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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

This weekend marks the halfway point of our Lenten journey. How is your Lent going? Are you growing closer to God?

In our first reading this weekend from the 2nd Book of Chronicles we hear how the children of God continually failed to follow God's word and how God, early and often, continued to send messengers to them. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets. So, God allowed them to be conquered and the temple destroyed. For seventy years they lived as captives to Babylon. In order to fulfill the words of the prophet Jeremiah, under King Cyrus, the Lord restored the kingdom, and the temple was rebuilt in Jerusalem. May we listen to God's word and heed his commands so that we do not suffer a similar fate.

Our Gospel reading from John reveals how God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. Jesus came into the world to bring light and hope. May we look to that light and follow him! We are to be children of the light and not the dark. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. May we strive to live the truth.

As we come near to the most Holy Week of our year, may we prepare by seeking to bring ourselves closer to God through prayer, penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Holy Week Schedule:

Weekend of March 27 and 28: Palm Sunday—First Reading of the Passion Monday, March 29: Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Crookston

Thursday, April 1: Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 2: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 PM

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday Masses, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (No 6:30 PM Mass)

God bless,

Deacon Kermit

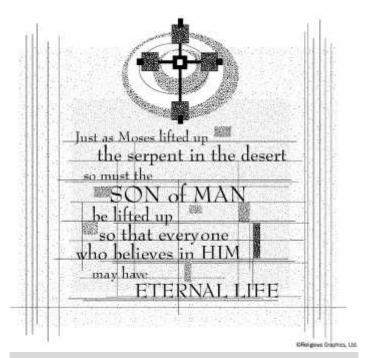
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Mass Intentions

For Week of March 15 to 21

Monday, Mar 15 No Daily Mass

Tuesday, Mar 16

6:30 PM Mass: +Jerry Weber

Wednesday, Mar 17

8:40 AM Sch Mass: +McCormick Family

Thursday, Mar 18

8:30 AM Mass: +Ted McCarthy 6:00 PM Mass (KC): +Vernon Gary

Friday, Mar 19

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Lena Henderson

Saturday, Mar 20

5:30 PM Mass: +Tom & +Jvonne Gray

Sunday, Mar 21

8:00 AM Mass: For the People

10:00 AM Mass: +Sid & +Phyllis Swedmark

Daily Readings

For Week of March 15 to 21

Monday, Mar 15

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, Mar 16

Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, Mar 17

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, Mar 18

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20,21-22,23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday, Mar 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,18-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Saturday, Mar 20

Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9bc-10,11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, Mar 21

Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4,12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

Fourth Sunday of Lent

in the Year of St. Joseph

March 14, 2021

Our God is rich in mercy.

This Week in the Parish

Monday, Mar 15

10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM AA Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

Tuesday, Mar 16

11:30 AM Finance Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

5:00 PM Third Order of Carmelites (Chapel)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, Mar 17

9:30 AM Rosary (Chapel)

9:30 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle (St. Elizabeth Rm)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, Elementary

Thursday, Mar 18

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

6:30 PM KC Mtg (Social Hall)

7:00 PM A Closer Walk (Church)

Friday, Mar 19

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross w/ Sch (Church)

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry

6:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, Mar 20

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM First Eucharist Faith Learning Centers (S/H)

10:00 AM Prayer Hour at Planned Parenthood

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Mar 21

7:30 PM Newman Club (Social Hall)

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, April 11. 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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill or will be having surgery and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish Office to set up a time to meet with Fr. Jerry or Fr. Michael.



Congratulations and Blessings to **William McKeon** who received our Lord for the first time this week.

Parish Life

Youth Group Easter Project

The Youth Group is collecting donations to build Easter baskets for families in need. We want to focus on giving kids surprises, so we are hoping to give stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons or markers, and little toys. We are hoping that the parish will help us collect donations! Thank you all so much for your help. Please drop off donations in the Parish Office by March 30. Thank you for your generosity!

Here is what we are looking for in donations:

- * Easter candy
- * Bubbles
- Crayons
- Kids puzzles
- Plastic Easter eggs
- Hand warmers
- Granola bars
- * Stuffed animals
- * Coloring books
- * Gift cards
- * Easter baskets
- * Individual kids toothbrushes
- * Chapstick
- * New kids socks

A Closer Walk: An evening of guided reflection, silence, song, and prayer.

March 18, 7 PM in the church or through livestream

Our spiritual director and cantor, Tamara Moore, will walk you through the Examen of St. Ignatian of Loyola, providing time for silent reflections, sacred hymns, and prayers from the heart. Nate Mathews, with his Spirit-led piano and organ meditations along with rich harmonies by Christian Breczinski, will incline the ear of your heart to God's presence.

Second Collection This Weekend

Next week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disquise.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brother and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Easter Flowers for St. Philip's Church will be 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, use your Easter Flowers envelope in your offertory envelopes, or place your donation in a plain envelope clearly

marked Easter 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. You may place your envelope in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office in person or by mail. All memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after Easter.

Welcome to the newest members of our St. Philip's family: Theresa Welle, Don & Shirley Nelson, Anne Palladino, and Colleen Tschida. We look forward to getting to know you, especially once the pandemic is over-Please know how much you are valued members of our parish!



If you are new to the Bemidji area and haven't yet registered with the parish, please do so by going to stphilipsbemidji.org or stop by the Parish Office M-F between 8:30 and 5.

Stewardship of Financial Resources

Total Actual Contributions

Week #36 (Weekend of Mar 7)

\$24,416.50

Fiscal Year to Date

Last: \$706,762.54 ~ Current: \$648,305.15

Faith in Our Future Campaign

Pledged to Date: \$2,727,962.70 ~ Paid to Date: \$2,295,527.81

2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$83,924.00 ~ Pledged to Date: \$32,372.00 (38.57% of goal)

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

Options for offertory giving:

- Deposit envelopes in boxes in the Narthex.
- Contact Deacon Kermit Erickson to set up recurring ACH withdrawals.
- Give via text: Text "give" to 218-277-6444, follow

Stations of the Cross—Fridays at 6:30 PM

Date: Leader: March 19 Dcn. Kermit March 26 Eli Morin

Candle Bearer: Peter Mathews Gabe Morin



Fridays, March 19 and 26 4:30-6:30 p.m.

WALLEYE DINNERS

with baked potato, coleslaw, roll & dessert two fillets \$15 | one fillet \$10 6-pc. walleye fingers \$8

Two dine-in options (4:30 and 5:45 p.m.)

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Takeout: please order before 12 p.m. each Friday.

Order online at stphilipsbemidji.org or call 218-444-4938. To pick up: go north on Beltrami Ave., turn right into lot.

Attn HS Seniors—Scholarship Opportunity

Applications are being accepted for the *Alexander & Ardell Nadesan Education Scholarship*. Bemidji High School seniors are invited to apply if they are St. Philip's Catholic School alumni or are active parishioners, and they will be pursuing a degree in education. The application is available at stphilipsbemidji.org. The deadline is March 31, 2021.

Daily Mass Attendees:

Through the Lenten season, there will be St. Philip's School 6th, 7th, & 8th graders attending daily Mass on the following Fridays: March 19 & 26.

Bemidji Christian Women's Connection Luncheon Program

Monday, March 15 at 1 PM

Eagles Club (front entrance), 1270 Neilson St SE

Mary Mitchell, Bemidji Community Food Shelf Director will discuss current needs (donations welcomed)

Karen Stish, musician & speaker will share about "Family & Community in the Midst of Challenging Times."

Meal & program, \$13. Reservations: call Linda at 444-4709 or Carolyn at 751-4597. Walk-ins welcome. *Masks required*

St. Philip's School Happenings

This past week at St. Philip's School:

- * Classes gathered together in the church for all-school Mon day morning prayer.
- * 1st-8th grades spent their Phy Ed classes roller skating. We will roller skate next week, too.
- * We started Wed. by attending All-School Mass together.
- * Spring conferences were held via phone call or Google Meet with families.

Upcoming Events

Fridays During Lent: Fish Frys. March19, 29. Limited dine in & take out)

Thursday, Mar 18: We Are Silent Friday, Mar 26: 3rd Quarter Ends

Thursday, Apr 1: Seder Meal for students and staff. We will have 2 serving times this year in order to follow COVID distancing regulations.

Thursday, Apr 1: Shadow Stations of the Cross for students and staff.

Friday-Monday, Apr 2 & 5: No School—Easter break

Thursday, Apr 15: Spring Picture Day **Friday, April 23:** 4th Quarter Midterms

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Scripture from Day 19: If I have despised the cause of my male or female servant when they complained against me, what then shall I do when God rises up? When He punishes, how shall I answer Him? Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb? – Job 31:13-15

175 Lives Saved since February 17 (Blog from Sunday, March 7) 40daysforlife.com

<u>NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 20:</u> Knights of Columbus prayer hour at Planned Parenthood from 10-11 AM (or for any length of time). All ages are welcome. Questions: 218-368-9019.

Spring FoodShare Drive

Local churches play a major role in addressing food insecurity among area individuals and families. A handful of churches, including St. Philip's, helped start the Bemidji Community Food Shelf (BCFS) in 1982. Today the local organization is recognized as one of the most active in the state.



Because of high area need, it has to be among the best. Two years ago a

study showed that the local Food Shelf was the 15th busiest in the state while the city was the 71st largest in Minnesota.

That need is more evident during the pandemic. Despite being closed for a short while and a reduction in days clients could access the Food Shelf, a record number of 12,584 families used its services in 2020. That total included a 30 percent increase of senior citizens.

Three factors make this service possible: innovation, volunteers, and community support.

The BCFS is recognized for making ideas work. The farm is one example. Its operation is among the most efficient of similar programs run by a food shelf in the state. Last year it planted and cultivated almost five acres of land to harvest a record 15,000 pounds of produce. It also features a deep winter greenhouse that supplies leafy greens.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Food Shelf. They work one -on-one with customers; nurture growth on the farm; collect donated food from area grocery stores; sort, store and stock thousands of pounds of food in their warehouse; help raise operational funds; and perform numerous other tasks.

None of this work would be possible without community support. It comes in many forms.

- Local grocery stores (Luekens, MarketPlace, Walmart, Target, and Aldi) donate thousands of pounds of food each month for distribution to customers.
- Grants and local donations of \$79,000 funded roof replacement so the BCFS could remain open to the public. Donations and volunteer labor also updated office spaces.
- Grants, donations and other financial support funded the purchase of a new truck, a larger walk-in freezer, the delivery of 30,000 pounds of food to high-risk seniors in Blackduck, and the development of an opportunity to secure funding for a mobile Food Shelf to serve the region.

The annual spring Minnesota FoodShare Drive is the major BCFS local fundraising event. The goal for 2021 is to collect 35,000 pounds of food and \$100,000 in donations. Dollars raised are partially matched.

For the next two weekends, you will have an opportunity to add your support to the Food Shelf. The Giving House will be in the narthex prior to and after Masses to accept your donation to the Food Shelf. Last year St. Philip's collected over \$7,700 from parishioners, including \$500 from the Knights of Columbus. The Knights have pledged \$1000 this year.

Cash or check donations will be accepted. Checks can be made out to the Bemidji Community Food Shelf or to St. Philip's with designation to the Food Shelf made on the memo line.

Food donations will also be accepted at that time. Non-perishable goods should be bagged and can be left in the narthex.

Thanks for your support of the Bemidji Community Food Shelf and the St. Philip's Spring FoodShare Drive.

Al Nohner

Virtual Midwinter Concert

March 14, 2021 ~ 7:30 PM

Heaven and Earth Be One

We lift up our voices in a colorful program exploring anguish, hope, and the healing power of heavenly light as we yearn for God's presence here on Earth. Composed by Canadian-born Black composer Nathaniel Dett, *Listen to the Lambs* pleads for comfort for God's people, and reminds us that "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd." In his shimmering *O Lux Beata Trinitas*, Slovenian composer Andrej Makor sets an ancient text imploring the trinity of holy light to shine upon us, as MacMillan's *O Radiant Dawn* invokes the "splendor of eternal light" and "sun of justice" to shine on those who dwell in darkness. You'll hear inspired music by Russian composers Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and Chesnokov with Magnum Chorum soloists, as well as *Earth* and *Water* from McDermid's *From Light to Light* where "the heartbeat of God whispers to dark earth: Be. Here. Now." Rounding out our midwinter offering is Elaine Hagenberg's lyrical *This is My Father's World* accompanied by violin and piano, and *Rest* by Ken Burton, a Black British musician who served as choirmaster for the Grammy winning film Black Panther. Join us and let your spirit be filled.

Tune in for this FREE concert on Magnum Chorum's YouTube channel or https://magnumchorum.org/concerts/2020-2021/ heaven-and-earth-be-one

Ministry Schedule

Week of March 20/21 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent in the Year of St. Joseph

	Saturday, Mar 20 5:30 PM	Sunday, Mar 21 8:00 AM	Sunday, Mar 21 10:00 AM	Sunday, Mar 21 6:30 PM
SACRISTAN	Deborah Millard	Jamie Hoffman	Sue Hengel	
LECTOR 1	Joe Czapiewski	Kay Mack	Emily Vincent	Help Please
LECTOR 2	Joanna Ferraro	John Carlson	Jill-Ann Walter	Help Please
INTERCESSOR	Deacon Robb Naylor	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Help Please
INTRO TO MASS ANNOUNCER	Joanna Ferraro	Christian Breczinski	Ernie Rall	Help Please
CAPTAIN EMHC	Deborah Millard	Mark Studer	Kelly Marcum	Help Please
ЕМНС	Mary Dufault Lisa Freise	Sarah Martinka Mike Hougen	Tracie Walter Kimberly Prenosil Cathy Lalli	Monica Barrette
USHER - Main Church	Janet Moris Mark Moris Dick Robinson Glen Laginess	Larry Mack Dylan Lundin James Wiltse Gary Bruns	Help Please Help Please Help Please John Marcum	Help Please Help Please
GREETER - Entrance Door	Patricia Hadrava Kathy LeMoine	D.J. Bakken Kirsten Zachman	Joseph Prenosil Nancy Lauderbaugh	

Would you like to become involved in liturgical ministries at St. Philip's? Call/Email Bonnie Lee (blee1@stphilipsbemidji.org) or call 218-441-4905.







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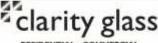
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