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March 29, 2020

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Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent!

Though for many of us, it doesn't feel like Lent, and chances are it won't 'feel' like Easter either in a couple weeks.

During Lent we typically spend MORE time at our parish, not less – noon Mass on Tuesday, Reconciliation service, soup lunch, Stations of the Cross, Friday Fish Fry, choir practice for the Triduum. Through these activities we strive to deepen our faith and connect, even more, with our parish brothers and sisters. Now, this year, because of the virus, we cannot partake in any of these seasonal, faithbuilding, community building, activities. And of course, the suspension of all public Masses has turned our weekly spiritual routine upside down.

As He promised, Jesus Christ is always with us, but the power of Christ in the Eucharist is paramount to our Catholic faith. We miss the Mass. We miss the comradery. We especially miss the Eucharist.

In these weeks, we still can stay connected to one another, to our parish and to our faith. Here are a few ideas:

Fr. Chuck and Fr. Maschio pray for each of you every day! The mass that they pray on Wednesdays along with the Sunday Mass, is recorded and put on St. Philip's website. In this way we can hear from our own priests, see them and still feel a connection with the parish. Don't slouch on the couch like you'd watch a tv show! Shut off all distractions, gather others in your household and watch and pray together. Pray the Spiritual Communion prayer as the priest is receiving Holy Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my hear. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. Even though we cannot attend Sunday mass in person, strive always to keep holy the Lord's Day in your home.

An excellent daily Mass option is Bishop Barron's daily Mass. It can be found at https:// www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/ Remember to pray for your priests and parish family in this time apart.

The Adoration Chapel is normally open daily during our office hours, but due to the Governor's "stay at home" order issued beginning Friday, March 27, the chapel will be closed until at least April 10.

Next weekend, Palm Sunday, our priests will bless the palms as usual. We will have them available for you to pick up outside (weather permitting) a table in the large parking lot for you to drive through the parking lot and take some home!

Both priests are available by appointment to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you. Call the Parish Office for an appointment 444-4262 or call Fr. Chuck on his cell at 218-324-6572 or Fr. Maschio's office at 218-441-4902. If you cannot receive the sacrament, we encourage you to set aside a few minutes each evening to do an examination of conscience and pray an Act of Contrition.

Pray the rosary with those in your household or call a friend from the parish and pray the rosary together over the phone. Another option is to pray the Stations of the Cross together or start a novena over text or email. Contact and include other parishioners, especially those that are elderly or live alone. Call them just to say HI! and ask how they are doing. They will appreciate that you thought of them and included them. Call the Parish Office if you are willing to do some additional outreach for shut-ins.

This year, our Lenten observance is quite different than other years. We must all do the best we can in this uncertain time to continue to bring Christ's love and hope to one another. The Church (capital "C") has not shut down! We all belong to the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. We will gather together again (hopefully SOON) to celebrate the Mass and receive the Most Holy Eucharist. See you then!

Bonnie Lee,

Director of Music & Liturgy

#### Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Ben Baird, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Cynthia Haskin, Rich Marsolek, Elizabeth Mathews, Sophia Morin, Mary Scofield, Tracie Walter

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

School Council Members: Will Beise, Erin Curran, Sarah Haman, Christine Louvar, Trudy Peterson, Scott Winter

Trustees: Kevin Erpelding, Tracie Walter



# **Mass Intentions**

For Week of March 30 to April 5

#### Monday, Mar 30

+Mike Schneider

#### Tuesday, Mar 31

- +Marie Fowler
- +Eugene Leif

#### Wednesday, Apr 1

+Jean Wizner For the People

#### Thursday, Apr 2

- +Stephanie Vencel Leikvoll
- +Liz Johnson

#### Friday, Apr 3

+Jerry Weber

#### Saturday, Apr 4

+Jerome Dufault

#### Sunday, Apr 5

+Marian Smith

See note concerning Mass Intentions

# **Daily Readings**

For March 30 to April 5

#### Monday, Mar 30

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

#### Tuesday, Mar 31

Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30

#### Wednesday, Apr 1

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 Ps Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

#### Thursday, Apr 2

Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

#### Friday, Apr 3

Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

#### Saturday, Apr 4

Ez 37:21-28 Ps Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

#### Sunday, Apr 5

Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

From His holy temple, the Lord has heard my voice!

## Sacramental Life

#### **Baptisms**

Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class (currently suspended until further notice). Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 for more information.

#### **Marriages**

Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible (six months or more in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

#### **Pastoral Visitations**

If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick, call the Parish Office. We want to be part of your life.



EMFILZED The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism Ainsley Rose Bonham, daughter of Brandon & Annie Bonham. May she be filled with the Holy Spirit.

# Parish Life

## Mass Intentions for St. Philip's

I'm sure you are wondering about the steps we are taking with the Mass intentions that have been scheduled here. Fr. Chuck or Fr. Maschio will continue to say daily Mass Monday through Friday privately (two Masses Tues., Wed., and Thurs.), so your intentions will be fulfilled as before. For the weekend Masses they will say one Mass on Saturday and one on Sunday. Once during the week a "For the People", which is a required intention, will be said. The remainder of the Sunday intentions have been moved to other days in the future. If you have requested a special day to have a Mass said, we are sorry for the necessity to move it to a different date. Thank you for your understanding.

## Are You Up-to-date?

Much of the information sent to parishioners is via email. If you are not getting emails from us the chances are good that either 1) we do not have an email address for you or 2) the email address we have is incorrect. Please call the Parish Office or email tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org with your information. The same goes for any address or phone changes. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our records current!

#### **COVID-19 Care Team**

St. Philip's has several folks who will run necessary errands, grocery shop, pick up prescriptions, etc for those who are unable to do so themselves. This includes those of you who are the most susceptible to this disease.

If you have a need, please call the Parish Office, 444-4262, and we will send over a caregiver. Also, if you would like to join the team of caregivers, give us a call and we will add you to the list. Thank you!

#### **Lenten Enrichment Ideas**

During this season of Lent, there are a variety of "at home" ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus... check out any of the following websites for a variety of Lenten resources. The chapel is available for you during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Fri.

weare.franciscan.university/lent
dynamiccatholic.com (*Best Lent Ever*)
blessedisshe.net
proverb31.org
formed.org

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

# Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars can benefit St. Philip's

Did you know you can direct your Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars to St. Philip's? March 31 is the deadline to designate these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent Financial adviser for information. Don't let your Choice Dollars go unused. Thanks!

# **Stewardship of Financial Resources**

#### **Total Actual Contributions**

Week #38 (Weekend of Mar 22)

\$ 11,010.50

#### Fiscal Year to Date

Last: \$779,582.19 ~ Current: \$726,895.14

#### Faith in Our Future Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$2,727,962.70 ~ Paid to Date: \$1,485,963.03

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#### Abundant Thanks

Over the past week, we have had many offering envelopes delivered, whether it be in person or by mail. The Parish Office will be closed for the next two weeks by order of Governor Walz—please continue to turn in your offering envelopes, only now by mail. Thank you for your generosity and flexibility!



Praise God for amazing results as there are **271 babies saved** (that are known of) since February 26! [From Day 27, March 23; <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com">www.40daysforlife.com</a>]

\*It has been reported as of Sunday, March 22, the public vigil portion of the spring 40 Days for Life campaign worldwide has ended due to the Coronavirus pandemic. For the remainder of the campaign daily emails will continue on what has happened during this campaign. During the remaining days of the campaign, all are encouraged to unite in prayer, fasting, and spiritual union to pray for an end to abortion and this pandemic.

### Pastoral Council Elections are coming soon!

Our Pastoral Council enhances the decision-making process of pastoral planning—helping to set goals and develop and implement pastoral programs. The council serves in an advisory role to the pastor. Meetings are held after evening Mass the first Tuesday of each month. (Usually 10 to 11 meetings a year.) Each council member term is for three years, with possible second term (total six years). The election process is scheduled for early May with duties to start July 1. If you are called to serve our parish in this capacity, get Information/nomination forms in the Parish Office or at stphillipsbemidji.org. Names may be submitted to the nominating committee of the Pastoral Council by April 25.

# Options for maintaining offertory giving (during COVID-19 crisis and beyond).

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Philip's Catholic Community through offertory giving. Your financial contributions are crucial to our parish fulfilling its financial obligations. We look forward to when we can again present our stewardship gifts in community during Mass, but until then, there are additional options to consider. (You may use these options at any time—not just when Masses are canceled.)

- Use weekly envelopes to share your offertory gift(s). You may write one check for the whole month and include a note about how you want funds directed (between offertory and special collections.) Put the envelope (it has your envelope #) in an envelope and mail it to St. Philip's Church, 702 Beltrami Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.
- Authorize electronic fund transfer from your checking account. Call the Parish Office for more information.
- Give online at stphilipsbemidji.org (set up a recurring gift or give individual gifts.)

Call 218-444-4262 or email <a href="mailto:mhchadwick@stphilipsbemidji.org">mhchadwick@stphilipsbemidji.org</a> for more information. Note: If you do not receive envelopes in the mail (and have not already set up a recurring gift), we may not have complete contact information in our records. You can call the office, send an email to <a href="mailto:tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org">tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org</a> or fill out a registration form at stphilipsbemidji.org.

To the St. Philip's Catholic Community Members,

We pray for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of every member of our St. Philip's family. We offer our gratitude to all who are serving others (health care workers, first responders, child care workers, etc.) and acknowledge the sacrifices everyone is offering to comply with guidelines to minimize this pandemic. We also pray for those experiencing job loss, financial instability and health care concerns. We are working to share resources that may be able to provide guidance and assistance.

We are exploring many options to help us stay connected to each other and to our faith. Some of the actions we are taking include:

Mass recorded and posted to stphilipsbemidji.org Sundays and Wednesdays. (If you haven't submitted a photo for us to place in the church, please do so at stphilipsbemidji.org)

Real-time updates on St. Philip's Facebook page @stphilipsBJI

Individual callers reaching out to check in on parishioners

Building volunteer teams to provide assistance to parishioners—join Covid-19 Care Team at stphilipsbemidji.org

#### Parish Updates—3/27/20

Campus buildings will be closed (per Gov. Walz's order) until April 10.

The Clothing Depot is closed until April 30.

St. Philip's is developing plans for Holy Week. Information will be forthcoming. (See Bishop Hoeppner's statement for the Diocese of Crookston)

Daycare will not be provided at St. Philip's School due to funding challenges.

Distance Learning for St. Philip's School Children begins Monday, April 30.

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m. (Event date is subject to change).

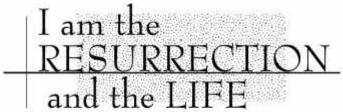
First Eucharist will be celebrated during the weekends as soon after the lifting of restrictions as possible.

Baptism and wedding planning continues.

Parish phone number 218-444-4262 will be monitored.

Staff has been reduced in response to the absence of weekly collections.

• Weekly offertory envelopes may be mailed to St. Philip's. Recurring gifts (ACH withdrawal may be set up by contacting Deacon Kermit Erickson at <a href="mailto:kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org">kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org</a>). Online giving is available at stphilipsbemidji.org.



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### JPII Camp—Into the Deep

"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ~ Saint John Paul II

Saint John Paul II Camp is for youth entering grades 7-9 who have a desire to deepen their faith, live in that faith and share their faith with others. Throughout the camp, youth will be encouraged and mentored as they engage in prayer, worship, leadership development, spiritual reflection and service. The five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip youth for discipleship. Spots are limited, so encourage your youth to register soon. Register at www.crookston.org/jp2camp.

There are 2 options to attend JPII Camp. Week 1 is from July 5 to 9, 2020. Week 2 is from July 12 to 16, 2020. Cost is \$325 per student, family rates are available.

The 2020 Camps will once again be held at **Northern Pines Camp**, 20033 County Road 1, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

# The Divine Mercy Messenger and the Message

HELEN KOWALSKI WAS BORN IN 1905, The 3rd of 10 children. She lived in Russian occupied Poland.

Early in life St. Faustina showed her love for prayer, work, obedience and care for the poor. Helen heard God's voice for the first time at the age of 7 years. At 19 years old , she joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she was given the name Sister Maria Faustina.

From the outside looking in, St. Faustina's life seemed rather unremarkable. However, known only to to her superiors, she experienced incredible supernatural gifts that included revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, and other gifts. She had many visions and conversations with Jesus throughout her life. She began her diary at the urging of her spiritual director. Her diary is a collection of 4 years of her life, called, Divine Mercy in My Soul. She died in 1938, from undiagnosed tuberculosis. She was 33 years old,

Christ said to St. Faustina, according to her diary:' *encourage* souls to place great trust in my fathomless mercy. Let the week, sinful soul have no fear to approach me for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all will be drowned in the immeasurable depths of my mercy.

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

To Accomplish God's Work

# A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God, We come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust. For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

— The author of this beautiful prayer is unknown, except to the Lord. If you know who the author is, please let us know so we can give proper acknowledgement. If a temporary attribution is needed, you are welcome to say: "Author unknown. Posted on <u>AscensionPress.com</u>".





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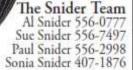
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