

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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December 4, 2022

St. Philip's Church

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All sacramental events take place at
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Please call the Parish Office for information.

It is a common tradition to decorate our homes at the beginning of Advent in anticipation for Christmas. Decorations can vary from household to household, but a common decoration is the Christmas tree. How each family or household decorates their tree may vary. The color and the size of the tree and the ornaments can be different, but where did the tradition of the Christmas tree originate? To answer this question, we can look back to the eighth century.

St. Boniface was an eighth century missionary (praised by Pope Gregory II) who brought Christianity to Germany. St. Boniface was born with the name Winfrid, and many historical documents refer to him as Bishop Winfrid, stating that he went to Germany to preach the Christian faith as a missionary from the Church of Rome. After a period of successful Gospel preaching, Boniface went to Rome to confer with Pope Gregory II. After a long absence, he returned to Geismar, Germany, for Christmas in the year 723, and felt personally offended on discovering that the Germans had reverted to their former idolatry of pagan gods and were preparing to celebrate the winter solstice by sacrificing a young man under Odin's sacred oak tree. Filled with holy anger, Boniface, proved these gods powerless, and felled the oak tree with the stroke of an ax. This courageous, historically documented act meant the triumph of Christianity in Germany over the pagan gods. All this is historically documented. The rest belongs to the legend which tells how, at the first blow of the axe, a strong gust of wind instantly brought down the tree. The astounded Germans fearfully recognized the hand of God in this event and humbly asked Boniface how they should celebrate Christmas. The Bishop, the legend continues, pointed to a small fir tree that had miraculously remained upright and intact beside the debris and broken branches of the fallen oak. Boniface was familiar with the popular custom of taking an evergreen plant into the house in winter and asked everyone to take home a fir tree. This tree signifies peace, and as an evergreen it also symbolizes immortality; with its top pointing upwards, it additionally indicates heaven, the dwelling place of God.

Pope Paul VI began the tradition of setting up a massive Christmas tree beside the grand crib in St Peter's Square. Today, The Christmas tree can be the symbol of the peace that Jesus brought, that must be re-established between God and human beings. Because it is evergreen, it is the symbol of that immortality which Jesus said he possessed and would bring to us: "I am the life; those who believe in me even if they die will live". The tree lit by little lights is the symbol of the light that Jesus brought to the world with his birth: "He was the light that shines in the darkness... and enlightens every man..." (cf. Jn 1:4-14). And finally, the fir tree, with its tip pointing to heaven, indicates God's presence to us and the place where we are all awaited. All this endows the Christmas tree, in harmony with the crib, with the religious and Christian significance of salvation that the Son of God brought to the whole world by his humble birth.

Advent Blessings,

Fr. Michael

Mass Times

Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM
Monday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 6:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Times

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM
or by appointment, call 444-4262 to schedule



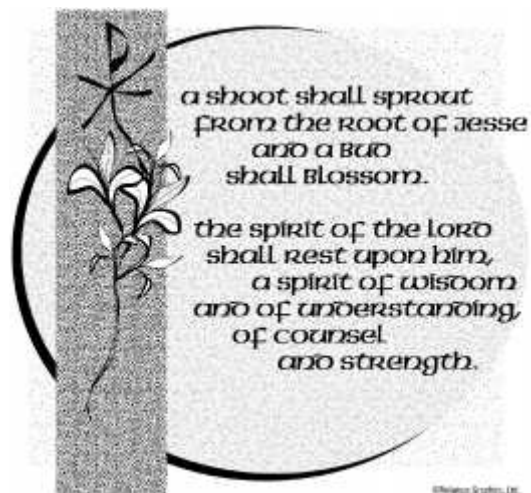
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Our God will come to save us!



Mass Intentions

For Week of December 5 to 11

Monday, Dec 5

8:30 AM Mass: +Leon Eide

Tuesday, Dec 6

6:30 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Rob Tacheny

Wednesday, Dec 7

8:30 AM Mass: +Marcella Dominiczik

6:30 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass: For the People

Thursday, Dec 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Sch Mass: +Carolyn Dondelinger

10:30 AM Mass (Neilson Place): +Jim Wizner

6:30 PM Mass: +Msgr. Mike Patnode

Friday, Dec 9

8:30 AM Mass: +Fr. Jerry Rogers

Saturday, Dec 10

5:30 PM Mass: +Tessie Dahlman

Sunday, Dec 11

7:30 AM Mass: +Ellen Vonasek

9:00 AM Mass: +Nathan Schuette

11:00 AM Mass: For the People

Daily Readings

For Week of December 5 to 11

Monday, Dec 5

Is 35:1-10

Ps 85:9ab,10,11-12,13-14

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec 6

Is 40:1-11

Ps 96:1-2,3,10ac,11-12,13

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec 7

Is 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec 8

Gn 3:9-15,20

Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4

Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Friday, Dec 9

Is 49:17-19

Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec 10

Sir 48:1-4,9-11

Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19

Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, Dec 11

Is 35:1-6a,10

Ps 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

This Week in the Parish

Monday, Dec 5

7:30 AM Mondays With Mary (Rosary) (Church)

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:00 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

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

Tuesday, Dec 6

5:00 PM St. Gianna's Group (St. Kateri Rm)

5:15 PM Adult Choir Practice (Church)

6:00 PM Pro-life Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (St. Elizabeth Rm)

6:30 PM Newman Club M&M Night (Social Hall)

7:00 PM EMHC Training (Church)

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (St. Cabrini Rm)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, Dec 7

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

9:00 AM EMHC Training (Church)

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

6:30 PM Faith Formation, grades 1-11

Thursday, Dec 8

10:30 AM Communion Service (Goldpine)

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

6:30 PM RCIA-Baptism & Confirmation (St. Kateri Rm)

Friday, Dec 9

8:30 AM MS NET Retreat (Social Hall)

10:30 AM Bible Study (St. Kateri Rm)

11:30 AM Widow and Widowers Group (Country Kitchen)

6:00 PM Advent Penance Service (Church/Chapel)

Saturday, Dec 10

9:00 AM All Pro Dads (Social Hall)

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

5:30 PM Newman Club M&M Night (Social Hall)

6:30 PM EMHC Training (Church)

Sunday, Dec 11

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

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

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Safe Environment

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, will need to complete the online Baptism Information form, which can be accessed by scanning the QR code. Once the form is received, you will be contacted. The next class will be Jan 8. Please contact Kris Jensen at 218-441-4944 or kjensen@stphilipsbemidji.org for additional 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 or Pastoral Visit

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. Bill, Fr. Michael or Fr. Christon. If hospitalized, be sure to indicate you are Catholic upon hospital admittance.

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

Raised Catholic but never Confirmed, or want to become Catholic? Visit with Deacon Robb or Deacon Kermit to find out how you can enter into full Communion in the Catholic faith.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Jennifer Spaulding Heikkinen**, sister of Margaret Hins. May she find rest and peace, and may her family find comfort in God's love.



St. Philip's extends blessings and best wishes to **Noah Huff & Hannah Pesek** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip's on November 26.

Parish Life

Advent Penance Service

St. Philip's will host an Advent Penance Service on Friday, December 9 starting at 6 PM. We will start with a brief prayer service in the church, followed by the opportunity for reconciliation in the church or chapel. Four priests will be available to hear confessions.

Calling All Adult Musicians!

Would you like to sing or play and instrument with the choir on Christmas Eve at 6:30 PM? It's not too late—contact Bonnie at blee1@stphilipsbemidji.org if interested.

Christmas Flowers for St. Philip's Church are 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, please use your Christmas Flower offering envelope in your packet of envelopes. Or, place your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Christmas 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.

Place your envelope in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office as soon as possible. All memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after the Christmas season.

Stewardship of Financial Resources

Weekly Contributions

Week #22 (Weekend of Nov 27) \$ 20,524.04

Weekly Budgeted: \$ 25,187.50

Fiscal Year-to-Date (Jul 1 to Jun 30)

YTD Actual: \$392,538.20 **Yearly Budget:** \$1,209,000

2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal

St. Philip's Goal: \$80,914 ~ Pledged: \$82,690 (102.02% of goal!)

FYI... "Weekly contributions" now reflect monetary gifts for the week (Mass offertory, EFT, online, in person, etc.) (Does not include special collections)

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART



Congratulations to the following children who celebrated God's love and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

Catherine Kaye Curran	Louis Titus Maxwell
Emma Dickson	Stella McCollum
Hank Dufault	Vaida Victoria Metcalf
Alexander Christopher Efta Jr	Audrey Kate Moran
Lennix Fratzke	Ariana Deborah Moreno
Izabella Gish	Waylon Mulkey
Henry J. Haack	Mariah J. Peters
Ethan Hemstad	Lilith Ruport
Peter Hodapp	Gavin Roscoe
Samuel Holy	Levi Matthew Schaefer
Reed Jenkins	Kaylee Schulke
Natalie Ruth Johanneck	Cooper Matthew Siems
Miles Johnson	Hailey Skaja
Kylie Khong	Lucas Brian Spletstoeszer
Scout Lauer	Evelyn Templin
Reid Paul Lindseth	Maria Grace Welle
William Mathy	Owen Williams

December 7, Opportunity for Fellowship

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) December 7, 6:30 PM

All are invited to gather for a casual Root Beer Float Social immediately after Mass. Get to know other Faith Formation families and enjoy fellowship with parishioners!

St. Gianna's Group Meeting for December

(the pro-life committee of St. Philip's Church) will take place on Tuesday, December 6 from 5 - 6 PM in the St. Kateri Room. One of the top agenda items: planning and organizing the March for Life which will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

Please Be Aware

We have had an incident recently with someone going through (and stealing) from coats hanging on the hooks near the doors. We appreciate you hanging your coats, because it makes room for more people in the pews, but please do not leave money or valuables in your pockets. We strive to be a welcoming parish, but if you see something that concerns you, please tell a staff member, sacristan, usher, or priest. You also may call the Parish Office at 218-444-4262. Thank you.

Carmelite Corner

Lay Carmelites of The Most Pure Heart of Mary

The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites is December 19 at 5 PM. Come pray with us. As St. Teresa of Jesus says, prayer is nothing more than an intimate and frequent dialogue of friendship with the one whom we know loves us. Personal and community, liturgical and informal prayer; these all make up the fabric of a personal relationship with the Triune God who inspires the whole being of the lay Carmelite.

For more information, call Pat Sturk at 218-398-0814.



From the MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) slide presentation at St. Philip's on October 21, 2022:

Minnesota's Abortion Extremism Exposed...

Several abortion restrictions in Minnesota were ruled unconstitutional by a district judge in Ramsey County on July 11, 2022, (known as Doe v. Minnesota legislation). This July ruling struck down existing pro-life laws in Minnesota, including:

- J Woman's Right to Know (2003) – women are no longer provided with informed consent info before abortion.
- J Parental Notification (1990) – parents need not be notified before abortion is performed on a minor.
- J Doctor Only (1974) – Non-physicians may now perform abortions.

Widow & Widowers Group

The next gathering will take place on Friday, December 9 at 11:30 AM at Country Kitchen (728 Paul Bunyan Dr). Come for lunch and conversation. If you have any questions please call Dianna at 218-358-0939.

"Tubs of Christmas Love"

St. Philip's Church is again filling, "Tubs of Christmas Love" during Advent. The food and gifts collected will be shared with local low-income families or those experiencing hardship.

- © From Nov 26-Dec 11 there will be green/red plastic "Christmas Tubs" in the social hall.
- © The lid on each tub will have a label identifying the number of family members, ages of the children and may have some other specific information.
- © The tub can be filled with items appropriate for a holiday meal, and/or a gift certificate for perishable food including items such as turkey, pie, etc. A family game or small gift items could also be included, but not necessary.
- © Simply take a tub, fill it, and return it to the tree (on weekends) or to the Parish Office (during the week). Keep the label attached to the lid. **Return the filled tub by December 11.**
- © Please detach, and fill out the information slip on the side of the label, and drop in the box or collection plate.

Feel free to partner with another family or your workplace to fill one!

Bi-Cap, Headstart, Housing Matters, Hope House, and Churches United have provided the names this year.



The St. Pope John Paul II Assembly of the Fourth Degree will be holding their annual Christmas Party in Park Rapids this Thursday, December 8.

If you are a member of the Fourth Degree, and have yet to send your registration form and check, please send them to the Faithful Navigator, Terry Belanger, ASAP. You are also asked to contact Terry directly by this Monday evening to reserve a spot. There will be a car-pool leaving from St. Philip's at 4:45 PM. If you have any questions, wish to register, or to learn more about joining the Fourth Degree or the Knights of Columbus, contact Terry at 218-766-8378.

Join us for the next

Bemidji Area All Pro Dads



Dad's Day Breakfast

Saturday, December 10 ~ 9:00 to 10:45 AM

St. Philip's Social Hall

After taking the month of November off, we are very excited to invite all father-figures and their kids to our annual ADP Christmas Party! Come for Belgian waffles with all the fixings and do "Make & Take" craft projects. Treats and gifts for everyone in attendance.

We'd also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Raphael's Bakery, Bemidji Dairy Queen, Culver's, Papa Murphy's, and the Knights of Columbus for their continued support of our program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Terry 766-8378 or Barry @ 414-477-0473, go to our website, www.allprodad.com or email bemidji.allprodads@gmail.com

The next All Pro Dad is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 for our pool party at the BSU Rec Center.

ALL
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Eucharistic Minister Training

We will be conducting training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. *These sessions are for both current and new ministers.*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tuesday, Dec 6 after 6:30 PM Mass (Church), Wednesday, Dec 7 after 8:30 AM Mass (Church), or Saturday, Dec 10 after 5:30 PM Mass. **All EMHC must be re-commissioned every three years, per the Diocese of Crookston Policy Manual.*

For questions or more information, please contact Bonnie Lee, Liturgical Ministry Coordinator, 218-441-4905, blee1@stphilipsbemidji.org

Calendars are in!

Be sure to pick up your 2023 St. Philip's calendar — they are located on tables in the Narthex.

The Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is an opportunity for adults, children, families, individuals, or groups to do something for others during the Advent season. Local service organizations have provided us with lists of items that will brighten the lives of their clients during the holiday season, and you are invited to participate.

To do this, choose one or more of the ornaments from the Giving Tree located in the Narthex. Purchase the item listed on the ornament. **Do not wrap**, rather tape the ornament to the item/items. Bring the items to the Parish Office, no later than Monday, December 19 so that they may be distributed during the Christmas season.

Ministry Schedule

December 10/11 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, Dec 10 5:30 PM	Sunday, Dec 11 7:30 AM	Sunday, Dec 11 9:00 AM	Sunday, Dec 11 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Betty Lindy	Brad Arel	Joann Gardner	Help Please
ALTAR SERVER	Elise Spaeth Evan Spaeth Lauren Bruley	Joshua Arel Drew Haskell Molly Haskell	Gerritt Vigen Mallery Vigen Owen Vigen	Help Please Help Please Help Please
INTRO TO MASS ANNOUNCER	Joe Czapiewski	Carol Schneider	Gretchen Buxton	Carol Rettinger
LECTOR 1	James Hodges	Sue Bruns	Elizabeth Buxton	Laura Hansen
LECTOR 2	Germaine Cheslock	John Carlson	Cory Gish	Tony Schussman
INTERCESSOR	Deacon Robb Naylor	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Robb Naylor
CAPTAIN EMHC	Help Please	Help Please	Sue Hendricks (sub req.)	Susie Balstad
EMHC	Bernie Marshall Lisa Freise Cyndy Scanlan Nancy Goodman Betty Lindy Help Please Help Please	Brad Arel Sue Lucas Patti Van Camp Cynthia Haskin Joan Klobe David Hoefer Help Please	Elizabeth Mathews Tracie Walter Thomas Kern George Gardner George Whalen Help Please Alex Froelich	Kelly Marcum Megan Ceballos Gary Johnson Cathy Lalli Karen Williams Susan Dondelinger Help Please
USHER	Ian Spaeth Gabriel Morin Help Please Grant Frenzel	Jim Schneider David Brooks Gary Bruns Bob Skon	Leo Mathews Peter Mathews John Miesen Troy Hendricks (sub req.)	Ryan Aylesworth Help Please Help Please Help Please
GREETER	Kathy LeMoine Patricia Hadrava	Richard Chernugal Amy Haskell	Jan Busch Jane Daniels	Ayden Homer Frank Homer
HOSPITALITY FELLOWSHIP		Help Please Help Please	Marilynne Hodapp Sharon Holmgren Kevin Erpelding Lorie Erpelding	Barbara Fitzgerald Gail Haubrich Help Please Karen Williams





Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Dave Brooks, Jamie Glen, Marilynne Hodapp, Mike Hougen, Kim Klinger, Tracie Walter, George Whalen (one more council member needed — contact Fr. Bill DeCrans if interested)

Finance Council Members: Grant Frenzel, Amy Haskell, Roger Heger, Kay Mack, Kirby Washburn

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