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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 2020

In this weekend's first reading from Acts, "Two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'"

The Apostles were probably overwhelmed by what they'd just heard and seen. In only a few weeks, they'd witnessed the torture and death of their beloved Master and friend, who they believed was the promised Messiah. They were trying to comprehend and believe that He was no longer dead after seeing Him, touching Him, and eating with Him. And, in the Gospel, He tells them that He will send the Holy Spirit, and that they will be His witnesses, not only to the Jews in Jerusalem, but to all mankind ... to the ends of the earth. And then, He is lifted up, on a cloud, and disappears from their sight. It certainly seems understandable that one would see them standing motionless, staring up at the sky – probably with their mouths open!

It's reasonable to think that the Apostles were still dazed from their thoughts and feelings about recent happenings. Matthew's Gospel supports this. When they met Jesus in Galilee as He told them, they worshiped Him, yet still, they doubted. But Jesus had confidence in them.

Jesus responded firmly to the doubting Apostles when He said "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded." Jesus has complete trust in the Father and in the Father's plan for the world, and He commends that plan to the Apostles. Jesus entrusts His power to them to be His witnesses to all the world – to go and make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach all that He commanded.

But the Lord doesn't leave them – or us – alone, looking up to the sky to question and doubting whether <u>we</u> can accomplish this great task. He remains with us as we accept and embrace His mission ... as we're guided and empowered through the Holy Spirit. He remains with us, nourishing and sustaining us for His mission with His body and blood each time we receive Him in the Eucharist. He remains with us, teaching, and encouraging us in the community He established, His Church, the Body of Christ.

And as Christ trusted the Apostles, He also trusts all of us to believe in Him and to carry on His mission. He trusts us to believe that He is the way, the truth and the life that guides us until he returns. He trusts us to believe that He is with us always, until the end of the age.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe and healthy. *Dcn. Robb*

Your Parish Representatives:

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

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Mass Intentions

For Week of May 25 to 31

Monday, May 25

+Judy Noreen

Tuesday, May 26

6:30 PM Mass: +Jvonne Gray

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Parish Office Staff

Thursday, May 28

7:00 AM Mass: +Dianne Ford

Friday, May 29

8:30 AM Mass: + Marie Fowler

Saturday, May 30

5:30 PM Mass: For the People

Sunday, May 31

7:00 AM Mass: +Carolyn Dondelinger

9:00 AM Mass: +Leon Eide 11:00 AM Mass: + David Bergsven 6:30 PM Mass: +Ty Andree

Daily Readings

For Week of May 25 to 31

Monday, May 25

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday, May 27

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36 Jn 17:11-19

Thursday, May 28

Acts 22:30,26:6-11 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29

Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20 Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30

Acts 28:16-20;30-31 Ps 11:4-5.7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 31

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Lord, hear my voice, for I have called you!

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.



The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, Thor Eric Gilbertson, son of Eric & Tamra Gilbertson. May he be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Parish Life

Farewell and Godspeed, Fr. Chuck!

After 6 years at St. Philip's Fr. Chuck is moving on to Holy Rosary in Detroit Lakes. First, he will go on sabbatical for 6 weeks, then start his new assignment at Holy Rosary on July 1. So we can give Fr. Chuck a proper farewell, he will come back to St. Philip's sometime later this summer (once restrictions have been lifted) to say his good-byes. We will be sure to keep you informed as to the exact weekend, so stay tuned!

Welcome Fr. Jerry & Msgr. Mike!

Fr. Jerry Rogers and Msgr. Mike Patnode are back at St. Philip's. Fr. Jerry was here years ago as associate pastor, and Msgr. Mike served 12 years at St. Philip's as pastor from 1993-2005. Be sure to offer them a big St. Philip's welcome when you see them. Fr. Maschio will continue to serve us until July 1, when he will serve at St. Patrick's, Hallock and Holy Rosary, Lancaster.

Covid-19 Updates:

Confessions are being heard at 4:30 PM Saturdays as before or by appointment (discontinued are the confessions between morning Masses on Sundays). The chapel will be open on Tuesday, May 26. Masses will also resume as of May 26, under certain guidelines...please see further information contained in this bulletin. Note that the first Mass on Sunday mornings will begin at 7:00 AM so there is time to sanitize the church before the 9 AM Mass starts.

We are excited to welcome you to public Mass at St. Philip's!

We wish to joyfully announce that per Bishop Hoeppner's directive, ST PHILIP'S CHURCH WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, May 26 with Mass at 6:30 PM. With the reopening of St. Philip's, there are some criteria that must be followed:

- We can only use 1/3 of the parish's seating capacity. You are asked to sit in designated pews allowing every-other pew to remain empty to ensure at least six feet distancing between persons/families.
- The Social Hall will be used to accommodate overflow.
 There will be people to assist in seating.
- After each Mass, the doors of the Church will be closed to allow the pews and spaces used to be sanitized. The doors will open when seating can begin. Pews will be sanitized after each Mass.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available (feel free to bring your own).
- Only the Eucharist in the form of Bread will be distributed. There will be no communion procession; the ministers will move through the empty pews bringing Holy Communion to you.
- There will be no holding hands during the "Our Father" and no physical Sign of Peace.
- Receiving communion in the hand is encouraged.
- · More details are available below.

The obligation to celebrate Sunday Mass remains lifted; Vulnerable people should consider not gathering in crowds and if you have any of the common symptoms (fever, cough, body aches, etc.), have traveled out of state or country, or have been in contact with anyone known to have Covid-19, should refrain from attending Mass.

At the direction of the Bishops of Minnesota, these directives are to be strictly followed. We pray we can count on you to cooperate! ~ Fr. Jerry Rogers



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Stewardship of Financial Resources

Total Actual Contributions

Week #46 (Weekend of May 17)

\$11,654.50

Fiscal Year to Date

Last: \$926,231.24 ~ Current: \$868,629.14

Faith in Our Future Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$2,727,962.70 ~ Paid to Date: \$1,628,571.61

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Liturgical Minister Trainings Scheduled

Since our ministry duties will change a bit during the next few months, we will have 2 training sessions next week.

This would be for current sacristans, ushers, lectors, and greeters, but all are welcome to join this important ministry and attend one of these training sessions.

TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 5:15 PM (MASS IS AT 6:30 PM) WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 AT 5:15 PM

If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, other arrangements can be made by calling Dcn. Robb, Dcn. Kermit or Bonnie at 444-4262.

Clothing Depot to Open

St. Philip's Clothing Depot is set to open to the public on **Tuesday, June 2**. They will once again be accepting donations. Thank you for your continued support of this great mission. See you at the depot!

Memorial Day

Traditionally St. Philip's holds its Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery. This year it will not be possible to celebrate Mass there due to the restricted number of parishioners that would be able to attend, as well as social distancing limitations. The cemetery itself continues to be open, so please feel free to visit your loved ones.

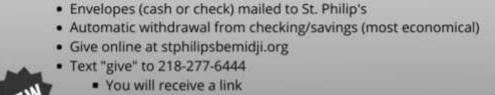
BeFrienders are here for you...

If you are feeling overwhelmed by life's events and need a caring, confidential, and non-judgmental person to talk to, please consider meeting with one of St. Philip's BeFrienders. We are unable to meet with you in person at this time, so phone meetings would be set up instead. For more information or to request a friendly visit, contact Fr. Jerry, Fr. Mike, or Fr. Maschio at 444-4262.

Options to continue stewardship giving

- · 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.

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Threats to life during the crisis:

"Abortions are being performed during the pandemic even though they are elective and non-essential procedures. MCCL issued a press release to the media and worked with prolife legislators to urge the governor to shut down abortion centers—and we call on our members to contact the governor too. Vital medical supplies should be used to save lives, not end them. In addition, some in our society have advocated the rationing of care for COVID-19 patients on the basis of age, disability, or the judgment that some lives are less valuable than others. This is a threat to the right to life that belongs to all of us." – Leo Lalonde, President; Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL).

Learn 4 things you can do to help the pro-life cause during this uncertain time at www.MCCL.org.

Source: MCCL News, Vol. 50, No. 2; March - May 2020

i am with you always



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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!

Parish Office Operations Updates

While our office doors are unlocked (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), the office still is officially closed except for appointments (including reconciliation) and deliveries. We look forward to welcoming everyone in with fewer limitations, when conditions allow. However, because your safety and the safety of our staff is our primary concern. Please keep the following information in mind:

- School and parish staff still are working regular schedules in the office and remotely. As much as we'd love to visit in person, it's still best to use email and phone to contact us. (Parish Office phone is 218-444-4262).
- While some official St. Philip's group (councils, committees) soon may begin scheduling limited in-person meetings (10 people or less), no other groups will have access to parish facilities in order to limit cleaning/sanitation needs.
- If you come to the office, please wear a mask (over your mouth and nose) and use hand sanitizer/wash your hands upon entering.
- Please practice social distancing norms—maintain a distance of 6-feet from others.
-) If you are feeling sick, please stay home.
- Please reach out and check in with other parishioners. We are a parish family—even at a distance.



Congratulations to our 8th graders who will be graduating from St. Philip's School next Thursday! We are proud of you! God bless you as you take the next step in your journey.

> David Aguilera Noah Bergerson Lauren Christianson Lauren Dow Carter Fish Ben Frauenholtz Fisher Ganske Mya Lundeen Ryan Maki Leo Mathews Mary Merschman Emma Mutnansky Kenny Ness Matthew Olson Riley Pochardt Caleb Sagedahl **Christopher Sether** Ian Spaeth Veritas Stewart **Eleanor Strand** Jack Swiggum Hannah Voge Ava Warner

"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Youth Cancelations

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the middle school *JPII Camp* has been cancelled for this summer.

Also cancelled is *Steubenville North* for the high school students.

The Kids' Bulletin

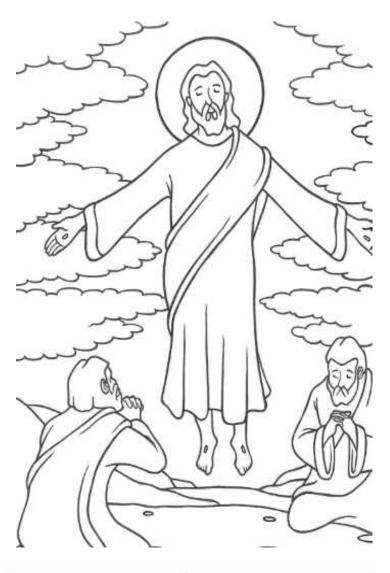
Feast of the Ascension May 21st or May 24th, 2020

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What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension? Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

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