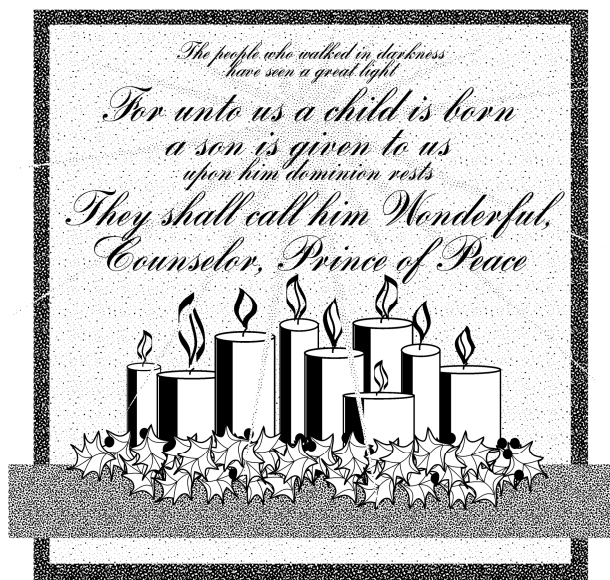
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The Nativity of the Lord Christmas

December 25, 2016

Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Dec 26

Parish Offices Closed Today

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

Tuesday, Dec 27

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

8:05 AM Community Morning Prayer (Chapel)

10:00 AM Bible Study– *The Prophets* (St. Kateri Rm)

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, Dec 28

8:05 AM Community Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:40 AM Rosary (Chapel)

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

Thursday, Dec 29

8:05 AM Community Morning Prayer (Chapel)

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

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

Friday, Dec 30

8:05 AM Community Morning Prayer (Chapel)

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

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

Saturday, Dec 31

4:30 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, Jan 1 **Happy New Year!**

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)

MASS INTENTIONS

For December 26 to January 1

Monday, Dec 26

No Mass Today

Tuesday, Dec 27

6:30 PM Mass: +Etta Mooney

Wednesday, Dec 28

8:40 AM Mass: In Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec 29

7:00 AM Mass: +Joseph Mayer

Friday, Dec 30

No Mass Today

Saturday, Dec 31

5:30 PM Mass: +Stephen Vencel

Sunday, Jan 1 *The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

7:30 AM Mass: +Donald Welter

9:00 AM Mass: +Nola Studer

11:00 AM Mass: +Emma Kassa

6:30 PM Mass: +Donald Witte

DAILY READINGS

For the Week of December 26 to January 1

Monday, Dec 26

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59

Ps 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc,17

Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday, Dec 27

1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12

Jn 20:1a,2-8

Wednesday, Dec 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Ps 124:2-5,7b-8

Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, Dec 29

1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-3,5-6

Lk 2:22-35

Friday, Dec 30

Sir 3:2-6,12-14

Ps 128:1-5

Mt 2:13-15,19-23

Saturday, Dec 31

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96:1-2,11-13

Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, Jan 1

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21



The staff of St. Philip's Parish and School would like to wish you all a very Blessed Christmas! We hope that each and every one of you make quality time with family and friends!

Please note the adjustments in Mass times for the coming week at St. Philip's. There will not be Mass, Morning Prayer, or Adoration on Monday, December 26th. The Parish Offices will also be closed that day.

There will not be Mass at St. Philip's on Friday, December 30.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. The next session will be on **January 8**. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

PARISH LIFE

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

If anyone is interested in learning more about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to contact Monica Arel at 243-3880.

Adoration hours are Monday 9AM - 9PM, Tuesday 6AM - 9PM, Thursday noon - 9PM, and Friday 5PM - 9PM.

Bemidji Community Food Shelf

Attention Food Shelf volunteers: The Food Shelf will be closed the Monday following Christmas, December 26.

NEED A WINTER RETREAT?

What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health! Many in our parish have attended "Cursillo" weekends over the years and give great testimony to the power of such weekends. Cursillo (pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning "A Short Course in Christian Community Living") weekends are being offered this winter at Sand Hill Bible Camp south of Fosston. The weekends include quiet time, inspirational talks, great food and, most importantly, time to be with Jesus when the distractions are minimal! The weekend starts after supper Thursday night and ends Sunday afternoon. The Men's Cursillo is held February 23 to 26. The Women gather from March 16 to 18. Fr. Don has much more information. TREAT YOURSELF to these great days offered just down the road!

Family Faith Night, January 12th 2017

Youth and the Body of Christ: Keeping our young people involved in the Catholic Church. Join Dr. Mark Krejci, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family & Life in the Diocese of Crookston, for a "Praysentation" on how we can keep our youth engaged in the Catholic Church as they become young adults. There will not only be time for listening but also time for praying for our youth, their parents, for all adults who witness their Catholic faith to young people and for young adults who have left the Church. Finally, Dr. Krejci will review, some concrete steps parish communities can take to best prepare youth for life-long engagement with their Catholic Faith. This presentation will begin at 6:30 PM in the church.

Childcare for Family Faith Night

Please call or email Blake if you need Childcare for the upcoming Family Faith Night on Jan 12th. Childcare will be available at St. Philips if there is enough interest. **The deadline for needing childcare is January 9th.** Call (218)-441-4907 or bquick@stphilipsbemidji.org

SNOWBIRDS... Don't forget to let us know when you leave for your winter homes and when you plan on returning to Bemidji. We would be happy to send you our weekly bulletins; simply give us a call with your mailing address and the dates you will be gone 444-4262. Thank you & safe travels!

Christmas Flowers for St. Philip's Church are supplied, in part, through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones, or in honor of the living.



If you wish to make a memorial, please use your Christmas Flower offering envelope in your packet of offertory envelopes. Or place your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Christmas Flowers**. Please indicate the name of the deceased person(s) your gift is in memory of or the name of the living person(s) your gift is in honor of.

Please place your envelope in the collection basket or turn it in to the parish office as soon as possible. All memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after the Christmas season.

"And the Word became flesh" John 1:14

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations and best wishes to **David & Jean Olderman** who are celebrating **60** years of marriage on December 29! Also, **David & Diane Kucera** are celebrating their **25th** Anniversary on December 29!



End of Life, A Catholic Prospective

Fr. Don Braukmann along with Catholic United Financial invite you to join us for a special presentation of Adult Education of End of Life Considerations from a Catholic Prospective. This is an important topic for everyone: young and old, parents and children. This event will be held on **Jan. 16th at St. Philip's Parish starting at 9:00 AM**. The two-fold presentation will include: 1) The moral and spiritual aspects of the End of Life from a Catholic perspective including Living Wills, Durable Medical Power of Attorney, DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders, End of Life issues, Advanced Directives, and the Church's pastoral guidelines for Cremation. 2) John Tetzloff from Catholic United Financial will present information about financial planning, wills, and trusts. This event is absolutely free and open to everyone. *Please RSVP to Brad Arel at 218-556-1739 or barel@catholicunited.org or to the Parish Office, 218-444-4262 to reserve your spot!*

Glory to God in the Highest

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CLOTHING DEPOT

The St. Philip's Clothing Depot will be closed for the holidays from Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2nd. Thank you to our loyal volunteers, customers, and donors for your patronage over this past year!

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**

Week #25	Envelopes	\$ 9,868.61
Actual Contributions	EFT Env.	\$ 8,282.50
(received the	Loose Plate	\$ 623.84
weekend of 12/18/2016)	Children's	\$ 45.10
	Total	\$ 18,820.05

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

Last Week's Mass Attendance

Dec 17	5:30 PM	233
Dec 18	7:30 AM	132
Dec 18	9:00 AM	281
Dec 18	11:00 AM	255
Dec 18	6:30 PM	94

Marriage Tip of the Week

brought to you by www.foryourmarriage.org

For no particular reason make tonight's dinner special: light candles, sip a glass of wine, and turn on soft music. Relax and enjoy each other's company.

RETROUVAILLE

Save a marriage. Are you or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? *Retrouvaille* can help. The next program starts Jan. 27, 2017. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.helpyourmarriage.org for more information. Preregistration is required. Space is limited.

ITEMS NEEDED...

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip's Conference, is looking for a small couch or loveseat for a single mother and son in a small apartment. If you are willing to donate one, please call our cell 218-368-6606. We will pick up and deliver.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 21, 2017 silent hour of prayer at Planned Parenthood of Bemidji from 10 – 11 AM. Following the prayer hour, make plans to attend Bemidji's annual March for Life held at 12 Noon in front of the Beltrami County Courthouse. This year marks the 44th anniversary of Roe v. Wade in the U.S. After the traditional march, a lunch and short program follow inside the social hall of St. Philip's. Speaker for the event: Fr. Don Braukmann. The event is for all ages.

ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

Class Notes:

December 24/25

- On behalf of everyone at St. Philip's School, we wish you a very merry and blessed Christmas and peace and joy in the New Year. St. Philip's School will resume classes on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Enjoy your Christmas break.
- The final round of the National Geographic Geography Bee will take place on Friday, January 6, at 10:00 AM. Who will earn the title of Champion this year?
- The first school Mass of 2017 will be on Friday, January 6, at 8:40 AM. The students from Mrs. Graham's third grade will be our Mass ministers. Join us.
- Ski Day for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is set for Friday, January 20. A day of enjoying the Minnesota outdoors.
- The Catholic United Catholic School Raffle gets underway in January. Don't forget to purchase a winning ticket!
- Go online to complete your Safe Environment Certification for 2016-2017. If you were certified during the 2015-2016 school year, you need to again be recertified this year. Please go to: www.crookston.org and following the prompts for Safe Environment. [You may have to "refresh" your cache once or twice.] This certification must be done annually and BEFORE you volunteer.

Agassiz Valley TEC 40th Anniversary

If you have participated on an Agassiz Valley TEC weekend please join us as we celebrate our 40th anniversary! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 15, 2017 at St. Michael's Church in Mahanomen. The celebration will begin at 3:00 PM with time catch up with old friends. Mass will be at 4:00 PM with supper at 5:00 PM followed by a program and praise & worship. If you would like more information or would like to get your name in the TEC database please contact Terry Steen by e-mailing sjchurchlady@yahoo.com.

New Bible Studies

Are you interested in an early morning Bible study from 6-7 AM Tuesdays? Or perhaps a later evening Bible study from 7-8 PM on Thursdays? We have to Bible study times that can fit your needs. Please inquire if interested to Blake at 218-441-4907 or bquick@stphilipsbemidji.org

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

To Accomplish God's Work

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, daily or Sunday. Sometimes due to a medical condition, individuals are not able to receive the regular hosts that are used in Holy Communion. If you or someone you know needs a low gluten host, ask a greeter, sacristan, information station person, or a priest, we will be glad to assist. In order to receive: enter the communion line that is receiving from the presider. Indicate to the presider you wish a low gluten host. He will present the Body of Christ from a special pyx. For several weeks, Father Don, and Father Chuck, will be announcing the availability of a low gluten host at every Mass.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 31/January 1

	5:30 PM Saturday, Dec 31 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	7:30 AM Sunday, Jan 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	9:00 AM Sunday, Jan 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	11:00 AM Sunday, Jan 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	6:30 PM Sunday, Jan 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
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HOSPITALITY		<i>No Coffee & Rolls - Happy New Year!</i>			
INFORMATION STATION	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	Suzie Whalen	Vickie Johnson	HELP NEEDED

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