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May 3, 2020

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Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Sheep are mentioned more than 200 times in the Bible, more than any other animal. Throughout the Bible, sheep served as symbols for God's people. God is portrayed as the shepherd of his chosen flock in the prophetic words of Isaiah and Ezekiel, and most famously in the 23rd Psalm.

Why sheep? Well, they do share certain characteristics with people, especially people who claim to be set apart, belonging to one Good Shepherd.

Sheep are followers. They will follow another sheep, even to slaughter, or over a cliff. Following isn't something sheep have to think about, it's an instinct. A sheep can learn to recognize its own name and come when it is called.

Sheep remember faces. They recognize faces of other sheep, and even of humans who work with them regularly. Sheep remember who treats them well, and even more, who handles them harshly.

Sheep find safety in numbers. Since predators attack the outliers, sheep stick closely together. When grazing, sheep will keep at least 4-5 other sheep in view.

Sheep rarely walk in a straight line. By tracking first to one side and then to the other, they can always see what's behind them. They can spot danger from up to 1500 yards away, but they have trouble finding a half-open gate without help.

Sheep are surprisingly dirty animals. Lambs may look cute and fluffy on greeting cards, but the reality of adult sheep is that all kinds of mud and yuck get stuck in their wool, clumping together in nasty lumps.

It's not a very flattering picture, when you think about the people of God being compared to sheep. But there it is.

We tend to follow each other more instinctively than we follow our Good Shepherd, even when we've been trained to recognize our own name and God's distinctive call to us.

We tend to remember old hurts and grudges, and we run away from potential encounters with those who have hurt us in the past.

We tend to stick together with the same 4-5 people we know best, keeping them in our sights and huddling together when we sense an attack coming our way. We spend a lot of time looking behind us, making it hard to walk a straight line.

And we can spot a distant threat more easily than an open gate in front of us.

Finally, we attract dirt, and we let it clump up and cling to us. Isaiah was right when he wrote, "All we, like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

Like good sheep, we value our place in the flock, sticking together, supporting each other in our journey toward Christ-likeness. It's possible to be a believer in isolation, but to be a true follower of Jesus requires participating in the "church," being an active member of the body of Christ.

Abundant life isn't the goal. It is the result of following Jesus, who offered his own life and then conquered death once and for all, so that we, his own dear sheep, could live with him in peace and safety.

Christ is calling you by name, to enter the gate, and to lead another sheep into a life of abundance

Father Maschio

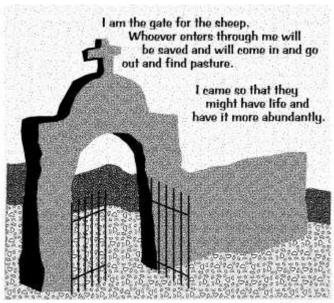
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Mass Intentions

For Week of May 4 to 10

Monday, May 4

+Margaret Gilmour

Tuesday, May 5

- +Fr. Al Svobodny OMI
- +Fr. Don Braukmann

Wednesday, May 6

- +Nathan Schuette
- +Dcn. John Schuiling

Thursday, May 7

Marie Fowler

+Patricia Nugent

Friday, May 8

+Jvonne Gray

Saturday, May 9

For the People

Sunday, May 10

+Bob Evans

Daily Readings

For Week of May 4 to 10

Monday, May 4

Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3,43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5

Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6

Acts 12:24-13:5 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7

Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8

Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9

Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

The Mercy of the Lord fills the earth!

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.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Julie Baumgartner.** May she find rest and peace, and may her family find comfort in God's love.

St. Philip's extends best wishes to **Zachary Froelich and Samantha Peterson** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip's on April 25.



Parish Life

Stay At Home

For your safety the church, chapel, school, Clothing Depot, and Parish Offices are closed to the public, with the exception of USPO, UPS, or FedEx employees. Confessions are being heard by appointment only; please call the Parish Office to schedule a time with Fr. Chuck or Fr. Maschio. If you have an emergency, please do not hesitate to call us at 218-444-4262.



Welcome to the newest members of our St. Philip's family: Christine Maxwell, Wayne & Lyndie Dufault, Josh Wicker & Kathryn DeMaris, Jean Forshee, Ivan & Joyce Lindstrom, Ward & Katrina Williams, Kody and Dahrea Karr, and Tien Thai.

Easter Devotional Books

Traditionally at St. Philip's, there are the "little white books" for our parishioners to take home after Easter Sunday, to continue their daily devotions. If you wish to have one of these books, there are some at the Parish Office along with bottles of holy water. Please stop by between 9 and 3 Monday through Friday to pick yours up.

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!

Spring Gala Springs to October 16

Friday, May 1, would have been the day to gather for the Annual Spring Gala to benefit St. Philip's School. We didn't miss the fun 2020 event, it's just been rescheduled for Friday, October 16. Please reserve the date now. If you would like to support this event or buy tickets, contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262.

Faith for Tomorrow Grants Awarded

Congratulations to Sharon Dolezal who received a \$2,000 grant from the Diocese of Crookston Catholic Community Foundation to assist her in her Spiritual Direction studies. St. Philip's Catholic School received an \$800 grant to help implement a staff development program called Teach, Lead, Serve. In addition, the BeFriender program received \$500. The Faith for Tomorrow—Diocesan Faith Formation Endowment grants were announced earlier this year.

About the FFT Endowment—Faith formation is the on-going, life-long process by which each catholic Christian home, community and parish ever informs, forms and transforms itself and each member in the lived Christian faith to bring about the Reign of God. Through the Faith for Tomorrow endowment dedicated to Catholic Education, the Foundation wants to invest in the future of our rural Diocese. Most importantly, we are investing in our religious education/moral formation and that of our children and grandchildren. We are telling them, as it were, that we count on them to carry on and deepen the spiritual quality of life on our farms and in our towns.

Funding Priorities for the Faith for Tomorrow Endowment for 2015-2020 are:

- 1) Continuing Education for Lay Leaders
- 2) Parish Religious Education/Formation
- 3) Catholic School Subsidy
- 4) Evangelization



Congratulations to the following parishioners celebrating milestone anniversaries in May:

May 3 - Howard & Marlys Harder, 51 yrs.

May 4 - Jim & Sharon Holmgren, 52 yrs.

May 6 - Bob & Pam Gregg, 25 yrs.

May 6 - Larry & Helenruth Schuette, 53 yrs.

May 15 - Scott & Pat Snell, 25 yrs.

May 28 - Jim & Pat Kroeplin, 54 yrs.

Stewardship of Financial Resources

Total Actual Contributions

Week #43 (Weekend of Apr 26)

\$ 5,584.00

Fiscal Year to Date

Last: \$871,939.98 ~ Current: \$823,150.14

Faith in Our Future Campaign

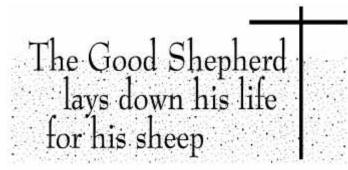
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Options for offertory giving

- Envelopes (cash or check) mailed to St. Philip's
- Automatic withdrawal from checking/savings (most economical)
- Give online at stphilipsbemidji.org
- Text to give at 218-277-6444
 - You will receive a link
 - Click "sign in" then "register for an account"
 - Complete registration to receive a secure PIN
 - Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap "save payment" to save it for future gifts.

Thank you. Your gifts support the ongoing operation of St. Philip's Catholic Community.



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THANK YOU!

You are the church! We are so grateful that during the time we have not been able to worship together, that you have supported our parish community. **Thank you** to everyone who prays for our church community. **Thank you** to everyone who picked up palms for Palm Sunday. **Thank you** for getting Holy Water and resources to strengthen your faith. **Thank you** to everyone who "attends" our virtual masses (and to those who make it possible.) **Thank you** for carrying on conversations, sending good wishes, and updating information when volunteers call. **Thank you** to all who send physical notes, emails or comment on social media posts—its good to hear your voices. **Thank you** to parents who have picked up materials to continue Faith Formation at home. **Thank you** to faithful stewards who continue to provide financial support in these difficult times.

Most of all, **thank you** for following safe practices to take care of yourselves and others.

o de la companta de la companion de la compani Prayer of Renewal of Our Consecration to The Blessed Virgin Mary [2] 9 Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's 5 5 care as we dedicate our families and homes: 5 2 Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming 5 2 love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. 9 5 In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we 2 renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone 2 5 before us. 5 With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace our nation which we entrust and 98 consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families. 5 With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this diocese which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families 9 5 With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this parish which we entrust and 5 2 consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families. 5 With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to 2 5 you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. 5 Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we 5 5 entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus. [2] Mary, Mother of Consolation, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you, we 5 entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic. Mary, Help of Christians, who come to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving 2 protection all caregivers. Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embrace all those who call upon your help in 9 回 their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic. 2 Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust 2 to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic. [5] Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the 6 renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers. [5] Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask 0 2 your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed 5 and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of 5 2 holiness. 5 5 Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your 9 5 beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. popo po popo de la companta de la c

Frequently asked questions:

Q: When will St. Philip's open it's doors for Mass again?

A: Once Governor Walz and then Bishop Hoeppner give their approval for larger groups to reconvene, we will be able to have Mass again in the church.

Q: Is the chapel open for adoration? A: Not yet, unfortunately.

Q: Can I still go to Reconciliation?

A: Yes, definitely. Confessions are by appointment only at this time, so call the Parish Office to schedule a time with either of the priests.

Q: When will the Clothing Depot open for business, and can I drop off items now?

A: We listen to the governor daily for updates on the status for small business re-opening. As of now, we are unable to open. Please do not bring your item for drop-off until we are open for business.

Q: Can I watch Mass online?

A: Definitely. Go to www.stphilipsbemidji.org; the weekend Mass from St. Philip's is on the home page for you to view. Click on the link to view Bishop Robert Barron's celebration of daily Mass.

Q: I have not been able to drop my stewardship envelopes in the offertory basket. What are options for giving?

A: Although we can't physically worship in the church, financial responsibilities continue (utilities, salaries, building commitments, etc). Thank you to all who provide financial support. There are several options for anyone to do so. (See page three). Please know the most cost-effective way (so your gift has the most impact) is to set up an electronic funds transfer payment. It is simple and there are no costs to you or the parish. Call the parish Office with questions. Thanks!

Q: Is the Parish Office open?

A. Yes, we are open for deliveries or appointments from 9 AM to 3 PM weekdays. If you must visit the Parish Office, please practice social distancing for everyone's safety.



Your Family of Faith and Hope

Real Presence Radio is holding their annual Spring Feed My Sheep fundraising event on **May 12-15**. Tune in to hear amazing stories of renewal of faith, returning to and growing your faith. We will also be sharing wonderful stories about some of the incred-

ible priests and parishes in our dioceses, hear from some of our supporters about how Real Presence Radio has made a difference in their lives and.....daily contests!

You can support the Real Presence Radio fundraising event in two ways:

- Call 877-795-0122 ~ 7AM to 7PM ~ May 12-15
- Donate online at www.realpresenceradio.com

Your donation supports one of the greatest resources we have to find answers about the Catholic faith and grow in your companionship with Jesus.



On April 23, 2020, 40 Days for Life announced the new total of preborn babies saved from abortion during the Spring 2020 campaign, along with other promising numbers. **Overall, 484** babies (and their moms) were saved from abortion. Ten more abortion workers quit their jobs and became pro-life, and the total number of abortion facilities to close following a 40 Days for Life vigil is now 107. For further information, watch the Spring 2020 40 Days for Life Webcast PER-SEVERANCE on YouTube.

Seven Acts of Love in a time of Coronavirus

- 1) Call someone who is lonely.
- 2) Check on someone who is old or sick.
- 3) Keep your distance (physical not spiritual).
- 4) Listen to public health officials.
- 5) Pray for medical workers.
- 6) Wash your hands.
- 7) Stay home.

~James Martin



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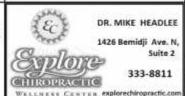
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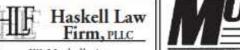
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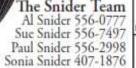
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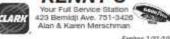




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