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#### Sister Parish

St. Charles Pennington

Saturday at 4:00 PM (Fishing Opener to Labor Day)

#### **Newman Catholic Ministries**

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

#### Sacred Silence by Aana Freihammer

December 31, 2017

As you may have noticed, starting in Advent we have spent a little more time emphasizing the Church's prescribed moments of silence in our liturgies. The documents require five specific moments of sacred silence for contemplation of the ritual.

- Before the Penitential Rite (when we ask for forgiveness)
- Before the opening prayer ("Let us pray...")
- After the readings
- After the homily
- After Communion

The Church prioritizes silence as a medium in which we find God. Mother Theresa writes "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls." Mother Theresa would require her religious order to spend an hour in adoration before they began working with the poor. You would think that it would have been far more productive for her sisters to be out working with the countless destitute for that hour rather than sitting, but she valued her sisters' connection to God rather than hollow productivity.

Sacred silence also sharpens what I like to call our "Narnian senses." If you've read the Chronicles of Narnia or remember the movie, four siblings find a portal to a magical world through a coat wardrobe. As they come back from the magical world, the busy world around them and the duties of growing up causes them to forget the magical world of adventure. Much like our experience today, our world has this unique ability to make us forget about heaven, to forget that God is present and loves us. Our "God amnesia" makes us think that our productivity and experiences here on earth are all we have, rather than vehicles to heaven. Silence sharpens our ability to see God here on earth, no matter what we are doing, and no matter what we are seeing. Silence helps us to "see" heaven in the sunrise, in a friendship, in a cup of coffee, or in our children.

Silence for some can be irritating and boring. As soon as the visual and auditory noise stops, the mind turns to a vacuum of endless thoughts and tasks. The inside of the mind can feel noisier than the outside world. There are just so many things to get done! For some, the silence isn't just irritating and overwhelming, it is also scary. It can be a space of loneliness, where past tragedies haunt the mind, and insecurities attack the heart. Please do not hesitate to seek professional help if you find that silence unbearable for you.

Spending time in silence is the cornerstone to helping us live like we are made for heaven rather than earth. It is simply sitting with God, and realizing His love for us. Through our silent experiences, we candidly wrestle with the complexity of our lives, and learn to live our life facing contradictions and suffering. Struggling in the loving presence of God helps us find peace. We become more of who we're meant to be.

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

#### Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Ben Baird, Andrew Dondelinger, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Cynthia

## Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2017

Grant that we may imitate the Holy Family.

## MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of January 1 to 7

Monday, Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Wanda Baumgartner

Tuesday, Jan 2

**6:30 PM Mass:** For the People

Wednesday, Jan 3

8:40 AM Mass: +Don Sweeney

Thursday, Jan 4

7:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Ryan & Kristy McCrady

10:30 AM Mass (Havenwood): +Earl Klosner

Friday, Jan 5

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Diane Kalsnes

Saturday, Jan 6

8:30 AM Mass: +Robert Adams 5:30 PM Mass: +Pearl & Art Keenan

Sunday, Jan 7

7:30 AM Mass: For the People 9:00 AM Mass: +Irene Sobieck 11:00 AM Mass: +Jane Senger

**6:30 PM Mass:** Special Intentions for Dcn. Nate Brunn

## DAILY READINGS

For the Week of January 1 to 7

#### Monday, Jan 1

- Nm 6:22-27
- Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
- Gal 4:4-7
- Lk 2:16-21

#### Tuesday, Jan 2

- 1 Jn 2:22-28
- Ps 98:1-4
- Jn 1:19-28

#### Wednesday, Jan 3

- 1 Jn:2:29-3:6 • Ps 98:1-3.6

#### Friday, Jan 5

- 1 Jn 3:11-21
- Ps 100:1-5
- Jn 1:43-51

#### Saturday, Jan 6

- Is 60:1-6
- Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
- Eph 3:2-3a,5-6
- Mt 2:1-12

#### Sunday, Jan 7

- Is 60:1-6
- Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God **Parish Offices Closed** 

**No Adoration Today** 

#### Tuesday, Jan 2

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

**6:00 PM** KC Board Mtg (St. Elizabeth Rm)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

#### Wednesday, Jan 3

**9:40 AM** Rosary (Chapel)

#### Thursday, Jan 4

**3:15 PM** Bible Study-*Wisdom* (St. Elizabeth Rm)

**5:00 PM** Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Elizabeth Rm)

**5:00 PM** LifeTeen Band Practice (Church)

**7:00 PM** Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group (Chapel)

## Friday, Jan 5

**9:30 AM** Geography Bee finals (Church)

**10:00 AM** Bible Study-*A Journey Through Church History* (St. Kateri Rm)

## Saturday, Jan 6

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

#### Sunday, Jan 7

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

**9:00 AM** Children's Liturgy of the Word (St. Elizabeth Rm)

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

**10:15 AM** Rosary (Chapel)

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

7:30 PM Mass, Meal & More (St. Elizabeth Rm)

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with

next session will be on **January 7.** Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Barbara Passeri and Robert Goodman**, father of Nancy Goodman. May they find rest and peace and may their families find comfort in God's love.

## PARIJH LIFE

## **First Saturday Rosary**

All are invited to join praying the Rosary at Neilson Place (Chapel) on Saturday, January 6 at 10:30 AM. If you know someone at Neilson Place that you would like to invite, please call/text their name to Anita Froelich at 766-4692.

#### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group**

Come to the Chapel on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7 PM to take part in charismatic prayer with music. All are invited to participate!

## "Digging Deeper"

Why are you Catholic? Did you ever wish you had an answer to someone challenging your faith? Do you know someone who has left the faith? You don't have to have all the answers, just the right questions. "Digging Deeper" will help you find the answers and learn a simple approach to a nonconfrontational method of asking questions to find a logical answer. These questions help others to find the truth. There will be seven sessions on Mondays, January 29 – March 19 from 5:45 PM to 7:30 PM. The cost of materials is \$20.00. Registration and payment is required at the Church Office with Tammy. Space is limited. Early registration is encouraged. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Call Diane Waggoner at 218-760-6928 with questions.



Congratulations to Carol & Isadore Bianco who are celebrating their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on December 31!



## **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

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• Increase for maintenance escrow

(4 yrs to go): \$\frac{\$ 1,126.00}{\$ 20,513.00}\$

Total Actual Contributions, Week #26 (Weekend of 12/24/17) \$ 46,246.11

**Fiscal Year to Date:** 

Last: \$528,350.63 ~ Current: \$556,744.38

## JTEWARDJHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

## Last Week's Mass Attendance

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Dec 23	5:30 p.m.	386
Dec 24	8:30 a.m.	234
Dec 24	10:30 a.m.	211
Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	1,031
Dec 24	6:30 p.m.	319
Dec 24	10:00 p.m.	130
Dec 25	10:00 a.m.	405

#### **Need a Winter Retreat?**

What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health! Many in our parish have attended Koinonia and/or Cursillo retreats over the years. The next Koinonia retreat is, as shown elsewhere in the bulletin, February 9-11 here at St. Philip's. Contact Deacon Kermit for more information or to register! Cursillo is offered over two weekends. The first weekend is for men, February 22-25 and the second for women, March 15-18. Both are held at Sand Hill Bible Camp just south of Fosston. Contact Fr. Don for more information!

## CaringBridge Site for Fr. Don

As most of you know, Fr. Don has recently been diagnosed with ALS, or more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. A caringbridge site has been created so that all of you are able to follow his course of treatment. Simply go to: <a href="https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/fatherdonbraukmann">https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/fatherdonbraukmann</a> to log in.

## **Helping Hands**

The Knights of Columbus Council #1544 is offering assistance to St. Philip's parishioners with minor home repairs and household chores. To qualify for this help you must be unable to do the work yourself and have no one to assist you. We have a number of Knights with various skills who are on call to help with these projects. The project must be at your primary residence and you will be required to sign a waiver of release. If there is any cost for materials it will be the responsibility of the party receiving the services to pay for them. Every effort will be made to

- University.
- I played varsity hockey and baseball for the Lumberjacks.
- I have 2 granddaughters.
- I own/operate a taxidermy business.
- I enjoy fishing, bowhunting and golfing.
- I am enjoying my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Catholic school teacher.
- This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching at St. Philip's School.



# Introducing Gary Johnson, our 4th Grade teacher



#### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

St. Philip's School continues to collect Box Tops for Education... For every 50 Box Tops turned in, our school gets \$5! Just imagine the impact that could make if every one of our parishioners saved Box Tops for St.

Philip's! Simply drop them in the tub on the shelf in the east entrance of the church. Thank you!

## **Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Tentatively planned, one-day *Life in the Spirit* seminar on Saturday, January 13 from 9 AM until approximately 7 PM at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Brainerd. Can call Dan Walter at 218-766-5726 with questions.



# THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST 10 YEARS!

40 Days for Life National Headquarters in Bryan, TX, reports:

- 13,998 lives saved from abortion
- 170 abortion facility workers had a change of heart and quit their jobs
- 90 abortion facilities closed for good

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## Marriage Need a Check-Up?

A Marriage Encounter Weekend consist of a series of presentations given by two facilitator couples. The weekend focuses on the two of YOU, not the group, although others will be attending the same weekend. Go to

start with a meal from 5:30-6:00 in the cafeteria, then children stay and play in the cafeteria and adults move to the St. Gregory the Great Room for our meeting. It is a kitchen-table style environment and not a class. We all learn together and mentors help you on your journey. Many volunteers are needed for childcare, picking up meals and delivering to St. Philip's, and provide snacks. To volunteer go to signupgenius.com and search for Getting Ahead in Bemidji 2018, then enter the creator's email address: <a href="mailto:syoung@paulbunyan.net">syoung@paulbunyan.net</a>. If you are interested, have questions, would like to volunteer, participate, or be a mentor, then please call Sue Young at 218-368-5280 or email <a href="mailto:syoung@paulbunyan.net">syoung@paulbunyan.net</a>.

#### **UPCOMING RETREATS, CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER**

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#### **WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT**

**Theme:** "Take Courage!" **Date:** January 26 – 28, 2018

Presented by: King's House Preaching Team

**Suggested Offering:** \$160.00 per person/\$100.00 per person for students (includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a rm)

## MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT WITH DEACON THOM WINNINGER

Theme: "Discovering God's Gift Within You!"

**Date:** February 2 – 4, 2018

**Suggested Offering:** \$175.00 per person (includes \$30.00

deposit to reserve a rm)

#### **DIRECTED RETREAT**

**Date:** February 5 – 9, 2018

**Presented by:** Members of the King's House Preaching Team **Retreat Fee:** \$300.00 (includes \$50.00 deposit to reserve a rm)

#### **WOMEN'S SILENT LENTEN MIDWEEK RETREAT**

Theme: "Take Courage!"

Date: February 13 – 15, 2018

Presented by: King's House Preaching Team

**Suggested Offering:** \$160.00 per person/\$100.00 per person for students (includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a rm)

#### LENTEN DAY OF CENTERING PRAYER AND LECTIO DIVINA

**Date:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Presented by: Fr. James Deegan, OMI and

Sr. Brenda Rose Szegedy, OSF

**Suggested Offering:** \$40.00 per person (includes lunch)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

◆ Mark your calendar for our next Family Faith Formation Night, Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM. Nic Davidson is

	The Epiphany of the Lord	The Epiphany of the Lord	The Epiphany of the Lord	The Epiphany of the Lord
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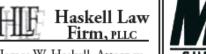


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